

# Mehdi Taghavi Detailed Project List

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## RESIDENTIAL (ARCHITECTURAL)

### House: Connor

**Firm/Location:** Oasis Architecture + Design/ Texas

**Designation:** Architectural Project Assistant

**Involvement:** Schematic design and design development for a 3,500 square foot, cabin-style, lake view home in Texas.

### House: Kaufman

**Firm/Location:** Oasis Architecture + Design/ La Jolla

**Designation:** Architectural Project Assistant

**Involvement:** Construction and documentation and design development for high-end residential renovation projects in La Jolla, California.

### House: Cliff Ridge

**Firm/Location:** Oasis Architecture + Design/ La Jolla

**Designation:** Architectural Project Assistant

**Involvement:** Construction and Documentation and design development with special attention to coastal codes and challenges for renovation of 2,000 square foot La Jolla home.

### House: Tokolan

**Firm/Location:** Oasis Architecture + Design

**Designation:** Architectural Project Assistant/ San Diego

**Involvement:** Construction and Documentation and design development for high-end residential renovation project on Tokolan Street in San Diego.

### House: Brighton

**Firm/Location:** Oasis Architecture + Design/ La Jolla

**Designation:** Architectural Project Assistant

**Involvement:** Schematic Design, Design development, design documentation for second floor addition and partial first floor of a coastal home in La Jolla.



### Villa: Al Hashmi Residence

**Firm/Location:** Unique Seventh Dimension/ Oman

**Designation:** Architectural Engineer

**Involvement:** Designed and oversaw the building of a four-bedroom villa based on the needs of the client. The villa he desired combined the classical Arabian Gulf style in which homes are built around a central courtyard, but executed in a modern way with a swimming pool on the ground floor fed by a waterfall flowing from the first floor. The exterior was distinctly modern, while the interior was designed around his more traditional, conservative way of life.

### Villa: Al Fourat Residence

**Firm/Location:** Unique Seventh Dimension/ Oman

**Designation:** Architectural Engineer

**Involvement:** Designed and planned this modern Arabian villa with a focus on volumes, light, and powerful natural elements. A swimming pool which ran from the heart of the interior was illuminated by the natural light that streamed through the transparent interior walls and emphasized the volumes of each space. Outside, a fire pit surrounded the pool to create an image of fire and water, the powerful creations of God.

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## **Planned Housing Community: Luxury Villas Iran**

**Firm/Location:** Silane Sabz/ Iran

**Designation:** Architectural Engineer

**Involvement:** Created five easy-to-replicate villa designs for a planned housing development of 101 homes. The designs were inspired by global, luxury home designs as specified by the client and adjusted to meet the specifications of local city regulations as discussed with the land owner, and streamlined for mass construction through coordination with the civil engineers regarding technical issues.

## **Villa: Ajman Residence**

**Firm/Location:** Al Yarmok Decore/ Ajman

**Designation:** Site Engineer

**Involvement:** Met with client, created quotation, and developed the designs for a three-story villa with exterior landscaping (back filing, interlock, curbstone, compaction, levelling) in a remote area, from electrical and plumbing (manholes, septic tank, water tank), to designing the ceiling GYP, wall GYP, staircases, and lighting systems.

## **Villa: Sharjah Residence**

**Firm/Location:** Al Yarmok Decore/ Sharjah

**Designation:** Site Engineer

**Involvement:** Met with client, created quotation, and developed the design for a three-story (G+2) villa with exterior (back filing, interlock, curbstone, compaction).

## **Villa: Movaleh Residence**

**Firm/Location:** Silver Global, LLC/ Oman

**Designation:** Architect / Site Engineer

**Involvement:** Met with client, created quotation, and developed the designs for a three-story (G+2) villa, including the ceiling GYP, wall GYP, staircases, lighting system, and provided complete supervision of construction.

