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ABOUT

Built environment expert with over 8 years of professional experience in building design, civil / structural engineering and management of technical teams & projects. With increased awareness of our role in shaping the world both positively and detrimentally, I have profound interest and responsibility to bridge the disciplines of design, architecture, planning & engineering with the principles of sustainability to address key challenges of our time.

EDUCATION

2016, June. Master of Sustainability (Graduated w/ Distinction)
The University of Sydney, Sydney, Australia

2011, April. Bachelor of Civil Engineering (Hons) (Graduated w/ First Class Degree CGPA of 3.874 / 4.0)
Kuala Lumpur Infrastructure University College (KLIUC) now IUKL, Kajang, Malaysia

2007, August. Edexcel London GCE Advanced Level Mathematics (A) and Physics (A)
Edexcel Center in Male', Maldives

2000, January. Edexcel London GCE Ordinary Level Mathematics (A), Physics (B), Chemistry (B) and Biology (B)
Majeediyya School, Male', Maldives

WORK EXPERIENCE

2012, January to present, Founder, Managing Director & Principal Engineer
Design Express. Male', Maldives

Since its founding Design Express have delivered 226 projects in civil, architecture and interior design discipline. In my capacity I have been not only involved in managing and coordinating team members in multiple disciplines, but also actively engaged in designing and checking structures, architectural designs, MEP design, Interior Design, Quantity Surveying and in providing site inspection and consultancy. Our current major project is 2,000 sqf 16 storey M. Three A Villa. Some of the key projects are:

- Soneva fushi (upgrade) complete design service
- Zonaria (4,000 sqf, 10 storey bld) quality control consultancy since Jul 2017 until today
- Design of Villa college South Wing Tower 1
- Design of Villa College South Wing Tower 2
- Interior Design of 3,000 sqf 3 level penthouse
- Structural design of Maldivian Seaplane Terminal
- Structural checking service to Ministry of Housing
- Structural design service to Riyan for Damac Island Resort
- Structural design of Thilafushi Corporation 10 storey MPB
- Structural design of Vaggiri, 13 storey 3,000 sqf building
- Interior Design consultancy for UNICEF Head office

2018, April to present. Founder, Managing Director & Creative Director
Spaceworks. Male', Maldives

Leading the creative design team at SPACEWORKS with a hands-on, practical approach along with the artisans and craftsmen in the workshop to conceive modern, elegant and functional customized furniture, unique feature walls, interior decor objects, beautiful ceilings and other finishing works from a sketch on paper to physical product.

- Current project is the interior construction of high end men's salon

2016, Jan to 2016, July. Research Assistant

WWF-Australia. Sydney, Australia

- Evaluation of Market Transformation Initiative of WWF-Australia's 2011-2016 Strategic Plan.
- This six-month project involved extensive engagement with numerous international NGOs, Australian government organizations and large for-profit public companies such as GFTN, FSC, ABARES, ABS, Bunnings and Officeworks.

2013, January to 2014, July. Associate Lecturer

Maldives National University (MNU). Male', Maldives.

- Lecturer and Tutor for Structural Analysis 1 and Structural Design 1 of Diploma in Civil Engineering on 3 semesters

2012, June to 2014, January. Civil / Structural Engineer

Gedor Consulting Pvt Ltd. Male', Maldives.

- Structural design and inspection.
- Combined portfolio of 92 projects ranging from single storey to 15 storey residential, office, luxury resorts, overwater villas & jetties and underground structures, prisons, warehouses, schools and housing units. Inspection of construction work on four high rise buildings.
- Structural design of notable projects are Alia Tower (largest private residential building in Male' - 5,495 m²), Amilla Fushi Finolhas Resort (111 Villas), Chedi Dhapparu Maldives Resort (125 Villas), SLG (3000 unit housing blocks), Cheval Blanc Randheli Maldives, Furaveri Resort and Spa, Loama Maamigili Resort Maldives, Police Addu Training Centre (1,800 m² Portal Frame Bld.), Hulhumale' Police Building and Police Juvenile Holding Block.
- Damage assessment and repair work detailing of Jumeirah Vittaveli Resort Maldives.
- Damage assessment and repair work of Dusit Thani Maldives.
- Foundation underpinning design of concrete 10 storey building at Noomarahiya.
- Design and trial testing of high strength C50 pumpable concrete mix for Alia Tower.
- Participating on behalf of Gedor Consulting to provide technical assistance to Ministry of Housing for harmonizing and standardizing building / structural materials and testing.

