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DSA KSA's Full Professional License Now in Place!

We are extremely proud to announce that DSA International - KSA is now operating with a full professional engineering license within the Kingdom. This allows us to provide our full range of services, including AOR and permitting from within and across the country.

It has truly been a very positive year with significant number of exciting projects awarded to us. We look forward to secure stronger partnerships, deliver quality projects and continue to expand the business in Saudi Arabia.



DSA at CityscapeGlobal



DSA had a productive time meeting wonderful clients from across the globe at the recently concluded Cityscape Global, which was set in today's most developing country in terms of design and construction, Saudi Arabia.

The event was held between September 10 to 13 at the Riyadh Exhibition and Convention Center in Malham, bringing together most of the leading Saudi Vision 2030 projects and a record-breaking attendance of 160,000+ all in one roof. The launch of Cityscape Global in Riyadh ties into the three key pillars – vibrant society, thriving economy, and ambitious nation.



Our team, including DSA Managing Director for Middle East, Peter Davison, Project Directors, Rachael Khanak, Mike Warren and Wael Hamed Aly, Design Principals, Maher Feifel, Vinoj Velappan and Aleksandar Milojkovic, Senior Design Manager, Suhail Aldroubi, together with DSA KSA Partner, Waleed Alsudais, attended in full support of DSA as one of the exhibitors who took part in the world's largest real estate event.

Cityscape Global was indeed a great opportunity to meet various professionals and stakeholders sharing the same interest in shaping the future of real estate, urban planning, design, and architecture.



“The world’s largest real estate event!”

Recognition

Winner for Best International Development at the SAPOA Property Awards in Innovative Excellence



DSA are proud winners for Best International Development at the SAPOA Property Awards in Innovative Excellence for the project Radisson Blu Mosi-oo-Tunya, Livingstone Resort in Zambia. The awards ceremony took place on 21st of September at Sun City Resort, South Africa and was attended by DSA Africa representatives, Design Principal, Beata Kaleta and Associate, Michael Thomas.



The sustainability-focused resort sits by the Zambezi River and is set in the Mosi-Oa-Tunya National Park, an exceptional UNESCO World Heritage Site, which is home to one of the largest waterfalls in the world, the Victoria Falls.



The Radisson Blu Mosi-oo-Tunya Livingstone Resort offers 200 rooms, accommodated in the main hotel with suites in 7 free standing villas overlooking the Zambezi River. It also boasts world class conference centre, as well as a sports and kids club facility.

We would like to congratulate the entire DSA Africa team for this well-deserved recognition!

Shortlisted for Hotel Design – Middle East & Africa at the International Hotel & Property Awards

DSA were shortlisted for Hotel Design – Middle East & Africa category for the Jumeirah Gulf of Bahrain Resort and Spa at The International Hotel and Property Awards 2023 by design et al. The awards ceremony was held in London on the 8th of September and attended by DSA Design Principal, Maher Fleifel and Project Director, Glen Beresford.

DSA have created an impressive and exclusive 5-star luxury resort. The design scheme was deeply rooted in traditional Bahraini architecture and GCC traditional houses, ensuring a strong connection to the region's heritage while offering a retreat-style stay for visitors seeking unparalleled hospitality and wellbeing experiences.

Situated on the pristine beaches of Bahrain's West Coast, the resort boasts 406 hotel rooms and villas, along with 38 island bungalows. Drawing inspiration from the flowing waters and ripples of the Arabian Gulf, DSA have incorporated the rhythm of waves throughout the resort, creating a harmonious blend of ocean views, greenery, and waterways.

The spatial experience of Muharraq's heritage region, representing the life of a fisherman from ancient times to the contemporary living of Jumeirah Hospitality, is artfully woven into the project's journey. We have skillfully tied architectural design, interior spaces, and landscape to provide guests with a strong sense of place, blending tradition with modernity to create a timeless design that embraces Bahraini culture.

The resort successfully delivers on the client's vision of offering a unique leisure experience infused with cultural hints. Emphasising wellbeing and tranquillity, the simple yet effective design presents a range of activities and experiences suitable for guests of all ages. DSA Architects were mindful of environmental changes in the area, strategically developing the coast to protect it and minimise the impact on the environment. By respecting natural levels and avoiding discharges into the sea, the resort demonstrates its commitment to sustainability and environmental preservation.

The collaboration with local Bahraini artists to commission artworks adds a genuine touch of authenticity to the journey of the local fisherman concept, celebrating the rich artistic heritage of Bahrain.



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UAE
Business
Awards

2023

We are thrilled to announce that we have been awarded as Best Multi-Disciplinary Architecture Firm at the UAE Business Awards 2023 by MEA Markets.

DSA Middle East's Managing Director, Peter Davison shares, "Having a track record of success on some of the most renowned and prestigious projects in existence, we are confident this makes DSA deserved winners of this award. We are extremely proud and thankful for our team's hard work and dedication which make these achievements possible."

