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Curriculum Vitae

Maria Anna Economides CV

Profile

Architecture-trained Design Manager with interior design and FF&E experience across the MENA region since 2013. Manages luxury residential and commercial projects at Al Futtaim Group Private Properties, from concept through final execution. Consistently rated as exceeding expectations and recognised for excellence in design management.

Skills

DESIGN

Conceptual thinking, experiential design and storytelling
Design development and detailing
Luxury hospitality, public areas and guest environments
Luxury residential interiors
FF&E design and procurement

DESIGN MANAGEMENT

Interior design and FF&E from concept through execution
Alignment with project objectives, budgets and client expectations
Internal stakeholder and external consultant coordination
Design quality, functionality and user experience

PROJECT & VALUE-ADDED LEADERSHIP

Project Interior Design Lead and Project FF&E Lead experience
Team leadership and mentoring
Communication and interpersonal skills
Conflict resolution, analytical thinking and problem-solving

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Experience

Mar 2024 –
present

DESIGN MANAGER, INTERIOR DESIGN & FF&E

Al Futtaim Group Private Properties, Dubai

Lead interior design and FF&E for the Al Futtaim family's private residential and commercial projects in the UAE and Europe, from concept through final execution.

Coordinate internal stakeholders and external consultants, aligning design quality, functionality and the user experience with project objectives and client expectations.

Mar 2023 –
Mar 2024

ASSOCIATE DESIGNER & PROJECT LEAD

1508 London, Dubai

Worked with the Design Principal to oversee concepts and design implementation across concurrent luxury projects. Managed resources and budgets, and led and mentored senior and project designers.

May 2021 –
Mar 2023

SENIOR DESIGNER, INTERIOR DESIGN & FF&E

1508 London, Dubai

Led luxury hospitality and residential projects, managing teams, programme and budget requirements. Oversaw scope, consultant coordination and client approvals.

Sep 2020 –
Apr 2021

SENIOR PROJECT DESIGNER, FF&E

Wilson Associates, Dubai

Developed FF&E for luxury hospitality and food and beverage projects, with a focus on specialist materials and detailed design. Built relationships with suppliers and custom manufacturers to realise design intent.

Apr 2017 –
Sep 2020

PROJECT DESIGNER, FF&E

Wilson Associates, Dubai

Contributed to hospitality and food and beverage projects within multidisciplinary teams. Selected to represent the studio at the 2019 Commercial Interior Design Awards and shortlisted for Young Designer of the Year.

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Experience

Dec 2016 –
Apr 2017

SENIOR FF&E INTERIOR DESIGNER

Draw Link Group, Dubai

Led FF&E from concept through procurement for projects across MENA, including shop drawing reviews, custom manufacturing and value engineering.

Sep 2013 –
Dec 2016

FF&E INTERIOR DESIGNER

Draw Link Group, Dubai

Contributed to hospitality, food and beverage, and residential projects. Selected to represent the studio at the 2016 Commercial Interior Design Awards and shortlisted for Young Designer of the Year.

2010 –
2011

PART I ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANT

Economides & Mitchell Chartered Architects, Nicosia

Developed AutoCAD skills while working alongside the chief architects and gained project delivery experience through construction site visits.

Education

Master in Architecture | RIBA Part II

University of Westminster, 2013

Bachelor (Hons) Architecture | RIBA Part I

University of Sheffield, 2010

Recognition

Commercial Interior Design Awards — Young Designer of the Year shortlist, 2016 and 2019.

Languages

English and Greek (native)
Spanish (conversational)
French (basic)

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Projects

1508 LONDON

Capella Hotel — Diriyah, Saudi Arabia

Armani Hotel — Diriyah, Saudi Arabia

Four Seasons Resort at Anahita — Mauritius; renovation

The Villa Complex, VVIP client — Dubai, UAE

La Mer South Residences — Dubai, UAE

VVIP Luxury Private Villas Complex — Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

WILSON ASSOCIATES

Marriott Doha — Qatar · Marriott Taghazout — Morocco

Palace Downtown — Dubai, UAE; renovation · Oberoi Mecca — Saudi Arabia

Address Marassi Beach Resort & Serviced Apartments — Egypt

Address Marassi Golf Resort & Spa — Egypt

MGM Beach Resort Hotel · Bellagio Hotel — Dubai, UAE

The Island Hotels, Pools & Facilities — Dubai, UAE

The Island Central Feature — Dubai; multipurpose venue, theatre, ballroom, retail and food and beverage spaces serving Bellagio, Aria and MGM

Cairo Festival City Sports & Social Club — Cairo, Egypt

Jumeirah Marsa Al Arab — Dubai, UAE

Corniche Park Towers Swissotel Doha — Qatar

Pai Thai, Al Qasr Hotel — Dubai, UAE; renovation

DRAW LINK GROUP

InterContinental Dubai Marina · Rosemont Hotel by Hilton — Dubai, UAE

Radisson Blu Resort & Spa Sousse — Tunisia

Mövenpick Hotel Apartments — Dubai, UAE; renovation

Mercato Trattoria · Roberto's Restaurant — DIFC, Dubai, UAE

Luxury residences — Dubai Hills, UAE

Les Jardins du Lac Penthouse — Tunisia