

Company Profile

The logo for Dawson Architects is displayed on a dark grey rectangular background. The word "Dawson" is written in a white, sans-serif font, and the word "Architects" is written below it in a green, sans-serif font. In the top right corner of the grey rectangle, there is a small green L-shaped icon.A green L-shaped icon, consisting of two perpendicular bars of equal length, is positioned to the left of the company address.

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About us

Dawson Architects specialises in the design and implementation of bespoke projects for select individual and corporate clients. The principals, Michael and Clair Dawson, have been practicing as Architects in Dubai for 30 years, and bring with them a wealth of local and international experience.

Who we are

- A practice with experienced people that aim to maximise our Client's Project potential with excellent cost effective design, completed on program and within budget.

We are also:

- A practice that provides pragmatic reviews of external projects, from design and contract documentation standpoint.

and:

- We really enjoy the process of designing and constructing buildings and look forward to being of service to you.



What we do

For Building Owners

1. Architectural Services

- Feasibility Studies
- Design
- Permit & Construction Documentation
- Construction Supervision
- Employers Representative on Site

2. Full Services:

In addition to Architectural Services, DA can provide a full professional service to Building Owners through a network of trusted sub-consultants and can include the following professional disciplines.

- Structural
- MEP
- Landscaping
- Interior Design

3. Contract Reviews

- Peer Reviews
- Design Documentation Reviews
- Contract Documentation Reviews
- Condition Surveys

For General Contractors

1. Architectural Services

- Feasibility Studies
- Design
- Permit & Construction Documentation
- Extension of Time Claims

2. Contract Review

- Peer Reviews
- Design Documentation Reviews
- Contract Documentation Reviews
- Condition Surveys

For Architects, Engineers & Quantity Surveyors

1. Architectural Services

- Permit & Construction Documentation
- Construction Contract Administration

2. Contract Reviews

- Peer Reviews
- Design Documentation Reviews
- Contract Documentation Reviews
- Condition Surveys



How we do it

We assist our Clients in development and realisation of their Projects to their full potential by:

- **Working in a collaborative environment**

We believe that the sensitive coordination and integration of all consultancy disciplines into a design within a collaborative working environment is an essential element in the provision of a successful design.

- **Utilising our extensive experience**

We aim to utilise our extensive general experience in the architectural and construction field on varied Projects, in order to provide integrated and well-considered designs.

- **Using our Local Experience for our Clients benefit**

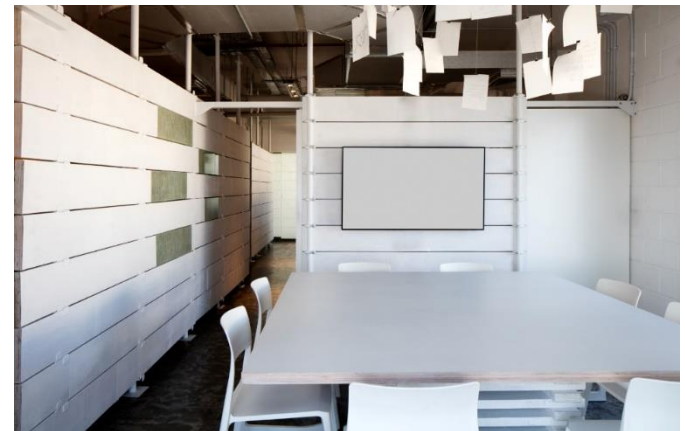
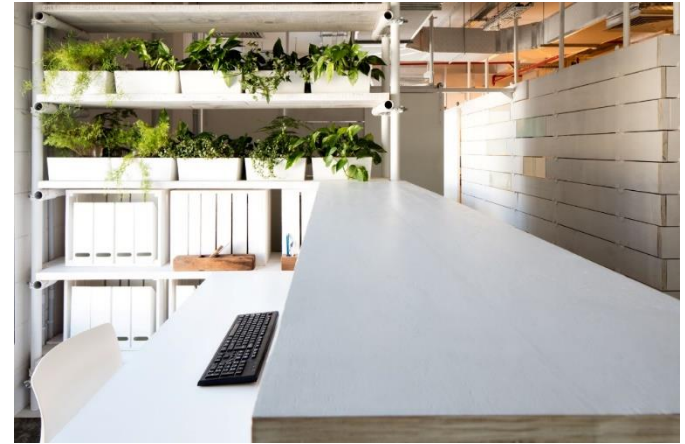
We have worked in the Middle East for the past 14 years and through this experience have gained a detailed knowledge of local design needs, appropriate material selection and good construction practices.