## **Villa: Al-Ansab Residence**

**Firm/Location:** Silver Global, LLC/ Oman

**Designation:** Architect / Site Engineer

**Involvement:** Met with client, created quotation, and developed the designs for a three-story (G+2) villa, including designing the handrails and wooden staircases and exterior pergola design, as to maximize the relatively small amount of space.

## **Apartment Building: Tehran Suburban Development**

**Firm/Location:** Fara Fan Bana/ Iran

**Designation:** Architect / Site Engineer

**Involvement:** Designed a ten story (G+10) apartment building north of Tehran.

## **Apartment Building: Asaloye Flats**

**Firm/Location:** Garmabsard/ Iran

**Designation:** Architect

**Involvement:** Provided quality control during the construction of an eleven story apartment building, leading and supervising the project to meet the deadline.

## **Villa: 2006 Dubai Residence**

**Firm/Location:** DZone/ Dubai

**Designation:** Architect

**Involvement:** Based on input from lead architect on client needs, designed, drew plans, created 3D renderings, worked drawings, and gained approval from the municipality for the construction of a two-story villa.

## **Villa: 2007 Dubai Residence**

**Firm/Location:** DZone/ Dubai

**Designation:** Architect

**Involvement:** Based on input from lead architect on client needs, designed, drew plans, created 3D renderings, worked drawings, and gained approval from the municipality for the construction of a two-story villa in Dubai. The primary focus and inspiration for the design was rooted in creating a sustainable space that maximized the use of natural light and minimized electrical usage.





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### **Villa: Dubai Villa Interior 2006**

**Firm/Location:** DZone/ Dubai

**Designation:** Architect / Interior Designer

**Involvement:** Designing the interior of a residential villa according to the cultural sensitivities of the client, the number of children, and the ages of the family members who were to reside there.



### **Palace Renovation: Sudan House**

**Firm/Location:** Silver Art/ Dubai

**Designation:** Architect

**Involvement:** In order to improve the poor quality of finishes and impractical design of an existing palace in Sudan, re-designed the living rooms and dining room according to the culture and atmosphere of the area, opening up the spaces, creating logical flow, and using local materials to reduce the cost of transportation and save time on a project with strict deadlines and budgetary requirements.

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## COMMERCIAL (ARCHITECTURAL)



### **Mixed-use Complex: Ghesm Live-work Building**

**Firm/Location:** Garmabsard/ Iran

**Designation:** Designer

**Involvement:** Architectural design of a five story (G+4) building, including shops on the ground level and residential apartments on upper floors.

### **Factory: Asaloye Ice Factory**

**Firm/Location:** Garmabsard/ Iran

**Designation:** Designer

**Involvement:** Created architectural designs for a two-level ice factory, with the factory on the ground level, and offices and worker facilities on the first floor.

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## Hotel: Fortress Hotel Dubai

**Firm/Location:** DZone/ Dubai

**Designation:** Architect

**Involvement:** Created a conceptual design for a hotel to reflect the culture and heritage of the United Arab Emirates, using the traditional fortress as the primary inspiration for the project. The orientation of the building and design of the doors and windows were developed with an eye to sustainability in the extremely hot environment, using a central courtyard to maximize airflow and create a sense of airy openness.

## Hotel: Wind Tower Hotel Dubai

**Firm/Location:** DZone/ Dubai

**Designation:** Architect

**Involvement:** Designed a hotel around the concept of sustainability via a wind tower, while maintaining aesthetic touches in keeping with the taste and culture of the United Arab Emirates. The project came in 10% under budget, earning DZone another three projects from the client.

## Sports Stadium: Basra University Stadium

**Firm/Location:** Project-Based/ Basra, Iraq

**Designation:** Designer

**Involvement:** Designed an multi-sport international stadium based on Olympic standards with seating for 20,000 people with full facilities, including ticket counters, locker rooms, bathrooms, and parking.

