RIMA KABAKEBBJI

INTERIOR ARCHITECT AND DESIGNER

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PROFILE

Passionate Interior Architect and Designer with a strong foundation in 3D design, spatial planning, and exhibition environments. Skilled in developing holistic solutions from concept to completion, including CAD drawings, 3D renderings, and prototypes. Experienced in collaborating with curatorial, conservation, and technical teams to deliver engaging, functional, and compliant exhibition designs.

With a multicultural background—raised by Arab parents and having lived in Italy, the UK and UAE—I bring a global perspective to design, blending elegance and warmth with cultural sensitivity. My experience includes curating cultural exhibitions, volunteering with Islamic associations in Italy, and coordinating the Islamic Relief fundraising stand at EXPO Milan 2015.

EDUCATION

BA (Hons) in Interior Architecture and Design - 2018-2020

Birmingham City University, UK

LANGUAGES

- Arabic (Native)
- Italian (Native)
- English (Fluent)

DESIGN SOFTWARE

- Autocad
- Revit
- Sketchup
- Adobe Suite
- Twinmotion
- Rhino
- Microsoft Office

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WORK EXPERIENCE

Milan EXPO 2015 - Islamic Relief Italia

2015

Fundraising and exhibition Stand Coordinator

- Led the design and operation of the Islamic Relief fundraising stand at EXPO Milan, an international platform with millions of visitors.
- Oversaw the visual presentation, display materials, and visitor experience, ensuring the stand was both functional and impactful.
- Engaged with the public, effectively communicating organizational values while enhancing the aesthetic and experiential appeal of the stand.
- Coordinated a group of volunteers to achieve fundraising targets

Various Islamic Cultural Associations - Italy Exhibitions and Cultural Events Volunteer

2013-2018

- Designed and supported cultural shows, exhibitions, and events, creating engaging environments that highlighted Islamic art, heritage, and identity.
- Coordinated with community stakeholders, ensuring that displays were both visually compelling and culturally sensitive.
- Contributed to exhibition layout, event setup, and visitor engagement, reinforcing skills in spatial planning and holistic design.

Sony PlayStation - UK Customer Service Advisor

2020-2022

- Strengthened communication and problem-solving skills by managing client inquiries and delivering solutions under strict deadlines.
- Applied technical troubleshooting expertise, ensuring smooth digital user experiences—skills transferable to managing visitor-centered exhibition environments.

D5 Architects - UK Assistant Architect

2019

- Supported senior architects in the design and development of functional and visually compelling structures, producing detailed plans, elevations, and specifications.
- Collaborated with cross-functional teams and contractors, ensuring smooth project execution within established standards and regulations.
- Gained expertise in architectural detailing, object display solutions, and project documentation, applicable to museum exhibition design.
- Utilized CAD, Revit, and SketchUp to translate conceptual ideas into technical drawings and visual presentations.

Birmingham City University - Graduation Show Graphic Designer Assistant

2020

- Designed and executed compelling graphics for the University Graduation Show, contributing to the event's visual identity and visitor experience.
- Produced visualizations and design assets, enhancing audience engagement and supporting curatorial presentation.