- **Being Cost Sensitive**

Designing within Clients budgetary needs, is an aspect of our Practice that we take very seriously.

- **By being mindful of Operational Costs**

The success of a Project lies not only in excellent design and implementation, it should also consume energy sparingly when in operation. We aim to keep Clients informed about possible methods to keep operational costs under control.



Our people



Michael Dawson
B. Arch LLM ISAA, NIA RIBA

Michael Dawson is an Architect who was educated in South Africa and has gained a wealth of experience in the construction industry having worked internationally before coming to Dubai in 2000 to work as a Construction Manager for Arabtec Construction. Michael joined Godwin Austen Johnson Architects in 2001 as a Senior Architect, and was invited to be a Partner of the firm in 2007. His responsibilities within the practice included managing the firm's Sharjah office, and later leading the expansion of the practice's presence in Qatar.

Michael played a major role in the very successful alliance with Hopkins Architects on the Gate Village Project providing both pre-contract & post-contract leadership, with other experience including an array of commercial, leisure, sport & residential-related projects across the UAE.

With a strong background in both contracting and consulting, and having worked for both construction companies and consultant practices, Michael has developed excellent design, technical & detailed documentation skills, site management expertise and a deep understanding of the construction process. Michael believes strongly in continued professional development and has completed a Masters Degree in Construction Law at the University of Salford in Manchester in 2013, and is currently enhancing his skills by completing advanced courses in Revit & Microsoft Project.

2014 –	Managing Partner	Dawson Architects	Dubai	U.A.E
2001 – 2014	Partner	Godwin Austen Johnson	Dubai	U.A.E
2000 – 2001	Construction Manager	Arabtec Construction	Dubai	U.A.E
1997 – 1999	Project Manager	Gammon Construction		Singapore
1999 – 2000	Project Manager	Fluor Daniel	Xiamen	China
1996 – 1997	Senior Architect	Geoff Malone Architects		Singapore
1995 – 1996	Construction Manager	Vermeydu Contractors	Windhoek	Namibia
1993 – 1995	Architect	Marais Pretorius & Wenhold Architects	Windhoek	Namibia
1992 – 1993	Architect in Training	Kerry MacNamara Architects	Windhoek	Namibia
1989 – 1990	Year Out:	Douglas Paskins Architects	London	UK
1989 - 1990	Year Out	Halcrow	London	UK



Our people



Clair Dawson
B. Arch ISAA, NIA

Clair Dawson is a South African born and educated Architect. She has gained extensive international experience having worked In South Africa, Namibia, & Singapore before relocating to Dubai in 2000, when she joined Godwin Austen Johnson as a Senior Architect. After leaving GAJ in 2008, Clair opened her own practice, and has completed the design and implementation of a variety of bespoke commercial and residential Projects, both in the role of the Architect and Client Representative.

Clair has excellent design, technical & detail documentations skills, and has a particular interest in the implementation of Electronic Office and Project Management Systems, CAD (Computer Aided Design) and BIM (Building Information Modelling).

Experience

2014 onwards: Partner, Dawson Architects Dubai, U.A.E
2009-2013: Own Practice, Dubai, U.A.E
2000 – 2008: Senior Architect, Godwin Austen Johnson, Dubai, U.A.E
1998 -1999: Lecturer, Raffles Design Institute, Singapore
1998 – 1999: Lecturer, Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts, Singapore
1997 – 1998: Project Architect, Han, Yip & Lee Associates Architects, Singapore
1996 – 1997: Project Architect, Design Practice Architects, Singapore
1995 – 1996: Stauch & Partners Architects Windhoek Namibia
1994 – 1995: Paul Berends Associates Windhoek, Namibia
1989 – 1990: Architect – in – Training Durban Municipality, Natal, South Africa



Projects

Public Sector:

Jubail Market Sharjah, U.A.E.
Sharjah Arts Museum Sharjah, U.A.E.
Border Post, Oshikango, Namibia
Katima Mulilo Police Cells, Namibia
Ngoma Border Post Housing, Namibia

Commercial:

