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CAREER OBJECTIVE

Currently looking for a new and challenging position as a Senior Landscape Designer where I can develop my site-based experience and my design and creativity skills.

SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATION

- Landscape Designer / Architect with 11 years of experience in site Landscape and irrigation construction and design & consultancy of large scale projects and detail design & tender drawings and documents.
- Double Major graduate in Landscape Architecture and Agricultural Engineering.
- Extremely organized with the ability to work both independently of own initiative or as part of a successful team.
- Combines a professional and confident approach with excellent interpersonal skills and can communicate concisely at all levels.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Landscape Architect Consultant / Landscape Architecture Department
Dar Al Handasah Consultants (Shair and Partners), Beirut, Lebanon

2013 – 2019

- Leading a group of designers to issue a coherent, coordinated and constructible Landscape design for various projects within the company. Project design phases established are: pre-concept/concept design phase, Schematic/Preliminary design phase, Detail/Final Design phase & Tender/Construction packages.
- Completed different projects' nature such as Urban Streetscapes, Civic Plazas, District Parks, Neighborhood Parks, Pocket Parks and Linear Parks, City Master-planning, airport landside, residential and industrial sites all in accordance with the countries local rules and regulations (if any), international standards and as per client's requirements for achieving green building and sustainable certificates for the project design as required.
- Drawing package submission which includes: Hard Landscape; Soft Landscape; Landscape Setting Out; Landscape leveling & Grading; Landscape Sections & Elevations; Typical & special Landscape construction Details (trees, shrubs, groundcovers, walkways, patios, decks, benches, fences, retaining walls, Landscape Feature Walls, shade structures and Water Features etc.)
- Document package submission which includes: Bill of Quantity including CESMM3/4, QCS 2010/2014, international standard formats; Methods of Measurement including CESMM3/4; Specifications including British standards, American standards, QCS 2010/2014; Reports including Landscape design criteria, Landscape Framework & Landscape Guidelines.
- Interdepartmental coordination during design phases to issue a coherent, constructible designs trying to achieve zero error designs to be submitted for client's review, comments and approvals prior to issuing for Tendering and construction phases.
- Landscape construction site Shop-Drawing review and approvals including construction details, material submittals, Pre-qualifications documents, Request for Information documents; and preparation of sketches-form drawings.
- Project proposal studies during design bid process using the RFP (Request for Proposal) documents and any supporting document provided and Submitted Technical & Financial proposals for client's approval and project design contract award.

- Group leader for various projects (info on projects are available upon request) which includes:
 - Al Bidda Park, Qatar.
 - Qatar Olympic Committee (QOC) Multipurpose Sports Hall, Qatar.
 - 3 of Five Primary Healthcare Centres, Qatar.
 - Infrastructure of Zayed City, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates.
 - Ruwais Housing Infrastructure, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates.
 - Jumeirah Park Infrastructure Design, United Arab Emirates.
 - Al Raas Alabyad Master Plan, Saudi Arabia.
 - Taif Industrial City, Saudi Arabia.
 - Khurais Village, Saudi Arabia.
 - Boavista and Sambizanga Slopes Protection, Angola.
 - Süleymaniye Urban Renewal Project, Turkey.

Landscape Architect / Agriculture Engineer

2012- 2013

National Industrial Company (NIC), Doha, Qatar

A Subsidiary of Nassir Bin Khaled Group (NBK)

- development of the Landscape department at NIC, and preparing the company profile and organizational chart and developing a business plan.
- managed the Landscape department and expanding the organization and management structure.
- Recommended a new Company structure for the Landscape department for adoption.
- Prepared a forecast analysis for landscape project tenders available in the market and bid for award.
- Prepared Landscape & Irrigation construction projects' price quotation and submitted for project bidding.
- Established "client after sale services" and "satisfaction assurance"

Landscape Architect

2008 - 2011

Rabya Contractors, Eastern Province, KSA

- Client meetings and presentations of the Landscape Designs, obtain approvals and to proceed with construction of landscape & irrigation works.
- Cost estimate development for new landscape, irrigation and maintenance projects. Feasibility studies against suppliers' Quotations aiming to select the Landscape material construction projects whilst fulfilling the required quality and price range.
- Developed project construction Schedules as well as irrigation construction & maintenance works whilst monitored sub-contractor's progress as per the approved design drawings & specification documents.
- Landscape works evaluation as per the design drawings; visited construction sites checking plants' mortality rates including: palms, trees, shrubs, succulents, climbers and ground covers.
- Provided various predesign services, including conducting feasibility and environmental impact studies and specifying the Design requirements.
- Issued final shop-drawings and as-built drawings and coordinating with the project manager to insure correct and approved documents are issued to clients.
- Designed various landscape projects in Saudi Arabia (info on projects are available upon request).

Monitoring and executing landscape & irrigation construction and maintenance works at Rabya Contractors for the following projects:

Project Engineer at Prince Mohammed University (Half-moon, Saudi Arabia)

Project Name: Prince Mohammed University (PMU); Landscape area approximately equals 5Ha

- Site supervision on work progress and coordination of the company's relationship with the client.
- Prepared Requests for Inspection documents, technical brochures, shop-drawings and material submittals documents and all paper works

- Development and update of project schedule and Preparing project progress reports (daily, weekly and monthly reports).
- Modification of landscape designs to fit best with the site conditions that was unseen during design phase.
- Involvement in market comparative studies and selection of suppliers of plants, palm trees, peat moss, organic manures and irrigation materials.
- Supervised on the transplant and propagation of different landscape plants (shrubs, ground covers and succulents) within the site.

Site Engineer at the Royal Commission Project (Jubeil, Saudi Arabia)

Project Name: Rehabilitation of Najd Park & Aqua Park; Landscape area approximately equals 10 Ha

- Site supervision on work progress and coordination of the company's relationship with the client.
- Modification & implementation of landscape designs approved by the client to further fit the site conditions
- Planning & executing landscape works as per design and specification and installing irrigation system.
- Prepared all paper work and submittals (Request for Inspections, Technical submittals, material submittals)
- Supervised on the transplant and propagation of different landscape plants (shrubs, ground covers and succulents) within the site.

EDUCATION

Diploma in Agriculture Engineering American University of Beirut, Lebanon	2004 - 2008
Bachelor of Science in Landscape Design and Eco-Management American University of Beirut, Lebanon	2004 - 2008

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS AND DEVELOPMENT

Leadership Development Training Program Institute of Leadership and Management (ILM) Beirut, Lebanon	2019
LEED Green Associate USGBC; Beirut, Lebanon	2014
Lead Auditor Certificate International Standard Organization (ISO 9001:2008); Jeddah, Saudi Arabia	2009

SOFTWARE SKILLS & LANGUAGES

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AutoCAD 2D (Proficient) • Adobe Photoshop (Proficient) • Microsoft Office: Word, Excel, Power point (Proficient) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AutoCAD Civil 3D (Moderate) • Fluent in English and Arabic Language |
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REFERENCES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST