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Who We Are

Dewan Architects + Engineers is a collective of architects, engineers, designers, planners, builders, makers, thinkers, and visionaries. Our collaborative team amasses over 35 years experience of designing and constructing innovative projects that redefine skylines, connect locals and visitors to cultural icons, and drastically raise the standard for sustainability.

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1984

Dewan Established

1st Office,
Abu Dhabi,
United Arab Emirates

Since establishing our first office in 1984 in Abu Dhabi, Dewan has been integral to the Middle East's booming architectural and engineering industries. We've enhanced cities and suburban areas across the Middle East, from constructing Fountain Views, a spectacular mixed use residential development in Dubai, to designing Mamsha Al Saadiat, a master-planned community that promotes social cohesion through incorporating pristine beaches, stunning apartments, and world-class museums. Dewan is also a key partner in Saudi Vision 2030, the Kingdom's



Future -Ready

ambitious initiative to modernize and diversify its economy, with a focus on sustainable development. We're a team of optimists and innovators who motivate each other and our industry at-large to continue to push the boundaries of architecture. Dewan operates in a dozen countries across Europe, the Middle East, and Asia, specializing in mixed use, hospitality, residential, commercial, education, retail, and urban planning. Widely recognized by influential publications and numerous industry awards, Dewan continually elevates architecture's role in contributing to thriving societies.

What We Do

Dewan Architects + Engineers is a full-service design firm that manages complex and demanding projects of all sizes. Our multidisciplinary team leverages the latest technologies in construction and architecture to maximize sustainability, create unique and boundary-breaking designs, and deliver large-scale projects on-time under tight budgets.

+ Expertise

Architecture

- Conceptual Design
- Design Development
- BIM/Revit
- Graphic Design
- Data-Driven Design

Engineering

- Structural Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering
- Electrical Engineering
- Civil Engineering
- Architectural Engineering



Master Planning

- Structural & Regional Planning
- Urban Planning
- District Units Planning
- Urban Regeneration & Renewal
- Landscape Design

Interior Design

- Space Planning
- Furniture Schedules
- Signage & Wayfinding
- Art Design

Sustainability

- LEED/ESTIDAMA (APs/PQPs)
- Energy Modeling
- Environmental Impact Studies
- Daylighting Modeling & Analysis

Post Contract

- Construction Management
- Construction Supervision
- Defects Liability Supervision
- Progress Reporting
- Cost Control & Planning
- Pre/Post Contract QS
- BOQs
- Value Engineering
- Contract Documentation

Global Reach

Our dedicated teams work in nearly a dozen countries across the Middle East and Europe and have partnered with more than 100 high profile firms around the world.

+ At a glance

400 +

Projects

500 +

Professionals

30 +

Awards & Rankings

08

Offices

39 +

Languages

50 +

Nationalities

Offices

– Abu Dhabi
United Arab Emirates

– Dubai
United Arab Emirates

– Sharjah
United Arab Emirates

– Riyadh
Saudi Arabia

– Cairo
Egypt

– Baghdad
Iraq

– Barcelona
Spain

– Manila
Philippines





Embassy of Iraq

Location Abu Dhabi, UAE
Size 6,500 sqm
Client Ministry of Foreign Affairs



Finished in a distinct yet understated style, the building's classical edifice conveys strength and solidity.

Modern yet intrinsically Iraqi with nuances of Islamic art, the Iraqi Embassy in Abu Dhabi presents a genuinely welcoming ambience. The central three-storey building is the embassy's administrative and office area, while an elegant two-level structure hosts the Ambassador's residence. There are also two single storey utility buildings, in addition to a guard house. Finished in a distinct yet understated style, the building's classical edifice conveys strength and solidity. The project included landscaping and all civil and electromechanical engineering.

| **Astana**
Grand Mosque

Location Astana, Kazakhstan
Size 80,000 sqm
Client Sembol Construction

The world’s largest covered Sahan in the winter time, Inspired by the wisdom of Islam and its word.

The design is celebrated by its gardens and lush flowers that draw its vision from the 120 reference made in the Quran on Janat al Firdaws. The flooring pattern in the main Sahan is a circle with 8 axes that symbolize the spread of God’s word and the people’s embrace of Islam from all directions of the world, while the 8 axes denote that 8 gates of Jannah mentioned in the Hadeeth. The grand mosque is the house of more than 10,000 worshippers in the main hall and another 16,000 in the Sahan who gather in this architectural marvel that holds witness to the teachings of Islam while writing another chapter in Kazakhstan story of self made achievement and innovation.





Modon Fishermans Wharf

Location Abu Dhabi, UAE
Size 1,340 sqm
Client Modon



Simple design and limited elements focusing on the spiritual, philosophical and the social values of a mosque.