Equinix Data Hall Offices, Dubai & Abu Dhabi, U.A.E.
DIFC, Gate Village, Dubai, U.A.E.
Deutsche Bank, Gate Village, Dubai, U.A.E.
Private Office, Sharjah, U.A.E.
TV Studio, Sharjah, U.A.E.
Kodak Administration Block, Xiamin, China
Bukit Panjang Light Rail Train Depot & Shopping Centre, Singapore
Plaza Singapura Cinemas, Singapore
Pupkewitz Toyota Dealership, Windhoek, Namibia
Burderop Office Park, Birmingham, UK
Westbourne Park Re-development, Bayswater, London, UK

Residential:

Private Villa, Endurance Village, Dubai, U.A.E.
Private Villa, Nad Al Sheba, Dubai, U.A.E.
Rumeila Palace Doha, Qatar
Amiji Villa, Emirates Hills Dubai, U.A.E.
Jafar Villa, Emirates Hills Dubai, U.A.E.
Rahiman Villa, Emirates Hills Dubai, U.A.E.
Wahab Villa, Emirates Hills Dubai, U.A.E.
Private Majilis, Sharjah, U.A.E.
Dubai Creek Golf Clubs Villas, Dubai, U.A.E.
Badrah Housing Scheme, Jebel Ali, U.A.E.
42 Nassim Road, Singapore
House Von Holtz, Windhoek Namibia
House Rautenbach, Windhoek, Namibia

Expo 2020 Dubai, U.A.E.:

Expo Operations Centre
Sweden Pavilion
Singapore Pavilion
UK Pavilion
Czech Republic Pavilion
Expo Arrivals Plaza – Mobility
Expo Arrivals Plaza – Opportunity
Expo Arrivals Plaza - Sustainability

Michael Dawson

Education

The Photography Museum, Sharjah, U.A.E.
American University of Sharjah, School of Business Management Sharjah , U.A.E
Sharjah Arts Museum, U.A.E
Sharjah Museum Department Headquarters, U.A.E
Al Qasba Children's Discovery Centre Sharjah , U.A.E
Wasit Nature Reserve Visitors Centre, Sharjah , U.A.E
Institute of Special Education, Windhoek, Namibia

Leisure

Al Bait Hotel for Chedi, Sharjah , U.A.E
The Chedi Khorfakkan Sharjah, UAE
Tozeur Desert Oasis Retreat, Tunisia
Bab Al Shams Desert Resort, Dubai, U.A.E

Healthcare

Rundu Hospital Phases 1 – 5, Namibia

Sport

Sharjah Golf Club, U.A.E
Zayed Cricket Stadium Abu Dhabi, U.A.E
Al Qasba Fitness Center Sharjah, U.A.E
Sharjah Golf Club Sharjah, U.A.E
Sharjah Ladies Club Sharjah, U.A.E



Projects

Public Sector:

Jubail Market, Sharjah, U.A.E.

Residential:

Penthouse Apartment Fitout, JBR Dubai, U.A.E.

Wallia Villa, Palm Jumeirah Dubai, U.A.E.

Al Balooshi Villa Dubai, U.A.E.

Desert Villa, Soheil Farm, Dhaid, U.A.E.

Villa Harvey Renovations, St Francis Bay, South Africa

VIP Villa Renovations, Dubai, U.A.E.

VIP Villa, Sharjah U.A.E

Al Barari Luxury Villas, Dubai, U.A.E.

Jafar Villa, Emirates Hills Dubai, U.A.E.

Rahiman Villa, Emirates Hills Dubai, U.A.E.

Wahab Villa, Emirates Hills Dubai, U.A.E.

Amiji Villa, Emirates Hills, Dubai, U.A.E.

Al Ghurair Family Majilis, Dubai, U.A.E.

Commercial:

Sharjah Safari Park, Sharjah, U.A.E.

Changi Business Park, Landscape Master plan, Singapore

Hadef + Partners Office Fitout, Emaar Square, Dubai, U.A.E.

Berjaya Star City, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Dijaya Mall, Damansara, Kuala Lumpur

Standard Bank Branch Renovations, Lüderitz, Namibia

Healthcare:

Oshikati Hospital, Renovation & Additions, Namibia

Onandjokwe Hospital Renovation & Additions, Namibia

Katutura State Hospital, TB and Woman & Child Abuse Centre, Windhoek, Namibia

Windhoek State Hospital, Mortuary, Pharmacy, Maternity Unit, High Risk, Offices, Windhoek, Namibia

Clair Dawson

Education

Dubai College Auditorium & Staff Quarters, U.A.E

Dubai College Drama Studio & Classroom Extensions, Dubai, U.A.E

UN Plaza Crèche, Windhoek Namibia

College of Education, Windhoek Namibia

Sport & Leisure

Al Awadi Stables, Dhaid, U.A.E

Bab Al Shams Desert Resort & Spa Dubai, U.A.E

Sharjah Golf & Shooting Club Sharjah, U.A.E

The Montgomerie Golf Academy Dubai, U.A.E

Nirwana Resort Centre, Bintan Indonesia

UN Plaza Park Sports Field Ablutions, Windhoek, Namibia



Projects

Expo 2020 Dubai



Singapore Pavilion

The pavilion design supports the idea of a net-zero energy, zero water and zero waste oasis in the Arabian desert.