BUILD Architecture Awards Winner in Two Categories

The results are in and DSA have received awards in not just one, but TWO categories at the BUILD Architecture Awards 2023. We have been recognised as Most Innovative Architectural Design Practice and Best Architectural Multiple Residence Development (UAE) for the Jawaher Al Saadiyat project by ALDAR Properties.

DSA would like to thank BUILD magazine for the recognition, and huge appreciation goes to our outstanding project teams and partners who helped bring this prestigious project to life. This is true demonstration of DSA's expertise within the industry, dedication to client service, and commitment to excellence and quality!

Along with the recognition, the following commendation was given out by BUILD magazine:

"It's hard to overstate how difficult it is to succeed within the UAE's architecture sphere. After all, as a hub of exceptional innovation and incredibly high expectations, only the very best can secure long-term success. DSA Architects International certainly meets that criteria.

With an impressive reputation across the Middle East, Africa, Europe and Asia, it's hard to find where to begin when it comes to addressing DSA and its many achievements. Core to its success though, is an approach neatly summarised as "international expertise with local knowledge" – partnering the benefits of large-scale firms with more local grassroots businesses.

Today, DSA has become the 'partner of choice' for clients both new and old, utilising its honed experience to deliver professional, flexible, trusted, and delivery-focused results, regardless of the unique challenges of the project or site.

The Middle East in particular, remains a region of almost endless growth and potential for those with the appetite, experience and expertise to capitalise on it. For the largest and most capable of architects, there is no set paradigm in place – only those who dare to dream bigger and better than what has been achieved before. It's an exciting landscape, and one that DSA has thrived in. DSA are aware that this presents a double-edged sword – great reward delicately partnered with great risk.

Ultimately, 2023 has proven to be an incredible success so far for DSA, with all signs pointing to continued growth and further achievements over the next 6 months."





Dewatering Works Underway for DoubleTree Hilton Jeddah

Work continues on the DoubleTree by Hilton, located on a prime location near the King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz Square, overlooking the Red Sea in Jeddah. When completed, the highly anticipated 4-star urban hotel will feature 248 guest rooms & 207 serviced apartments. The tower is designed by DSA with a built up area of 86,450m² and will consist of 34 floors.



Four Seasons Hotel & Residences Jeddah

Jeddah is emerging as a global destination for both business and leisure tourism, with the exciting arrival of the Four Seasons Hotel & Residences located at the Corniche District.

Scheduled to launch in 2024, the construction continues with the waterfront and installation of glass facades in the building. With a built up area of 155,000m², the 5-star hotel will feature 269 keys, 64 residential units, and 21 serviced apartments.



Image courtesy of @3adad in Twitter

Onwards & Upwards

Congratulations on your promotion!

