

Maha Aldawood

Architectural designer

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Professional Summary

Creative and results-driven Architectural Designer with expertise in both architecture and urban planning. Proven ability to manage projects from concept to completion, delivering high-quality architectural solutions while adhering to timelines and budgets. Fluent in Arabic and English, with an international perspective gained from studies and work experience in both Saudi Arabia and the United States. Recently earned a Master's in Urban Planning from New York University, with a passion for leveraging both architectural and urban planning expertise to create sustainable, impactful urban spaces.

Education

Master of Urban Planning (2025)

Wagner Graduate School of Public Service, New York University - New York City, United States

GPA: 3.64 / 4.00

Bachelor of Architecture (2020)

School of Design and Architecture, Dar Al-Hekma University - Jeddah, Saudi Arabia

GPA: 4.19 / 5.00

Experience

Architectural Designer - Mfaz Arabia Professional Consultancies

Jeddah, Saudi Arabia | June 2021 - April 2023

- Led the design and development of residential and commercial projects, ensuring alignment with client goals, local regulations, and sustainability standards.
- Produced detailed architectural drawings and 3D models using AutoCAD, SketchUp, and Revit.
- Designed interior spaces, selecting materials, finishes, and furnishings to enhance aesthetics and functionality.
- Managed project timelines and budgets to ensure on-time, on-budget completion.
- Conducted site visits and assessments, collaborating with contractors to ensure design accuracy and quality control during construction phases.
- Prepared presentations and reports for clients, stakeholders, and internal project teams, highlighting key design elements and project progress.

Architectural Intern - Jabal Omar Development Company

Mecca/Jeddah, Saudi Arabia | June - July 2019

- Assisted in the architectural design and planning for the Jabal Omar Development project, focusing on large-scale mixed-use developments.
- Supported the preparation of design documentation and coordination of project timelines.
- Conducted site visits to monitor construction progress and ensure alignment with project specifications.
- Collaborated with project managers and consultants, gaining hands-on experience in project management and addressing design and construction challenges specific to the Jabal Omar project.

Architectural Intern - Sustainable Buildings Architecture

Dammam, Saudi Arabia | June - July 2018

- Assisted in the design and analysis of sustainable residential and community facilities, emphasizing energy efficiency and eco-friendly materials.
- Conducted research on sustainable design practices and integrated green solutions into architectural plans for residential and communal spaces.

Exhibitioner - Dar AlHekma Architecture Exhibition | Featured Twice

Jeddah, Saudi Arabia | 2016 - 2017

- Selected to showcase architectural designs at the Dar AlHekma Architecture Exhibition, recognized for innovative and creative design concepts.

Software Skills

- Architectural Drawings (AutoCAD)
- 3D Modeling (SketchUp, Revit)
- Data Analysis (R Studio)
- GIS & Spatial Analysis (QGIS)
- Web Mapping (Mapbox, HTML/CSS/JavaScript)
- Post Production Rendering (Adobe Photoshop)
- Graphic Design (Adobe Illustrator)