Expo 2020
Sustainability District
Plot 197

AOR & SC
BUA 3076 m²
GFA 2488 m²



Sweden Pavilion

The pavilion design is inspired by the image and metaphor of the forest coupled with a minimal and strong aesthetic.

Expo 2020
Sustainability District
Plot C94

AOR & SC
BUA 2319 m²
GFA 1779 m²



UK Pavilion

The pavilion design aims to introduce British culture at every opportunity. The poise between British Heritage and the diversity of contemporary UK.

Expo 2020
Opportunity District
Plot C43

AOR & SC
BUA 3750 m²
GFA 1211 m²



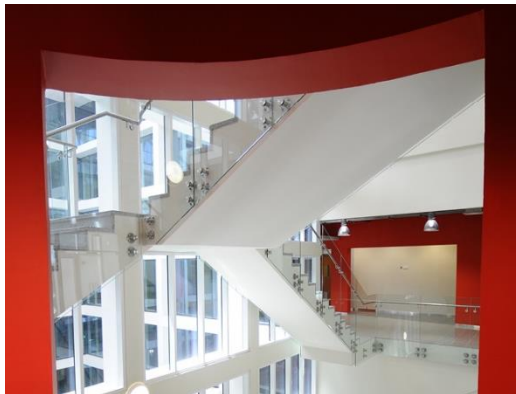
Czech Pavilion

The pavilion design is a combination of the organic part (Spaghetti Monster Canopy) with the simple compact part, the box.

Expo 2020
Sustainability District
Plot C98

AOR & SC
BUA 1561 m²
GFA 1181 m²





Project: AUS School of Business Management

The project provided a particular challenge in design terms, given the traditional context of the adjacent existing buildings on the campus, and the Client Brief to design an Arabic styled building that would match the context. The faculty brief for the interiors of the building was for a modern open design with natural light and excellent passive solar design along with a requirement to provide natural light to all the offices in the building. This was attained by the provision of 3 central courtyards, covered with open latticed domes that provide shading and shadow modulation of the courtyards.

Projects

Educational and Institutional



Project: AUS Women's Dormitory

Michael was the Lead Architect responsible for the design of the Women's Dormitory Block at the American University of Sharjah. The Client requirement was for the external appearance of the Dormitory Block to match the existing traditional aesthetic of the adjacent dormitory blocks. The Interiors and central courtyard were however designed with appropriate passive solar design and modern interiors for the dormitory rooms and common areas.

