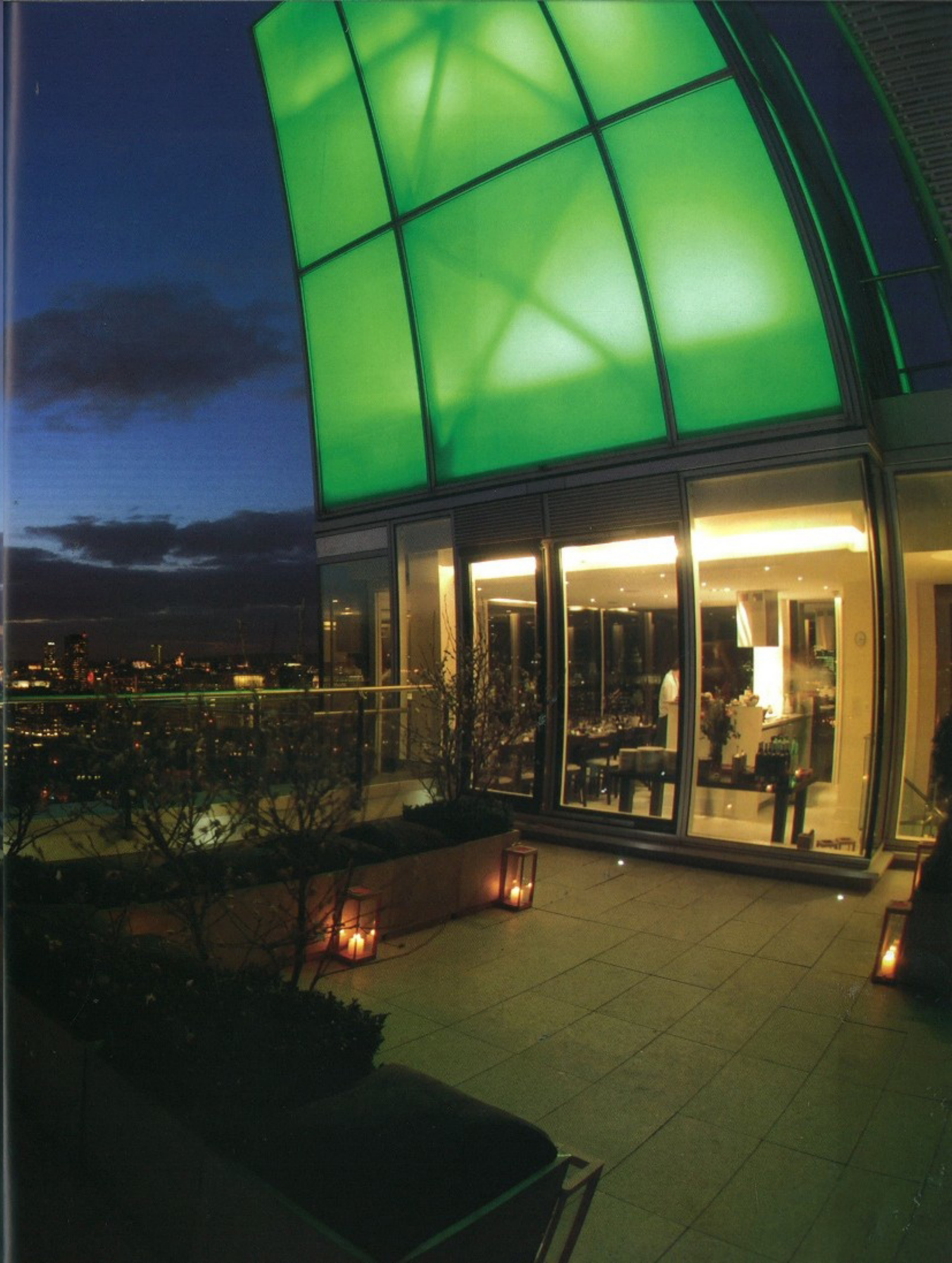




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Jonathan favours mature trees and fairly regimented neat planting of box. "I never cease to be amazed at the different shapes and sizes of trees that you can now buy in some of the larger nurseries. You can also buy trees that have been trained, pruned or pleached into any shape you like, which is great if you want to rely on plants to define your spaces rather than hard landscaping."

Having spent five years in the Army and then the fast lane of commercial sales for Pepsi, gardening represented a turning point in his life towards putting down roots for the future. "I have an allotment which I tend in my spare time and I think that this helps me understand more about sustainability and gardening in general. Working with the seasons and growing the right things at the right times of year means that you appreciate the value of getting strawberries in summer for example, rather than trying to grow them in winter or, more likely, buying them at the supermarket where they have been flown in from Africa and taste of nothing!"

"Conservation of water is something I like to incorporate more and more into my gardens. Rather than trying to fight against the elements, I try to adapt the planting, using drought tolerant planting or water collection devices to collect rainwater. Compared to places like California, we are so far behind on this and I'd really like to see this attitude embraced more as it can also lead to some really interesting designs."

"It's an exciting time for garden design," says Andrew Duff, Director of Garden Design at Inchbald. "The days of production line garden design are over... the discerning client is looking for something individual and totally bespoke to their garden and lifestyle." With the individuality and imagination of the talents now emerging in garden design, this is unlikely to be a hard brief to fill.

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