





Q Do you have a dream customer?

A I've always loved Liza Minelli. I recently dressed her, which was a dream come true. Now I've ticked her off my list.

Q Is there any chance of you doing menswear?

A I've always wanted to do it. But I'm not going to have time at the moment. I do eight collections a year. I did design a shirt for Givenchy menswear and it's their best-selling shirt – and it's a classic white poplin shirt with a low V-neck, so I surprised myself with that...

Q What about a perfume?

A Everybody wants to do one. But they only work if your brand is ultra-successful and recognised all over the world, which isn't the case at the moment. I would like to have a fragrance but probably not for about ten years – you need to build up an international brand first.

Q Are there any young designers you're tipping for great things?

A I think Sophia Kokosalaki is a great designer; and Warren Noronha is interesting.

Q What clothes do you wear?

A My uniform is a black John Smedley V-neck and Levi's jeans. If I'm going out I wear black, too. I like Yves Saint Laurent, and Givenchy Pour Homme, of course. I don't really like sportswear...

Q What's your house like?

A It's very clean and slightly modern, but at the same time it's fused with an exotic mix of animal, 17th century gilt furniture and Venetian mirrors! When people come in they gasp and are a bit shell-shocked. I live on my own – I couldn't live with anybody else.

Q Do you think you lead a glamorous life?

A If I talked about the things I do, the women I dress and where I get to go, my life would sound completely glamorous – Cannes, Monte Carlo, travelling between London and Paris, popping over to New York. My life is glamorous, but for me it's hard work.

Q Do you go back to Wales much?

A Yeah, I do. Each season I donate two dresses to a museum in Wales – partly to keep an archive and partly as an inspiration to people there who want to know more about me. I come from a very working class background, and it gives hope to a lot of young kids who might otherwise end up working in factories. I've still got all my family there and I do lots of charity events in Wales.

Q Is there any chance of a holiday for you now?

A I'm not supposed to have a break but I'm running away for five days to the Givenchy spa in Mauritius. It's listed as one of the top five spas in the world. But usually when I go on holiday, I go for it. I like Rio, and last year I went to Ibiza. I had a thing about going there – I was quite snobby about it – but I had a really great time and I felt normal for the first time in years. I like tropical places – Hawaii, the Seychelles, Brazil, Ibiza, Mykonos. Anything hot and sexy. I hate the cold.

Q Do you have a favourite hotel?

A It's the Belvedere in Mykonos. It's a tropical oasis situated in the heart of Mykonos town; a bit like an Ian Schrager hotel in an old Greek town, with a Japanese sushi bar. The best thing is it has double beds round the pool covered in towelling sheets. ■