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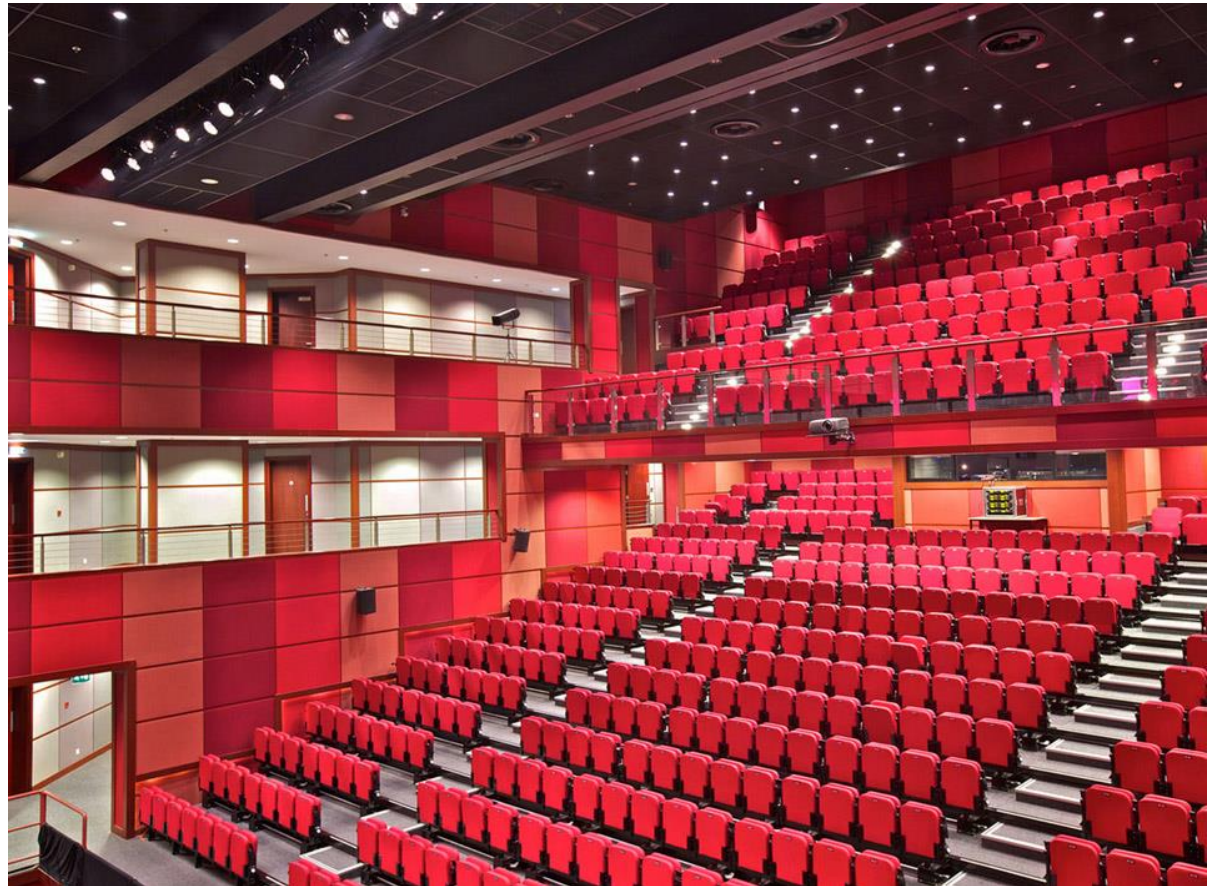
Educational and Institutional

Project: Dubai College Auditorium

Clair was responsible for the Design Development, Documentation and Contract Administration of a new Auditorium, and Staff Quarters for Dubai College.

The Auditorium is located within the grounds of a functioning school, and the construction program had to accommodate the continued operation of the school.

The Auditorium is state-of-the-art, complete with an orchestra pit, and retractable seating, which allows the Auditorium to be converted into a multi-purpose hall.



Projects

Educational and Institutional



Sharjah Arts Foundation
(whilst working for GAJ)



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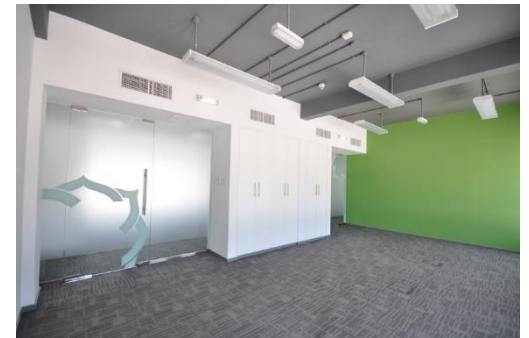
Project: Sharjah Arts Foundation

The Project Brief was to integrate 5 new Art Gallery Buildings on the footprints of the old buildings, respecting the scale and context of the heritage area of Sharjah where they are interwoven into the existing historical building fabric.



Projects

Educational and Institutional



Project: Sharjah Museum Department HQ

The Project consisted of the renovation and re-purposing of an old Modernist style building previously used as offices for an Oil Supply Company into a Headquarters Building. The Brief also required the provision of some new structures to bring the Project up to code and for the provision of disabled access to the upper floor.

Particular challenges were found in stabilising the existing structure of the building and maximising ceiling heights in an existing building which had very low floor-to-floor heights.



Projects

Educational and Institutional



Project: The Photography Gallery

Project involves the conversion of an old telephone exchange building into a Photography Museum and Phot Gallery..

The entire interior of the building was tripped back to bare structure, with restoration work needed to the concrete structures and roofing.

The intention is to maintain the essence of the old building in the creation of the new Gallery Space.



