

Jonathan Falkingham MBE

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Jonathan Falkingham MBE is one of the UK's leading regeneration pioneers and has spent more than three decades transforming historic buildings, waterfronts and post-industrial sites into thriving places for people, businesses and communities. A chartered architect and Fellow of the RIBA, he founded award-winning architectural practice shedkm before co-founding Urban Splash in 1993 with Tom Bloxham CBE.

As Creative Director of Urban Splash, Jonathan has led the vision, design and placemaking strategy behind some of the UK's most recognised regeneration projects, delivering over 6,000 homes, more than 2 million sq ft of commercial space and over 60 major regeneration schemes. His work has helped redefine how post-industrial landscapes can be repurposed and reintegrated into contemporary city life, creating vibrant mixed-use destinations that combine heritage, culture, commerce and community.

His particular expertise lies in creating distinctive place identities, developing compelling narratives for major destinations, and bringing together architecture, landscape, culture and commercial strategy to create places that attract investment, visitors, residents and businesses. He is passionate about ensuring that heritage buildings not only survive but become catalysts for economic growth, innovation and social value. Under his creative leadership, Urban Splash has received 496 national and international awards for architecture, regeneration, housing and placemaking.

Alongside his commercial work, Jonathan maintains a strong commitment to the cultural sector. He serves as a Design Council Ambassador, Trustee of Liverpool's Royal Court Theatre, Trustee of Liverpool Biennial and was recently appointed to the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra Advisory Board. Previous roles include Trustee of National Museums Liverpool, Board Member of the RIBA and Founder of Baa Bar Ltd.



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Outside of Splash

As well as his role as Creative Director at Urban Splash Jonathan also holds several other positions:

2026 to date	Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra Advisory Board
2019 to date	Ambassador – Design Council
2015 to date	Trustee – Liverpool Biennial
2008 to date	Trustee – Royal Court Theatre Liverpool
1989 - 2022	Founder & Non Exec Director of shedkm
2015 - 2018	Board Member – British Architectural Trust (RIBA)
2010 - 2016	Trustee – Royal Institute of British Architects
2006 - 2010	Trustee – National Museums Liverpool
1994 - 2004	Liverpool Urban Design Advisory Panel
1991 - 2007	Founder & Director of Baa Bar Ltd

Awards & Honours

In addition to many company awards, Jonathan has also picked up a number of individual awards including;

2024	Architecture Today Test of Time Awards, 'Outstanding Contribution' award
2022	Dr of Laws (Hon degree), University of Liverpool
2016	Elected a Fellow of the RIBA
2014	Honorary Fellowship – Liverpool John Moores University
2013	MBE, for services to architecture & regeneration
2008	Doctor of Design (Hon Degree), University of Wolverhampton
2005	Director of the Year, Institute of Directors (NW)
2005	RIBA award for architecture – Oakfarm
2005	Roses Design Awards – Oakfarm
2005	RIBA Manser Medal shortlist – Oakfarm
2003	Entrepreneur of the Year, Finalist
2000	LADT award for Personal Contribution to Liverpool
1999	Young Entrepreneur of the Year, UK
1999	Young Entrepreneur of the Year, North Region
1998	Hot 100 Entrepreneurs, Entrepreneur Magazine
1997	42 under 42, Insider Magazine

To date Urban Splash has won over 490 awards for its work in design-led regeneration, architecture, civic design, marketing and business.