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Profile

Davide Algranti is an accomplished Design Director with a specialization in luxury hospitality and branded F&B outlets. Raised amidst art and antiques, thanks to his renowned art critic/dealer father, Davide's unique upbringing in Milan and London has shaped his multifaceted approach to design.

With over 22 years of international experience, Davide has lived and worked across the USA, Europe, Australia, China, the Middle East, and Africa. His diverse portfolio spans hotel development, hotel renovation, concept design, spatial design, urban planning, and F&B outlet design, with a focus on leading and collaborating within dynamic teams. His recent focus has been on interior design for luxury hotels, branded F&B outlets, corporate HQs, and private residences across the MENA and GCC regions.

A captivating storyteller with a proactive and dynamic leadership, Davide excels in mentoring and managing medium to large multicultural teams through all project phases until final handover. His expertise spans from RFP and feasibility studies to concept design, schematic design, design development, tendering, FF&E specifications, value engineering, site management, QA/QC, pre-opening coordination, and project governance — ensuring brand standards compliance, KPI tracking, risk management, budget control, and the highest guest experience quality throughout.

Summary of Employment

- 2020 - Present **DAD Est.2019**, Founder & Design Director, Dubai, UAE
- DAD (Davide Algranti Design) Is currently focusing on few High-End Residential Projects and Premium F&B Outlet in Africa and GCC as Main Consultant/ Lead Designer or as Client Representative.
- 2019 – 2020 **Al Akaria Hamni** Interior Design Director, Riyadh, KSA
- Director of all aspect related to Interior Design for **Al Widyan** mega project (7,000000 sqm build up area.) Al Widyan is part of 2030 Vision and is an integrated sustainable development inclusive of high-rise mix-use residential, offices, villas districts, waterpark and theme park. My responsibilities cover Brand standards compliance, interior architecture, FF&E specification, master schedule management, cross-functional leadership, ID Studio set up, to interface the Client, leading, managing and coordinating all external and internal consultant.
- 2017- 2019 **Al Burj International Consulting** Managing Director, Dubai,UAE
- Design Director of Hospitality, Residential and Urban Planning projects across UAE and Lebanon. Full project phases: concept design, FF&E & OS&E specification, tender documentation, cost plan, value engineering, snagging. Stakeholder and contractor negotiation; QA/QC management.
- 2014 - 2017 **HBA** Associate Director, Dubai,UAE
- Associate Director — Emaar Hospitality. Directed luxury hotel development and branded residences for Emaar Properties in Dubai and KSA. Brand standards compliance, interior architecture, FF&E specification, Value Engineering, master schedule management, cross-functional leadership, pre-opening coordination.
- 2010 - 2014 **Lusso LLC** Founding Partner & Managing Director, Dubai,UAE
- In charge of hospitality, corporate, landscape and large residential projects. Full project governance from concept design through fit-out, FF&E procurement, site supervision, and handover. Multicultural team leadership; budget control; vendor and contractor coordination.

- 2007- 2010 **Algranti & Ferrari** *Founding Partner & Design Director, Dubai,UAE*
 - Commercial, Corporate and Mix Residential Projects.
- 2005 - 2007 **KEO International Consultant WLL** *Senior Architect & Planner. Dubai*
 - Leisure Planner, Urban and Architectural Design and Master planning
- 2001 - 2005 **Cox Richardson** *Architect & Planner, Sydney*
 - Leisure Planner, architectural design and Master planning.

Area of Expertise

- **Hotel Development & Brand Standards:** Deep expertise in leading new hotel developments and renovations from concept through handover. Defines and refines brand design guidelines, ensuring consistent brand identity and five-star brand standards across hotels, branded residences, and F&B outlets.
- **Project Governance & Delivery:** Proven track record in end-to-end project governance across MENA, GCC, and international markets. Manages risk, resource allocation, budget control, master schedule, and KPI tracking — delivering complex, multi-phase hospitality and mixed-use projects on time and within budget.
- **Cross-functional Leadership & Stakeholder Negotiation:** Extensive experience driving cross-functional collaboration across design, development, and operations. Skilled in influencing and negotiating with owners, designers, contractors, vendors, and consultants to align all parties toward high-quality, brand-compliant outcomes.
- **FF&E Specification and Procurement:** In-depth expertise in FF&E procurement processes — from design brief and finishes schedules through tender documentation, cost plans, value engineering, and site implementation. Consistently delivers excellence within client-approved budgets.
- **Interior Architecture & Spatial Design:** Full design capability across all project stages: concept design, schematic design, design development, and construction documentation. Maintains design integrity and QA/QC compliance at every phase, from initial brief to final snagging.
- **Guest Experience Strategy:** Designs spaces that strengthen brand positioning and elevate guest experience — from F&B outlets, lobbies, and public areas to guest rooms, suites, spas, and branded residences. Integrates current hospitality trends and sustainability standards in line with global best practices.
- **Site Management & Pre-Opening Coordination:** Experienced in supervising and coordinating construction work, ensuring full compliance with MEP, structural, and design drawings. Leads pre-opening coordination and final handover, managing site teams and contractors to maintain design integrity throughout.
- **Feasibility, Planning & Strategic Thinking:** Proven ability in conceptualising, analysing, and strategizing within the built environment across scales — from individual hotel buildings to large mixed-use masterplans. Works with developers, municipalities, and governmental entities worldwide.
- **Multicultural Team Leadership & Communication:** Manages medium to large multicultural and multidisciplinary teams across all project phases. Known for a collaborative, proactive management style. Excellent communication skills for client relationship management, scope definition, design presentations, and stakeholder reporting.
- **Market Knowledge & Global Supplier Network:** Strong knowledge of luxury market products and a vast network of global suppliers, manufacturers, and trade professionals. Actively engaged in trade shows, industry conferences, and international travel to stay ahead of design and hospitality trends.

Education

University of Pennsylvania
 Philadelphia, PA USA

June 2001
 Master of Architecture
 M.Arch II

University of Philadelphia
 Philadelphia, PA USA

December 1996
 Bachelor of Science in Architecture
 Honors Dean's List

Polytechnic of Milan, School of Architecture
 Milan, Italy

September 1990-1992
 Candidate in Department of Urban Planning