## Jetty: Private Marina Floating Jetty

**Firm/Location:** Attar Construction and Road Contracting/ Abu Dhabi

**Designation:** Architect / Designer

**Involvement:** Designed and created shop drawings for a floating concrete jetty in a private marina in Abu Dhabi.



## COMMERCIAL (INTERIOR)



## Office Building: Oman Electrical Transmission Company (OETC) buildings

**Firm/Location:** Unique Seventh Dimension/ Oman

**Designation:** Architectural Engineer / Site Engineer

**Involvement:** Designed and created shop drawing for a three-building renovation project for the government of Oman. Attended weekly client meetings to ensure the project was proceeding on-time and on-budget. The project required the use of existing material and an existing structure to which new elements were added on a very tight project budget.

## Restaurant: Bike Burger

**Firm/Location:** Unique Seventh Dimension, Oman

**Designation:** Architectural Engineer

**Involvement:** Designed the interior of a restaurant based on the theme of bikers by up-cycling used Harley-Davidson parts as art objects hanging from the walls and ceiling, as well as creating custom dining tables and chairs to fit with the overall feel of the space.



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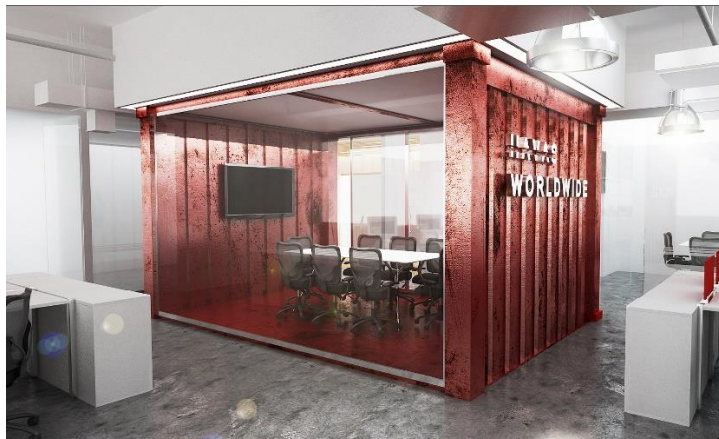
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## **Restaurant: Turkish Restaurant and Coffee Shop**

**Firm/Location:** Unique Seventh Dimension/ Oman

**Designation:** Architectural Engineer / Site Engineer

**Involvement:** Met with clients and developed a concept and shop drawings for a restaurant based on their desire to incorporate Turkish cultural elements into their space.



## **Office: Havas Group**

**Firm/Location:** Unique Seventh Dimension/ Oman

**Designation:** Architectural Engineer / Site Engineer

**Involvement:** Created concept and shop drawings and supervised construction through hand over, of a new creative area for a group of PR graphic designers and photographers, based on the concept of industrial-modern. The centerpiece of the minimalist, open plan was a bright red Conex shipping container, which served as the conference room.

## **Hotel: Bowsher 4-Star Hotel**

**Firm/Location:** Unique Seventh Dimension/ Oman

**Designation:** Architectural Engineer

**Involvement:** Met with client, designed, planned, and created shop drawings for a renovation of the lobby, guest rooms, and restaurants of an urban, four-star hotel, modernizing the feel through the use of natural wood and stone.

## **Hotel: Sur 4-Star Hotel**

**Firm/Location:** Unique Seventh Dimension/ Oman

**Designation:** Architectural Engineer

**Involvement:** After the architectural failure of the original firm, stepped in to salvage the hotel project through the interior design of the space, incorporating the popular arabesque designs of Morocco for a high-end, culturally appropriate feel.

## **Restaurant: Automatic Lebanese Restaurant**

**Firm/Location:** Unique Seventh Dimension/ Oman

**Designation:** Architectural Engineer / Site Engineer

**Involvement:** Worked with client to develop a design for the company re-branding, taking their restaurants from fast food joints to higher-end, casual restaurants. Conducted weekly site visits to ensure the quality of the construction through the hand-over. The resulting design was so successful that the other four branches in Oman plan to follow the same renovation plan. The concept was meant to introduce the vibrant colour and old-world-meets-modern charm of the cafes of Lebanon, using the colorful paint on the wooden surfaces, custom designed, rustic furniture, lantern lighting, and terracotta tile flooring.