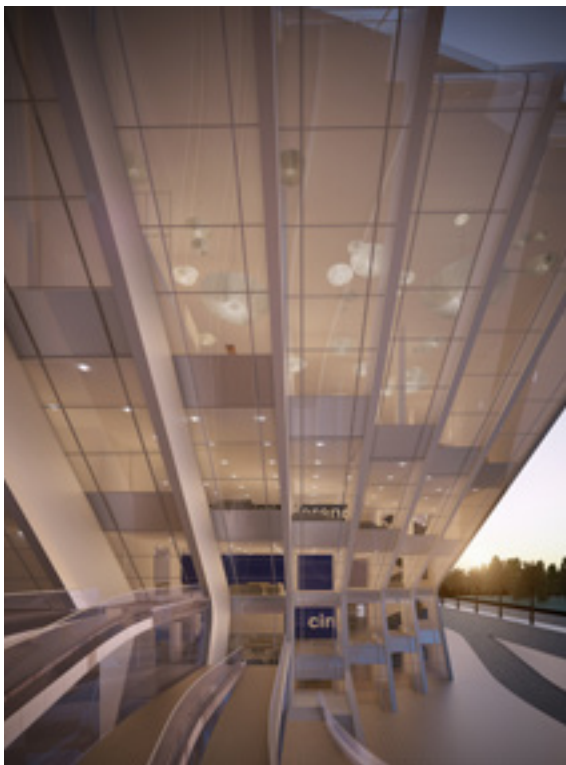
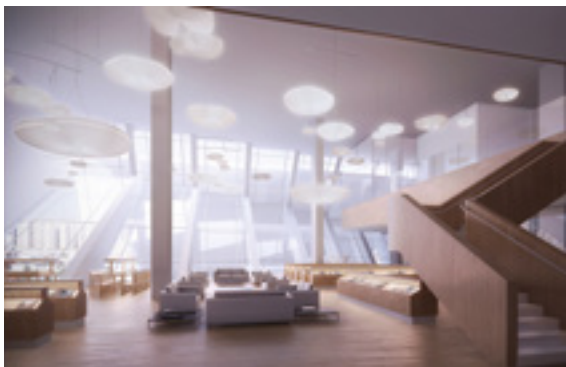
In the design process we've adopted a simplified architecture that is far from extravagance and opulence. Simplicity represents a deep architectural concept, this concept is reminiscent of what the international architect Mies van der Rohe used to say (less is more), as a way to express the most, through simple means. We've adopted this philosophical approach to enrich the design, a design that adheres to function as the criterion to guide the design process away from exaggerated ornamentation, emphasizing on the broad philosophical concept of form versus the content. The main guide in shaping the design is the first mosque in Medina where the Prophet (PBUH) implemented simple and limited elements focusing on the spiritual, philosophical and the social values of a mosque.

Basra
Culture Palace

Location Basra, Iraq
Size 21,000 sqm
Client Basra Governorate

Inspired by Arabic calligraphy the graded curvilinear architectural elements are also inspired by the pages of an open book.

The Culture Palace will be built near Shatt Al Basra, within the new administrative complex that also houses the new headquarters of the Basra Governorate. It will utilise the latest in sound and lighting technology, and conform to contemporary architectural codes of design, efficiency, sustainability, safety and security. However, it will also unmistakably convey Basra's proud heritage and visual legacy, while portraying a bright and prosperous image of the city around it. The iconic design is inspired by Arabic calligraphy and the way in which it encloses empty spaces with artistic strokes to create meaning and value. Diagonal openings in the building's façade represent the dots in Arabic calligraphy spreading across the main elevation they gradually decrease in size as they get closer to the main entrance, which is in fact an empty space. This remarkable void is the focal point of the Palace's architectural and engineering composition.





Basra Governorate HQ

Location Basra, Iraq
Size 51,000 sqm
Client Basra Governorate

The building's architecture and engineering is strongly and visibly influenced by the palm frond's organic structure.

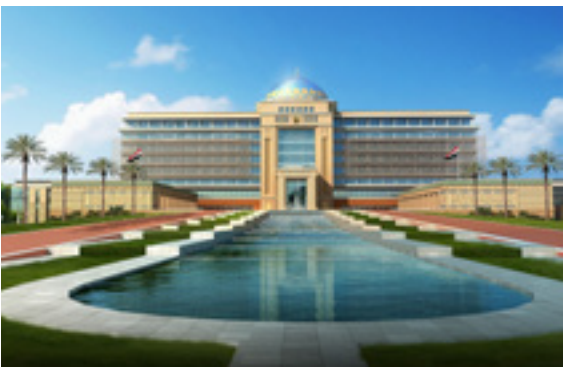
The new headquarters of the Basra Governorate are more than a structural edifice they are a vibrant statement of intent. The project aims to create a monumental landmark that not only represents the city's ambitions, but one that also tangibly contributes to the lives of its citizens by providing a variety of services and facilities. Winning first prize in the internationally contested competition, Dewan Architects & Engineers' design for the new headquarters is inspired by the palm frond a time-honoured and revered symbol of Basra.

