

MEET THE TEAM

PETAR NIKIFOROV

The logo for BEAM, consisting of the letters 'BEAM' in a white, sans-serif font on a dark blue rectangular background.

After starting his first construction job in 2005 and training in carpentry and joinery, Petar Nikiforov's career has gone from strength to strength.

Now, a Construction Project Manager and Operational Manager, Petar is one of our longest serving staff. Here, the 45-year-old shares his passion for building and what he loves most about his work.

Q: What first inspired you to pursue a career in construction?

A: From an early age, I had a fascination with building things and developed a huge appreciation of craftsmanship, especially carpentry and joinery. Seeing a well-constructed, aesthetically balanced, and thought-out building has always brought me joy and inspiration.

Q: What sort of companies did you work for prior to BEAM?

A: I worked for several small and medium-sized residential and commercial refurbishment contractors, as well as for private individuals.

Q: How has your career developed with Beam and what construction training/qualifications do you have?

A: I had always liked carpentry so after a few years working as a general operative, I trained in carpentry and joinery and got a job as a Site Carpenter, developing further into a Site Foreman.

Over the years, I worked closely with Beam's project manager and would often assist with project management tasks, alongside my carpentry work. My experience grew and eventually, he asked me to caretake his project while he was on holiday. It went so well, I was promoted to a site management role and my career has evolved more into project management ever since. Currently, I hold an NVQ7 in Construction Project Management.

Q: What has been the most memorable moment/s of your construction career so far?

A: There are many 'small wins' I remember fondly, both with BEAM and working for myself as a carpenter and general builder, such as making my first fitted wardrobe, my first house refurbishment contract and my first site management role at Beam.

Q: What does your day-to-day job involve?

A: I'm involved in all aspects of the business; from managing contracts with clients and sub-contractors, through to day-to-day operations and HR, and overseeing procurement and project programmes of work. It is very varied but fortunately, I like a challenge which is why I'm here.

Q: What aspects of your work do you enjoy most and why?

A: I enjoy problem-solving and finding creative, practical solutions. There is also a deep sense of pride that comes from collaborating with clients and understanding their vision for their homes, so we can help them bring this to life.

I like to think of us as weavers; we have lots of different strands coming from all directions that we need to make sense of and weave together to create an order, until there is a beautiful tapestry at the end.

Q: Describe what you like about working for BEAM?

A: Working for Beam is not like working for a big developer; the variety of our projects keeps things interesting and allows for skill development in many areas. I enjoy the interaction with different clients, designers and architects, and working as part of a small team, with enthusiastic people who want to do their work in the best way possible.

At Beam, I like to think that we don't do things the easy way. We make the effort to understand and create our client's vision and ensure that it is built to last. It's important to us that there's longevity in every detail; we collaborate with architects and interior designer to ensure our clients' homes are true to their original designs and built to a beautiful quality, whilst still being functional. There's sustainability in building things well.

Q: Name your favourite BEAM project so far and why?

A: I have good memories of various projects, but the renovation of an Edwardian house in Primrose Hill stands out. It was a charming location and there were so many nicely curated project details which our clients had thought through. And, as is usually the case at Beam, they were wonderful clients to work with and so thankful and appreciative of our work, which is always the 'cherry on top' of any project.

Q: Where would you like to take your career in the future?

A: To keep working in construction and expand my horizons by learning new skills and ways of doing things, whilst helping to grow the business further.

Q: What advice would you give to anyone thinking about a career in construction?

A: Be brave and inquisitive, embrace challenge, and never stop learning.

Q: If you could choose any period property, what would it be and why?

A: Despite working mainly on period properties, my dream is to build an ultra-modern home - think of white-wash walls, lots of glass and elevated sea views!

Q: What interests do you have outside of work?

A: Going to football, rock concerts and the gym.

Q: Is there anything that you haven't mentioned already that your colleagues would be surprised to learn about you?

A: I spent almost three years studying at veterinary college.

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