MIDDLE EAST



Mike Warren

Promoted to Senior Associate |
Project Director



Wael Hamed Aly

Promoted to Associate |
Project Director



Senthil Kumar

Promoted to Associate |
Senior Project Architect



Sabeer Nambalakkandi

Promoted to Associate |
Senior Project Architect



Jaya Phulwani

Promoted to Associate |
HR & Office Manager



Gopikanth Kathiresan

Promoted to Project Architect |
Team Leader



Shivi Goyal

Promoted to Assistant HR Manager



Julie Ann Llemos

Promoted to Bid Coordinator

KOCHI



Thasleem Basheer

Promoted to Senior Architect



Deepak Vasu

Promoted to Senior BIM
Modeller



Ansal Shereef

Promoted to Studio Team Lead |
Senior Architect



Nivitha Chelladurai

Promoted to BIM Manager



Christy Varghese

Promoted to Architect



Chetana Malikayil

Promoted to Architect



Sandra Saajan

Promoted to Architect



Siddharth Raj

Promoted to Architect

New Team Members

MIDDLE EAST OFFICE

Kavita Matthew
Senior Architect
Joined on 4 May 2023

Swati Rasiwasia
Senior Project Architect
Joined on 5 Jun 2023

David Robinson
Director of Commercial
& Legal
Joined on 7 Aug 2023

Naveed Mulla
Design Manager
Joined on 8 Aug 2023

Latifa Harib
HR/Office Coordinator
Joined on 4 Sep 2023

Mohammad Alfalasi
Document Controller
Joined on 4 Sep 2023

Muhammad Khan
Senior Site Architect
Joined on 11 Sep 2023

BELGRADE OFFICE

Dunja Jelisavcic
Architect
Joined on 16 Jun 2023

Aleksandra Martac
Architect
Joined on 1 Sep 2023

RIYADH OFFICE

Fahad Alanazi
Project Coordinator
Joined on 17 Sep 2023

Tumader Hasrim
Asst. HR Manager
Joined on 1 Oct 2023

HYDERABAD OFFICE

Sridhar Elumalai
BIM Modeller
Joined on 8 May 2023

Yugender Thotakuri
BIM Modeller
Joined on 3 Aug 2023

Malavika Suresh
Junior Landscape Architect
Joined on 7 Aug 2023

KOCHI OFFICE

Sarath Balachandran
IT Assistant
Joined on 1 Jun 2023

Dinesh Kumar Govindaraj
BIM Modeller
Joined on 12 Jun 2023

Chandini Suresh
Architect
Joined on 19 Jun 2023

Kashif Mir
Junior Architect
Joined on 3 Jul 2023

Aravind Devan
Junior Architect
Joined on 3 Jul 2023

Anitha Rajan
Architect
Joined on 3 Jul 2023

Celebrating 15 years with DSA



Vinoj Velappan
Senior Associate |
Design Principal



Conrad Burger
Senior Associate |
Technical Design Principal



Geoff Markham
Senior Architect



Shernan Mayoyo
Architectural Site Inspector



Manoj Kumar
Accounts Assistant



Mokgethi Mahlosana
Architectural Technologist



Magda de Jager
Accountant



Jophy Thomas
Associate | Design Principal

Star of the Month

APRIL



Shivi Goyal
Assistant HR Manager
Middle East Office



Marko Zeljkovic
Project Architect | Team Leader
Belgrade Office



Nived Puthussery
BIM Manager
Kochi Office

MAY



Shernan Mayoyo
Architectural Site Inspector
Middle East Office



Milivoje Andric
Project Architect | Team Leader
Belgrade Office



Aby Alex
Senior BIM Modeller
Kochi Office

JUNE



Jam Jakosalem
Asst. Administration Manager
Middle East Office



Mirjana Bakic
Senior Architect
Belgrade Office



Deepak Vasu
Senior BIM Modeller
Kochi Office

JULY



Adersh Pradeep
Project Coordinator
Middle East Office



Ivana Janosevic
Architect
Belgrade Office



Christy Varghese
Senior Architect
Kochi Office

AUG



Ginu George
Senior BIM Modeller
Middle East Office

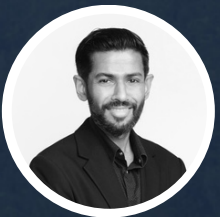


Nikolina Gordic
Architect
Belgrade Office



Liditta Benadict
Architect
Kochi Office

SEPT



Jinesh Ravi
Senior Architect
Middle East Office



Stevan Vukadinović
Architect
Belgrade Office



Harshvardhan A.
Architect
Hyderabad Office



KiranKumar G.
BIM Modeller
Kochi Office

BIM HEROES at the BIM Coordinators Summit



Teja Katta



Prakhar Baranwal

We would like to congratulate our talented BIM Coordinators from DSA India - Hyderabad office, Teja Katta and Prakhar Baranwal for both being awarded as 'BIM Hero' at the BIM Coordinators Summit.

Recognised as top participants, Teja awarded with gold for first rank and Prakhar awarded with silver for second rank, for their outstanding engagement and participation in the event.

The BIM Coordinators Summit is being held annually and celebrates the coming together of the greatest minds of the Architecture, Engineering and Construction industries.

DSA SPROCKETS AT SPINNEYS DUBAI 92 CYCLE CHALLENGE

The DSA Sprockets Cycling Team was up to the test and participated in the first 35km Build-Up Ride of the Spinneys Dubai 92 Cycle Challenge on 1st October at Al Qudra Cycle Track. The 4 Build-Up Rides will lead up to the 92km main event which will happen on on 25th February 2024.



DSA Cares

At DSA, we make sure to provide the right strategies to help maintain health and wellbeing of our staff.



FIRST AID TRAINING

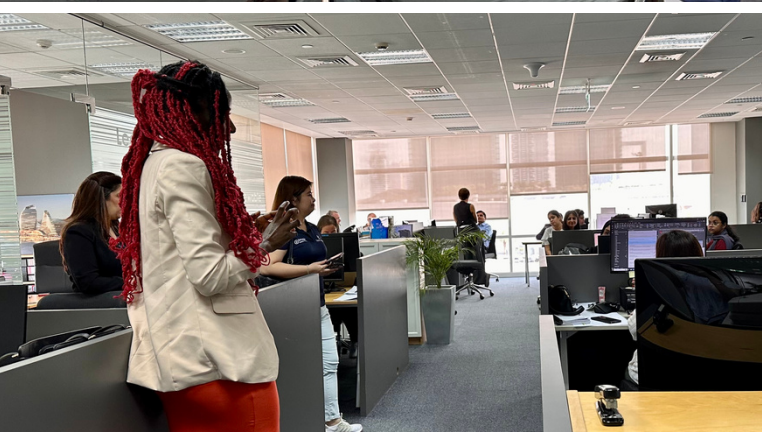
Safety is one of DSA's utmost priority! Our team has recently attended an essential first aid and basic life support training to ensure that our office is well-equipped during unforeseeable emergencies.



ERGONOMICS SESSION

Safe Hands and Dr. Dianne Jokene, Registered Osteopathic Doctor have once again visited our Middle East office to conduct an in-house Ergonomics session.

It is important to be aware of and prioritise posture especially at the workplace to keep the spine healthy, and avoid creating tension and stress in the muscular and neurological systems which result to pains and aches.





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