Projects

Educational and Institutional



Wasit Nature Reserve Visitor's Centre

The Project is located in one of the few remaining natural wetlands on the border between the Sharjah & Ajman Emirates in the UAE, with the brief being the amalgamation of educational displays with aviaries containing local UAE habitats and indigenous flora and fauna.

The building was designed to disappear into the landscape and made use of gabion walls with sand and indigenous planting of dunes up against the gabions. The aviary and processional structures were designed using gum-poles and variegated coloured shadow netting to further blend the Project into the Landscape.



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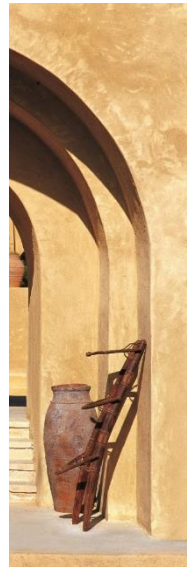
Hotels & Resorts

Al Bait Boutique Hotel

The Project is located in the centre of the Sharjah Heritage area interwoven into the existing traditional urban fabric. The 54-bedroom hotel consists of the re-use of three existing heritage courtyard houses together with several new sympathetically designed buildings integrated around them. The intention of the Project was to re-build the essence of the Heart of Sharjah Heritage area in sympathetic and appropriately scaled interventions following the traces of the previous demolished heritage houses.

Projects

Hotels & Resorts



Bab Al Shams

The hotel was designed using the concept of a traditional Arabic village, with access to all rooms via external narrow streets, alleyways or courtyards. The idea of a traditional oasis village, was further enhanced by the use of traditional landscaping, and rough rendering, carefully chosen to match the exact colour of the desert sand.



Khasab Resort (whilst working for GAJ)

Khasab Resort

This project is located in a secluded bay near Khasab, Oman. The project included the Masterplan of the Hotel, Chalets, Marina, Beach Club, and Golf Course.

The hotel was designed using the concept of a traditional Omani fishing village, and fort. Family Chalets and Villas, are strategically placed along the rocky cliff face, to provide privacy and views.



Tozeur Desert Oasis Hotel (whilst working for GAJ)



Tozeur Desert Oasis Hotel

Michael was responsible for the design of the Tozeur Desert Oasis Hotel from Scheme Design onwards.

The Project is located in Tozeur in southern Tunisia on an open site overlooking a barren desert landscape. The Hotel was designed around an oasis with dining, Spa & other entertainment facilities.

Projects

Residential



Al Barari (whilst working for GAJ)

Project: Al Barari

Clair was involved in the prestigious Al Barari development, and did Concept Design Proposals for various Villa Layouts and Styles.





Dubai Creek Golf Club Villas (whilst working for GAJ)

Project: Dubai Creek Golf Club Villas

Michael was the Senior Architect responsible for the Scheme Design and construction of 94 villas around the Dubai Creek Golf & Yacht Club Golf Course.

The Project consisted of two types of four Bedroom villas, which were constructed as rental properties, each looking over the refurbished golf course.





Emirates Hills Villas (whilst working for GAJ)



Project: Emirates Hills Villas

Clair and Michael were responsible for the Design, Documentation and Contract Administration of four Emirates Hills villas.



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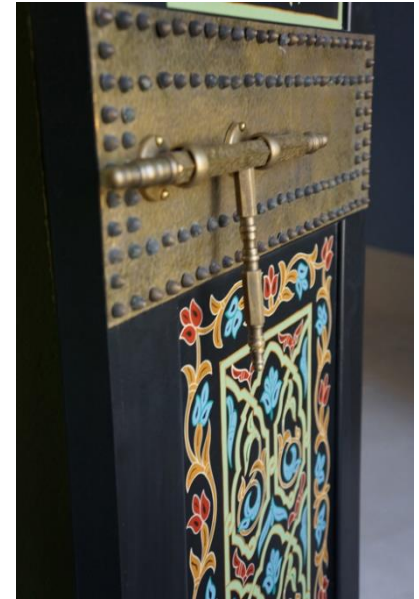
Residential



Project: Emirates Hills Villa

Clair and Michael were responsible for the Design, Documentation and Contract Administration of this prestigious Emirates Hills villa, completed in 2004.