Council of Minsiters
Complex

Location Baghdad, Iraq
Size 140,000 sqm
Client Council of Minsiters

The design pays homage to local tradition, with an impressive and magnificent scale, attention to detail, and stunning aesthetics.

Adorning a prime location on the banks of the ancient river Tigris in Baghdad, the new complex for the Council of Ministers is a majestic sight. Grandiose, yet with a distinct sense of purpose simultaneously representing the country's illustrious past as well as its vibrant future. The design proposed by Dewan Architects & Engineers won third prize in the international competition organised by the Council of Ministers. It features a clear and functional arrangement of the different buildings, which combines with the architecture's inherent transparency to symbolise the new and modern Iraq.





Sheikh Zayed Mosque Centre

Location Abu Dhabi, UAE
Size 5,000 sqm
Client Government of Abu Dhabi



Connected to the Grand Mosque via a “living bridge”, the Mosque Centre hosts a reception, multi purpose hall, library and retail outlets.

As the largest mosque in the United Arab Emirates and the eighth largest mosque in the world, the Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque is quite understandably an architectural masterpiece. A popular destination for both residents and tourists, its dedicated Mosque Centre offers everyone a warm welcome. Connected to the Grand Mosque via a fully integrated “living bridge”, the Mosque Centre hosts a reception area, multi-purpose hall, library, reading areas and retail outlets. It supports and dramatises a visitor's journey a concept based on the premise of identity and knowledge, where visitors move along a walkway towards truth and self discovery inside the Grand Mosque.

Hamdan Bin Zayed Mosque

Location

Al Ain, UAE

Size

390,000 sqm

Client

HH Sheikh Hamdan Bin Zayed

The design originates from the simple yet captivating polygonal Islamic pattern that forms the basis of its architectural grid.

A spiritual and architectural jewel for Al Ain, the Hamdan Bin Zayed Mosque brings together classical Islamic influences and contemporary design techniques. The mosque's iconic design originates from the simple yet captivating polygonal Islamic pattern that forms the basis of its architectural grid. The pattern then echoes throughout the mosque to create a consistent yet non-repetitive iteration that ensures harmonious continuity. The mosque's roof uses a double-skin technique that is aesthetically pleasing and environmentally sustainable. The double-skin allows air to freely circulate between the two skins, which in turn reduces heat transfer from the roof to the mosque's interiors thus helping to reduce internal air temperatures.





Al Khilani Mosque

Location Baghdad, Iraq
Size 52,000 sqm
Client Directorate of Islamic Endowments



The architectural language of the historical buildings was heavily inspired by the rich heritage of Iraqi Islamic design.

The Al Khillani Islamic Centre enjoys a preeminent location adjacent to the Al Khillani Historic Mosque, on the eastern side of the city of Baghdad. Conservation of the existing Mosque and library buildings were vital components of the design, influencing the concept for the centre. The project is composed of the Mosque, the religious school, a research centre, public library, a guesthouse for VIP visitors, multipurpose hall, VIP visitors' hall, halls for religious events, secondary halls for presentations and similar activities and commercial offices. The external courtyard of the complex occupies the maximum area possible in order to accommodate the large number of worshippers by orienting it towards the Qibla.

GCCIA
Headquarters

Location	Dammam, KSA
Size	12,000 sqm
Client	GCC Interconnection Authority

Hard and soft landscapes with water features are dotted around the complex to create a pleasant atmosphere and enhance the setting.

Dewan was awarded third place in the prestigious architectural competition to design the Gulf Cooperation Interconnection Authority Headquarters Building in Dammam, KSA. The project includes a main office building for the HQ, recreation centre and small mosque. The office block consists of G+6 luxurious office floors with basement floor for car parking and building services. In addition to providing a sophisticated venue complete with advanced technological systems, special consideration was given to the climate conditions, which influenced our choice of quality materials.





Maqam Zain Al Abedeen Mosque

Location Najaf, Iraq
Size 10,000 sqm
Client Shiaa Awqaaf Endowment



Consists of two floors where the ablution spaces are housed, thus ensuring the smooth circulation of the visitors to the Holy sites.

Taking inspiration from the traditional forms of Iraqi Islamic architecture, where colonnades and arches dominate, together with the subtle elegance of the architectural language of the adjacent Safi Safa shrine, Dewan's plans for Maqam Imam Zein Al Abdeen was heavily influenced by its highly significant location. The Maqam's site is on the main road to the west of the old city of Najaf, on a clifftop overlooking the Sea of Najaf and the Imam Ali Holy Shrine. Emphasising the visual relationship with both adjacent holy Shrines was an integral part of the design, and this was achieved through the creation of a central courtyard surrounded by open colonnades that complement the Maqam's distinguished surroundings.

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