





A Letter From Chris Fein, Principal, Forward Design | Architecture

Renovating a kitchen is about many things, including good functionality, integration into the flow of the house, and creating an aesthetic statement that reflects the space.

At Forward Design | Architecture, we help plan and craft home and kitchen renovations that make for a better living experience.

In the following pages, we highlight a few of our projects to show the transformations we have realized for our clients.

◀ After | Before ▼





▲ After | Before ►

Traditional kitchen

First JC Nichols
model home.





◀ Before | After ▶

Transforming a
French Colonial
kitchen.

▼ Before



Blue cabinet wall
serves as a separator
from the staircase.



After



▼ Before



Opposite Top Left:
Kitchen is in its own
space but connected
to the house.

Opposite Top Right:
Custom coffee bar.

Opposite Bottom:
Custom supply air
grill over doors.

Integrated
appliances in walnut.



Kitchen is within its own space while being part of the larger volume.

▼ Before | After ▲





▼ Before | After ▲



Small modern kitchen
has all the functional
requirements
concealed within the
cabinets.



Custom floating shelf with integrated lighting and outlets.

▼ Before | After ▲





Principal



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Chris Fein is the founding Principal of Forward Design | Architecture. He graduated with a Masters of Architecture from Yale University and a Bachelors of Architecture from Kansas State University. Chris began his career in Chicago working for the internationally recognized design practice Tigerman McCurry Architects as a lead project designer. He later moved to Hammond Beeby Rupert Ainge Architects, also in Chicago, where he was soon promoted to Principal. Known for their award-winning work at a number of private universities, HBRA used Chris's unique ability to distill large and complicated design problems for their work at Yale University and The University of Michigan. Many of the projects Chris has led are widely published in design and trade journals. Chris also serves as a regular visiting critic at Yale University and as a full-time Visiting Professor at Kansas State University. At KSU he teaches advanced design studio and lecture courses related to furniture fabrication and design.

Chris is also a recognized expert on the history of 20th century modern object and furniture design. He serves as a board member for KCMODERN and was a Teaching Fellow at Yale University for furniture design and fabrication courses. Through his knowledge and expertise of furniture and object design, Chris leads FD|A's efforts in interior and furniture design.

Firm Profile

Forward Design | Architecture, based in Kansas City, Missouri, was founded in 2011 by Christopher Fein. FDI A is comprised of dedicated design professionals committed to producing architecture at the highest levels of quality, execution and service. Every project we undertake is designed to be responsive to the individual needs of each client, user and location. By searching for and embracing the uniqueness of each situation we discover methods for innovative design.

Our practice is built upon the knowledge and professionalism gained through 14 years of experience serving as lead designer, manager and principals for internationally recognized architectural practices. We have completed projects in many areas of the United States including Michigan, Connecticut, Kansas and Chicago, enabling us to navigate the unique localized needs of a variety of physical environments and governing agencies. Our project type, client and budgetary experience vary from economical renovation work for residential clients to large new construction projects for Yale University. In addition to architectural design services, our firm can provide a variety of other design and consultation services: life safety surveys, existing building assessments, planning, interior design and furniture design.

In addition to the work of our office, we maintain close relationships with many schools of Architecture throughout the United States. Our roles at these schools vary from visiting professor to guest critic. We believe our work as educators and collaborators with students and universities engenders an innovative, research-oriented spirit to the work in our office.



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