2011, July to 2012, April. Civil Engineer

Amin Construction Pvt Ltd. Male', Maldives.

- Worked as the Site Engineer for the Construction of Equatorial Convention Centre (Venue for 2011 SAARC Summit) in Addu. Responsible for organizing, scheduling and monitoring works of multiple groups – masonry, steelwork, electrical, tiling and plumbing. Preparation of shop drawings, providing technical instructions for construction methods, providing progress update to project engineer (Maldives National Defence Force) and client (Ministry of Housing). Commissioning of equipment and systems and facilitation of final handover.
- Worked as the Site Engineer for Radisson Hotel Maldives at Hulhumale'. Responsible for shoring, dewatering, excavation and erection and construction of temporary structures and facilities including workforce accommodation and mess room. At completion of excavation, promoted to project coordinator responsible for day to day management.

2007, July to 2007, November. Construction Manager

View Builders Pvt Ltd. Male', Maldives.

- Responsible for managing and coordinating construction works of over 10 projects – mostly 10 storey residential and office buildings. Organizing, scheduling working teams, monitoring stock, monitoring progress and reporting directly to MD.

2006, August to 2007, April. Senior Architectural Draftsman

Technical Assistant Group (TAG) Pvt Ltd. Male', Maldives.

- Architectural and structural drafting.
- Architectural design of small scale residential houses.
- Attending pre-bid meetings and providing assistance in preparation of bid proposals for government design projects.
- Assisting in building surveys.

2005, October to 2006, April. Senior Architectural Draftsman

Design Eden Pvt Ltd. Male', Maldives.

- Architectural and structural drafting.
- Design and 3D visualization of interior of showrooms, exhibition stalls, furniture and performance stage.

- Interior design and 3D visualization of office spaces.
- Attending pre-bid meetings and providing assistance in preparation of bid proposals for government design projects.
- Surveying of interior spaces.

2002, October to 2005, September. Fisheries Extension Officer

Ministry of Fisheries, Agriculture and Marine Resources. Male', Maldives.

- Scope of work is the development and extension of the fisheries sector technologies.
- Managed the FAO funded pilot project to test feasibility of on-board fish cooling systems.
- Managed the Denmark Government funded project for the installation of ice producing machines around the country.
- Managed the Maldives government funded project to build and lease 50 long range fishing vessels.
- Planning, organizing and participating in the preparation of annual Fisherman's Day (2002 & 2003).
- Participated in organizing, administering and assessing ADB funded Poverty & Environmental Study in F. Atoll.
- Instructor and facilitator for delivering a 5-day Training Workshop on Basic Sea Survival in M. Mulaku in cooperation with National Security Service Coast Guard.
- Organized and participated in a 15 day FAO funded regional Study Tour to Sri Lanka and India to review boat building and fish handling technologies. Visited Cochin, Goa, Mangalore, Ratnagiri, Bombay and Vizag of India and Colombo 6 & 10 and Nigambo of Sri Lanka.

2000, January to 2000, July. Architectural Draughtsman Trainee

Design 2000 Pvt Ltd. Male', Maldives.

- Architectural and structural drafting.
- Site visits for studying construction methods and techniques.
- Part of the survey team for Upgradation of Rihiveli Beach Resort – condition assessment, surveying and drafting of as-built-drawings.

