The team

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Andie Jones International Editor in Chief

From humble beginnings as a ski, dive and rollerblade instructor, to media guru, there aren't many things Andie hasn't written, photographed, branded or represented in one way or another, in the last 25 years. As Editor in Chief and founder of *The Player* brand, in addition Managing Director of the publishing house, Andie has accumulated a wealth of knowledge as well as industry repect in the luxury market.



Nathalie Veysset Swiss Editor

Born in the remote mountains of the Watch Valleys in Switzerland, Nathalie developed an interest for the beautiful mechanics of the timepieces crafted by her father and grandfather from a young age. After a time in private banking, advising wealthy individuals, Nathalie took the role of CEO for a well known watch brand. It was here she discovered her passion for beautiful objects and she was lucky to meet the manufacturers. Nathalie then founded Eadness, a network offering extraordinary experiences and genuine emotions around luxury products.



Brett Burbridge Art director

A lover of all things design, Brett has worked on the creation and implementation of wealth and brand identites for large corporates. When not co directing his design agency bp design, he can be found illustrating his favourite children's books Harold & Franklin which he produces with a certain Mr Andie Jones. Bretts invaluable experience keeps The bookazine at the cutting edge of design.



Jason Plato Motor Sports Journalist

Jason Plato, professional racing driver, is a double British Touring Car Champion, having completely outclassed the rest of the field in the 2010 BTCC championship. He is a well known presenter on the UK television series *Fifth Gear* as well as a highly accomplished journalist and marketing expert. As resident motor sports editor, Jason puts his own slant on reviews and interviews from the world of motorsport.



Brenden Mills Features Editor

Brenden's interest is in everything fast, from cars to bikes to planes. He is a professional pilot and holds an Airline Transport Pilots Licence, so he will often be heard whilst seated on a commercial jet. Occasionally, the golf clubs are in the back of the aircraft while flying from one destination to the next. If it is not cars and planes Brenden can be found on the golf course using every golfer's favourite phrase 'fore'.



Phil Carpenter Picture Editor

Phil started his career as a paparazzi working for all the major tabloids. His speciality is portraiture working in his studio and various locations around the world using lighting to produce some of the most stunning portraits of famous faces. Phil has been a constant and consistent contributor to our photographic content. His cover and interview shots are second to none.



Michael Donald Senior Int. Features Editor

Before joining the team, Mike worked with American Express for many years excelling in corporate hospitality and event management including numerous card launches throughout the world. His experience is unrivalled when it comes to membership and lifestyle events. Mike looks after all member events as well as lifestyle features and spends most of his time concentrating on the emerging markets. The other passion in his life is his beloved Ferrari Dino.



Curtis Dowling Antiques & Arts Editor

Curtis Dowling has been authenticating art and fine antiques for 28 years based in London, New York and Los Angeles. His CNBC PRIME TV series treasure detectives, allowed people see how the process of authentication takes place using connoisseurship, provenance detective research and technical testing where appropriate. Curtis is a welcome addition to the Player team.



Chris Leppard Deputy Motoring Editor

As a confirmed petrol head, it is Chris's role to ensure that the magazine always includes a good selection of exotic motors. It is essential to have a passion for all things related to cars and motor sport. Given the choice, Chris would rather spend his time travelling the globe following the Formula 1 and World Rally Championships. When not involved with cars and motor sport, Chris can normally be found attempting to play golf.



Jon Patton Motoring Editor

What Jon doesen't know about cars you could write on a postage stamp. A love of all things automotive was instilled as a youngster thanks to his fathers involvement with British Touring Car racing. Jon currently doubles as man mountain for his local Rugby Club when he is not personal training clients in the gym. Jon joins the Player team with a wealth of knowledge and the enthusiasm of a child in a candy store.



Rowan Cullen Auto Photographer

A down and out petrol head and photographic nerd, Rowan is no stranger to photographing anything from modified sports cars to high-end luxury vehicles. Rowan is never too far away from a camera or a car. From driving and photographing supercars on track, making lights for champion WRC cars and everything in-between, Rowan is the youngest member of the team with a highly mature level of creative flare.



Jessica Gibson Features Journalist

A self-confessed media junkie, Jess is your go-to girl for all the latest news in current affairs, celebrity gossip and everything in between. If she's not tweeting, she's blogging, and if she's not blogging she's sweet talking her way into London's newest bar or club. She's grown partial to the finer things in life, and loves indulging in spa days, trips to the theatre and a good bottle of Chablis. With a love of travel and languages, Jess is thrilled to be reviewing hotels all around the world. Jess has a degree in Media, Communication and Cultural Studies from Newcastle University and despite enjoying London life; she is a true northerner at heart!



Melissa Cole Beer & Real Ale Journalist

Author of Let Me Tell You About Beer Melissa Cole is living the beer dream. Melissa writes & broadcasts extensively about the world's favourite drink and is invited to judge at beer competitions throughout the World. As a qualified sommelier she works with some of the UK's leading chefs to build a better understanding of beer and its deserved place alongside fine food. Melissa was recently named one of the Most Powerful Women in the Drinks Industry by Channel4 Food. When she's not doing probably the best job in the world, she takes an interest in all things lifestyle, but invariably with the odd pint along the way.



Criss Watts Security Advisor

For the past 30 years Criss has spent most of his time protecting the Rich and Famous from unwanted attention, as a professional bodyguard and Security Consultant. Criss originally served with Unit 109 (Rapid response Unit) deployed into high risk environments for the protection and extraction of individuals and groups of people caught in national conflicts. He is now at the top of his game writing the very first and only accredited firearms training program for the Close Protection Industry. Nicknamed "actionman" he also wrote the program "Professional Etiquette for the Modern Bodyguard" Criss is a valuable addition to the team.



Scott Manson Features Journalist

An award-winning editor and journalist, he's been in the editor's chair at a wide range of publications including music mag *Ministry*, *Loaded* and BA's *High Life*. On the digital side, he was the launch editor of Red Bull's UK website and has written for Channel 4 and BBC websites, among others. 2010 saw him highly commended as 'Editor of the Year' at the British Society of Magazine Editors awards. His travel writing can be read in publications such as *Men's Health*, *Sunday Times* Style, *Daily Mail* and *Metro*. As a journalist, Scott has travelled the world with rock stars, top DJs and supermodels. Sometimes he didn't even have to carry their bags.