

# AAKRITI DHALIWAL

## INTERIOR DESIGNER

Enthusiastic and committed professional who thrives on challenges and aspires to become a successful interior designer, willing to work in any challenging environment.

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## EDUCATION

### DIPLOMA IN ARCHITECTURAL INTERIOR DESIGN

*Inchbald School of Design, London | 2012 - 2013*

The school addressed the fundamental elements of design in interiors, covering spatial planning, design concepts and use of light, colour, texture and materials. Involving successful interpretation of the client brief and incorporating psychological and emotional considerations.

Projects undertaken during my courses included:

- Display cabinets for luxury brand;
- Residential home/Penthouse in up-market central London;
- Plumbing for bathrooms;
- Lighting technicalities of bathrooms; and
- A luxury hotel foyer.

### BACHELORS IN JOURNALISM

*Amity University, India | 2009 - 2012*

### HIGH SCHOOL

*Apeejay School, India | 2002 - 2009*

### PRIMARY EDUCATION

*Indian School Al Wadi Al Kabir, Oman | 1995 - 2002*

## SKILLS

Site analysis

Coordination

Project management

Organisation

Concept

Client communication

Material sampling

Spatial planning

Problem solving

Multitasking

Material moodboards

Presentation

## RECOGNITION

### COMMERCIAL INTERIOR DESIGN AWARDS MIDDLE EAST

Shortlisted: Young Interior designer  
of the Year 2017

## IT-PROFICIENCY

Procreate (currently pursuing)  
Photoshop  
AutoCAD  
Microsoft

## EXPERIENCE

### FREELANCER

#### *Interior Designer | 2021 - Present*

I recently transitioned into freelancing, offering customised design solutions for residential and commercial projects. As a freelancer, I manage end-to-end design execution, from conceptualisation to final delivery, while handling client acquisition, budgeting, vendor negotiations, and quality control.

##### Key Projects:

- Residential Villa, Al Furjan, Dubai, UAE
- Hotel Hyatt Centric, Chandigarh, India
- Private home, India (464sqm)
- Farmhouse, India (828sqm)

### HIRSCH BEDNER ASSOCIATES, DELHI

#### *Intermediate Interior Designer | 2020 - 2021*

Key Project: Hyatt Centric, Chandigarh, India

My responsibilities include:

- Refining concept designs: Translating approved concepts into detailed, functional layouts with precise dimensions and specifications.
- Producing mood boards and material presentations to communicate design intent.
- IFC (Issued for Construction) Packages: Compiling and coordinating construction-ready documents, ensuring accuracy and compliance.
- Material & FF&E Selection: Selecting and specifying finishes, furniture, fixtures, and equipment (FF&E) in line with project aesthetics and budget.
- Vendor & Contractor Coordination: Liaising with suppliers, manufacturers, and contractors for procurement, quality control, and installation supervision.

### INTERIOR MOTIVES, DUBAI

#### *Interior Designer | 2015 - 2020*

We have undertaken projects in the Middle East including UAE, Saudi Arabia and Oman for hotels groups including: Ibis, Adagio, Mercure, Radisson Blu, Movenpick, Swissotel, Address Resort, Holiday Inn and Hilton.

##### Key Projects:

- Address Resort, Fujairah, UAE
- Swissotel, Jeddah, KSA
- Mercure Hotel, Dubai, UAE
- Adagio Apartments, Dubai, UAE
- Ibis Styles, Dubai, UAE
- Ibis Hotel, Jizan, KSA
- Richreit Tower, Dubai, UAE
- Movenpick, Dubai, UAE

My responsibilities include:

- Led concept design, developing mood boards, spatial layouts, and 3D visualizations aligned with project objectives.
- Presented design concepts to clients, effectively communicating ideas through visual presentations and material boards.
- Manage & Oversaw design development drawings, including floor plans, elevations, sections, and material specifications.
- Manage & Prepare IFC (Issued for Construction) packages, ensuring technical accuracy and compliance with project requirements.

- Managed FF&E specifications, selecting furniture, fixtures, and materials while coordinating with suppliers and vendors.
- Oversaw fit-out coordination, liaising with contractors and consultants to ensure seamless execution.
- Ensured regulatory code compliance, incorporating fire safety, accessibility, and sustainability standards.
- Conducted project management tasks, monitoring budgets, timelines, and on-site progress.
- Collaborated with MEP, structural engineers, and stakeholders to integrate technical aspects efficiently.

## **ARAB CONSULTING ENGINEERS, QATAR**

*Internship | 11/2014 - 02/2014*

Assisting the Senior Architect in:

- Residential compound design;
- Camel farm design; and
- Tender proposals preparations for villas and medical centers.

## **JULIETTE BYRNE, LONDON**

*Internship | 04/2013 - 08/2013*

Key responsibilities included:

- Meeting clients to understand their specific need;
- Concept hand sketches for clients;
- Drawing plans on vector works and concepts on Photoshop;
- Sourcing materials and making sample boards; and
- Site visits for concept design and installation.

## **GREY WORLDWIDE, INDIA**

*Internship | 02/2012 - 03/2012*

Key responsibilities included:

- Meeting with clients and working on company branding; and
- Assisting clients in their branding and advertising

## **AL JAZEERA, QATAR**

*Internship | 05/2011 - 06/2011*

Key responsibilities included:

- Assisting in Creative and Design department;
- Supporting the Technical department for equipment use;
- Learning the daily and weekly targets in the Planning Department; and
- Completing a project report submitted and accepted by the Management

## **REFERENCE**

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