## **Coffee Shop: Sharjah Coffee Shop**

**Firm/Location:** DZone/ Sharjah

**Designation:** Architect

**Involvement:** Created the designs and work schedule for the renovation of the interior of a small coffee shop with a focus on fast completion and tight budgets. Saved the original furnishings that were in good condition and refurbished broken pieces to maximize value for the money. Project was handed over on time and under budget.

## **Retail Shop: Sharjah Chocolate Shop**

**Firm/Location:** DZone/ Dubai

**Designation:** Architect

**Involvement:** Designed space based on the requirement of the client to resemble an old-time wooden wagon, out of which the chocolate would be sold. The construction drawings were based on the existing walls to meet the specifications of the space and municipal codes.

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## Rental Car Shop: Frankford Rental Car

**Firm/Location:** DZone/ Dubai

**Designation:** Architect

**Involvement:** Met with clients to develop a renovation plan based on existing structure, piping, and electrical systems, then oversaw construction and managed contractors in order to keep the project on-schedule and up to company standards of quality, from documentation to safety, under the supervision of the project manager.

## Body Shop: Body Shop Dubai

**Firm/Location:** DZone/ Dubai

**Designation:** Architect

**Involvement:** Working with the client, re-designed a mall body shop interior to easy circulation and a welcoming environment for waiting customers and their children through the use of colorful paint and warm lighting. Supervised the construction, coordinating with the mall tenant coordinator and get all necessary approvals for site work, assisting in the acquisition of construction permits, launching construction work on site, receiving quotes for minor work, monitoring work progress, and reporting on progress to the project manager.

## Retail Shop: Wafi Centre Shop

**Firm/Location:** DZone/ Dubai

**Designation:** Architect

**Involvement:** Designed the interior of a Moroccan shop in the Wafi Centre shopping complex in traditional, royal Moroccan style. Supervised the construction, monitoring work progress, coordinating furniture installation and receives materials at the site, monitoring quantities for final account settlement, ensured payments were settled on-time (final settlement and defect liability period), and guided and monitored site foremen throughout the day-to-day construction period.

## Retail Shop: Duty-Free Shop Dubai

**Firm/Location:** Lintal LLC/ Dubai

**Designation:** Designer

**Involvement:** Designed the interior lobby, bar, lounge area, and second floor restaurant for a duty free shop in Dubai, producing designs, plans, and 3D renderings for the client.

## Office: Dubai and Sharjah Interiors

**Firm/Location:** DZone/ Dubai & Sharjah

**Designation:** Architect

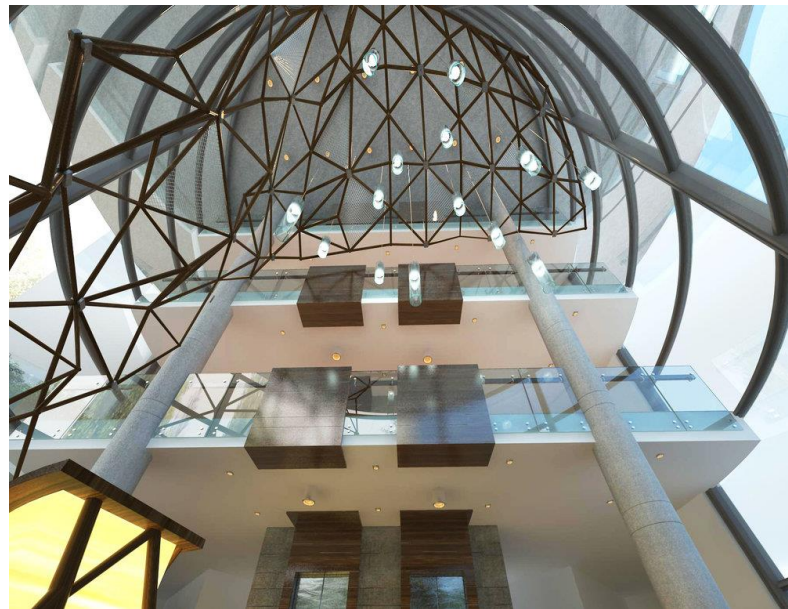
**Involvement:** Designed office spaces for easy employee circulation, employee privacy, and lots of natural light, then supervised construction, obtaining construction permits, launching construction work, receiving quotes for minor work, monitoring progress, coordinating furniture installation, receiving materials on-site, managing the foreman and construction crews, settling final payments, and reporting to the project manager.