ACTIVITIES

2015, August. Global Food and Nutrition Security Symposium

Organized by The University of Sydney. Sydney, Australia

2014, October. Workshop on Health & Safety, Fire Safety, Utility Design and Regulations

Organized by Maldives National Defence Force (MNDF), Ministry of Housing and Infrastructure, State Electric Company (STELCO), and Maldives Water and Sewerage Company (MWSC)

2014, June. Workshop on Basic Communication Skills for Built Environment Professionals

Organized by Ministry of Housing and Infrastructure

2013, May. Workshop on Tools for the Assessment of School and Hospital Safety in Maldives.

Organized by National Disaster Management Centre (NDMC), United Nations Settlement Programme (UN-Habitat) and UN Maldives

2011, January. Organized and administered a 3 Day StaadPro Training Workshop at KLIUC in collaboration with fellow classmates

2010, June. Organized and administered a 3 Day StaadPro Training Workshop at Serdang in collaboration with fellow classmates

2009, October. Participation in UTMBridge 2009 Competition (Won Golden Bridge)

Organized by Universiti Teknologi Malaysia

2009, August. Participation in Build and Break Competition 2009

Organized by The Institute of Structural Engineers and Universiti Tenaga Nasional

2009, June. Organized Think Competition at KLIUC in collaboration with Civil Engineering Club (CIVEC)

2008, November. Intervarsity Concrete Frisbee Competition (Won 6th Place)

Organized by Universiti Teknologi Petronas

2004, May to 2004, July. 3D Visualization of three complete resorts – Handahaa Island Resort, Lonudhuhuttaa Island Resort and Olhuveli Island Resort

- Architectural drafting and 3D modelling
- 3D lighting, material texture and rendering

2003, April. Workshop on Communication

Organized by Youth Centre, Ministry of Youth and Sports

2003, February. Project Proposal Writing Skills Training Workshop

Organized by Ministry of Planning and National Development, Department for International Development, UK and British Council

2002, October. Training Programme on Improving Public Service

Ministry of Fisheries, Agriculture and Marine Resources

1999, December. Basic Computer Literacy Course

Organized by Majeediyya School

AWARDS AND MEMBERSHIPS

2016, Member of Australia Awards Alumni

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Australia

2015 – 2016, Member of Sydney University Postgraduate Representative Association (SUPRA)

The University of Sydney

2015 – 2016, Member of Sydney University Bush Walking Club

2015 – 2016, Member of Sydney University Civil Engineers Club

2015 – 2016, Member of Sydney University Pen Society

2015 – 2016, Member of Sydney University Young Entrepreneur Society

2014, August. Australia Awards Scholarship 2015

Awarded by Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Australian Government

2016 to date, Registered Accredited Engineering Checker at the Ministry of Housing and Infrastructure

2012 to date, Registered Accredited Engineering Designer at the Ministry of Housing and Infrastructure

2012, June. Member of Maldivian Association of Engineers

2010, July. President's List for Academic Excellence

Awarded by Kuala Lumpur Infrastructure University College

2008, June. The Dean's Award for outstanding academic achievement

Awarded by Kuala Lumpur Infrastructure University College

2007 – 2011, Member of Civil Engineering Club (CIVEC) at Kuala Lumpur Infrastructure University College

SKILLS AND INTERESTS

Computer skills in MS Office, Adobe Photoshop and InDesign, CorelDRAW, Autodesk 3ds Max and AutoCAD, STAAD.Pro and Esteem

Competitive command of English language and exceptional design, drafting and modelling skills and computational and engineering skills

Enjoy hiking, swimming, canoeing and kayaking, driving in countryside, camping, wildlife and nature exploration, and traveling

I like technology, especially dynamic technologies such as motor vehicles, electric cars and aeroplanes and also computer technology including the modern frontiers such as virtual and augmented reality. I am also interested in woodworks, carpentry, craftworks and product design

I have tremendous personal interest in space and the nature and reality of the cosmos. I like reading, watching TED Talks, World Science Festival discussions, movies and of course architectural and structural design and interior and furniture design

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