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DD Classics: Kew applause

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Despite being open for little more than a year, DD Classics' London showroom not only houses an eclectic range of collector cars, but also more than 40 years of market experience in the form of owner Daniel Donovan...

The spacious, Art Deco-style showroom in the fashionable Kew district of the Capital is in an ideal location for the more discreet buyer. More often than not, it'll be Donovan himself who welcomes you; his experience in the industry ranges from owning Straight Eight (the Bentley and Rolls-Royce specialist) for 30 years, to helping set up the Hexagon Classics operation more recently.

Diverse disposition



Donovan's wide knowledge of the industry is reflected in the diversity of the cars in his showroom. During our visit, a cute yellow Vignale Gamine is towered over by a late-shape Phantom, while a Renault 5 Turbo rubs door handles with a thoroughly convincing Testa Rossa recreation. There's even a unique pre-War Jaguar prototype which we can't help but admire in close detail.



Alongside car sales, DD Classics also has plenty of on-site space to take care of mechanical repairs and paintwork restoration.

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