The scope of work covered the architectural interiors, and the landscape and swimming pool concept. Emirates Hills Villa (whilst working for GAJ)

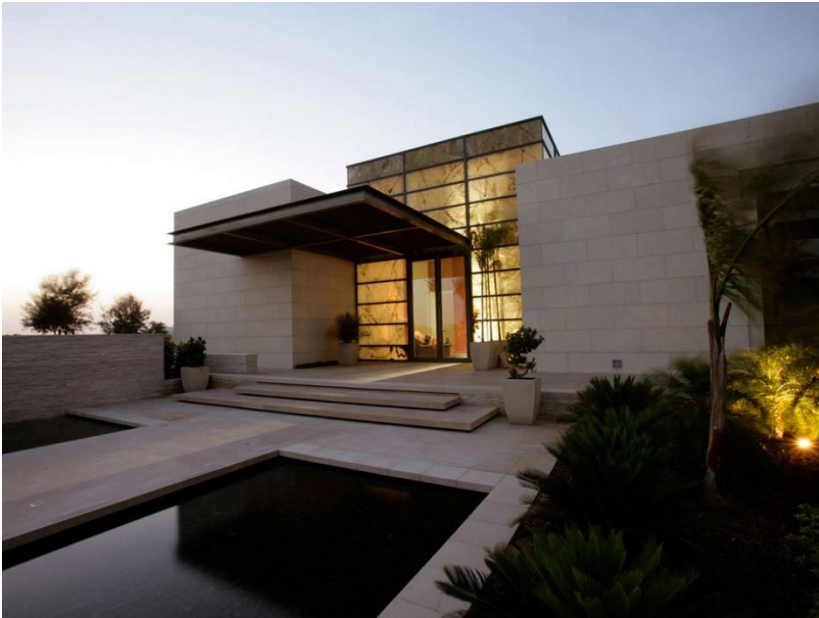


Project: JBR Penthouse

This prestigious apartment, is located in Dubai Marina, and has views of Palm Jumeirah and Dubai Marina.

In conjunction with a high-end local Main Contractor, a team of Moroccan craftsman, installed hand cut zellij tiles, hand carved timber panels, and hand painted Moroccan doors and ceilings.





Private Villa (whilst working for GAJ)

Project: Private Villa

The Project was a bespoke villa with complex detailing, interior design and other specialist systems.





Private Farmhouse
(whilst working for GAJ)

Project: Private Farmhouse

Michael was the Partner responsible for the design and construction of a desert farmhouse for a VVIP.

The Project was single storey villa with bespoke detailing and finishes.





42 Nassim Road

Project: 42 Nassim Road

Michael was responsible for the design and construction of a bespoke villa in Singapore for the Straights Properties.

The Project was a 4-bedroom villa sympathetically designed to accommodate the local tropical environment. The project was located on a steep site, with a requirement to provide as much natural ventilation as possible, and was designed in such a way as to minimise the ingress of water from torrential rains, which occur frequently in the country.



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Leisure



Project: Sharjah Safari
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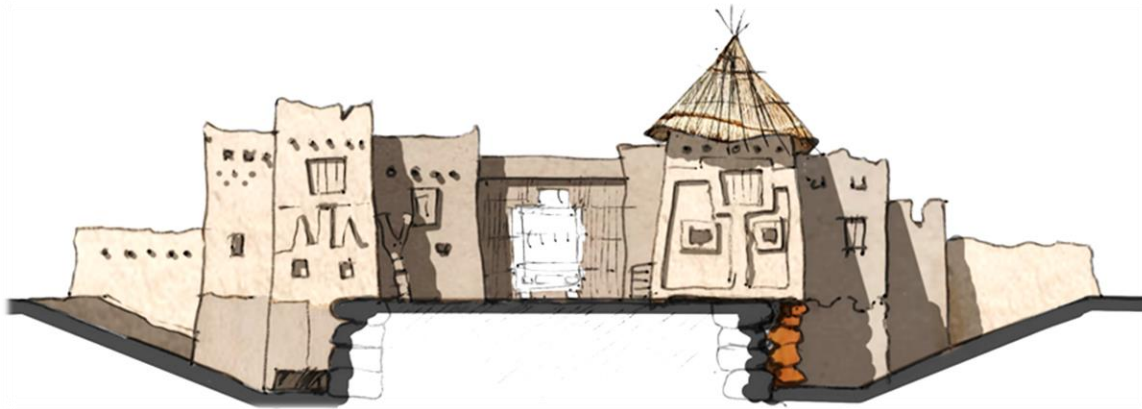
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Projects

Sport & Leisure



Arabian Ranches Golf Club House
(whilst working for GAJ)