## Retail Shop: Dubai Perfume Shop

**Firm/Location:** Silver Art/ Dubai

**Designation:** Designer

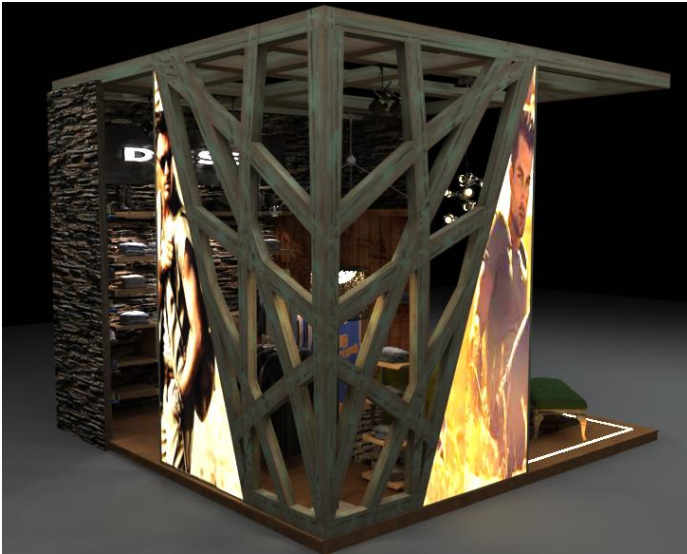
**Involvement:** Met with the client, sketched out concepts for initial approval, drew the plans and shop drawings with client input for brand-based design and display, keeping the accessibility of the products for customers, and the client's tight budget, in mind.



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## EXHIBITION STANDS



### **Exhibition Stand: Diesel Clothing**

**Firm/Location:** Silane Sabz/ Iran

**Designation:** Architect

**Involvement:** Created exhibition stand based on the color of the company logo, drawing colors and inspirations from the new collection that was to be displayed, outfitting the space with both a showroom for the collection and fitting rooms for potential customers to try on the goods.

### **Exhibition Stand: Men's Clothing (local designer)**

**Firm/Location:** Silane Sabz/ Iran

**Designation:** Architect

**Involvement:** Design the stand to maximize the visibility of the garments being displayed. The space also included fitting rooms and a cashier counter.

### **Exhibition Stand: Dubai LULU**

**Firm/Location:** DZone/ Dubai

**Designation:** Architect

**Involvement:** Designed a stand for the new-launch of a perfume that they wanted to sell, based on the specifications of the management of the exhibition hall, and the shape of the perfume bottle itself. Our design maximized the space through a special shape and lighting, to make the stand eye-catching and comfortable to work in and to walk through.

### **Exhibition Stand: Iranian Accessories**

**Firm/Location:** Silane Sabz/ Iran

**Designation:** Architect

**Involvement:** Created exhibition stand based on the size of the accessories and needs of the client for storage of the stand in-between exhibitions, and desired visibility of the products during the expos. The stand was designed for maximum flow, encouraging people to pass through the product offerings at a steady pace.



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