Project: Arabian Ranches Golf Clubhouse

Whilst working at GAJ, Michael was responsible for the Design and Construction of the Arabian Ranches Golf Clubhouse. On instruction from the Client, the villa was designed in a Tuscan style to blend in with an adjacent villa complex



Projects

Sport & Leisure



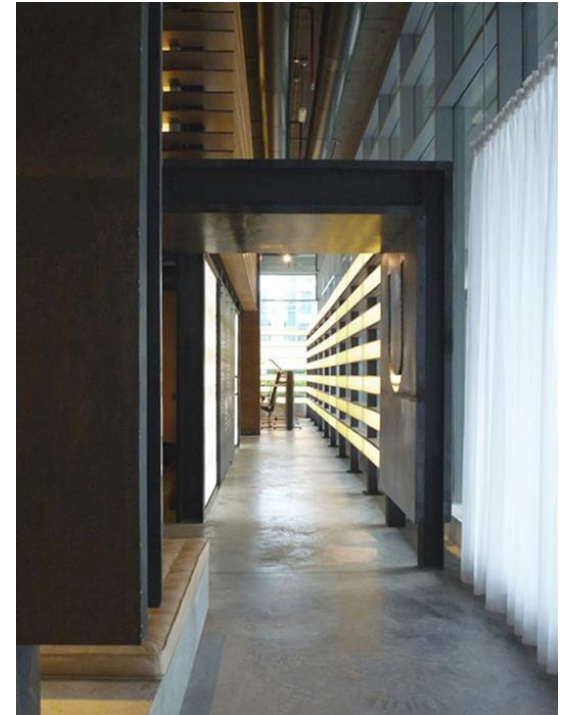
Montgomerie Golf Academy
(whilst working for GAJ)

Project: Montgomerie Golf Academy

The Golf Academy building at the Address Montgomerie served as the main club house from its completion in 2002, until early 2006.

Whilst working at GAJ, Clair was involved in this project in the Contract Administration of this project.





U-Concept (whilst working for GAJ)

Project: U-Concept

Michael was the Partner responsible for the Design and Construction of a bespoke gymnasium in Building GV04 of Gate Village.

The Project was integrated into a multi-level shop unit, with a new steel mezzanine and industrial detailing.



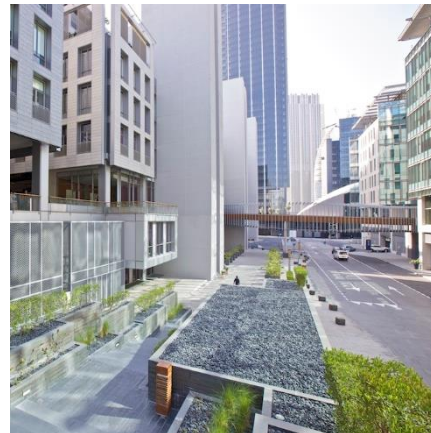


Project: Zayed Cricket Stadium

The Stadium, which can accommodate over 20,000 spectators, was constructed for the Abu Dhabi Cricket Club and included several design and technical innovations including 125m span propped cantilever aluminium clad steel roof over the main stadium seating.

The Project was also provided with full TV facilities and Stadium Lighting for night fixtures. Stadium (whilst working for GAJ)





Project: DIFC Gate Village

The Project consists of 9 commercial buildings & 1 Residential building on a Podium, with 5 Basement car parks.

Work commenced on Site in March 2005 with Enabling Works followed by the Main Contract in September 2005.

The Project was fully completed in December 2009.

The Project Value was AED 535,000,000





Project: Hadeef

Clair was responsible for the design, documentation, and contract administration of Interior Fit-out for this prestigious law firm in Emaar Square, Downtown Burj Dubai.

The fitout comprised the entire floor of 2,330 m².



Project: Weatherford

Michael was the Senior Architect responsible for the Scheme Design and construction of a six storey Commercial Building in Al Barsha, Dubai

A Real Estate Company procured this commercial building for a single Tenant on a long lease. The building consisted of a Basement, with fully fitted out Office & Management floors above, in line with the Tenants requirements and overseen by the Real Estate Company.





Project: LRT Depot & Mall
Bukit Panjang, Singapore

This Design & Build Project consisted of a two-floor shopping centre with a Light Rail Train Depot for the Bukit Panjang Light Rail Transport System on top of it. The project also contained three integral parking floors and all the logistics for the future construction of two twenty storey residential towers on top of it.

The Project provided a complex array of design, technical & functional issues constructed over a very short time frame. The Project was completed successfully on time and on Budget.

