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Professional Summary

Accomplished architect and design leader with over 20 years of experience delivering residential, commercial, institutional, and civic projects. Recognized for fusing aesthetic vision with regulatory precision, balancing design, sustainability, and constructability. Skilled at guiding multi-phase projects through complex approvals, managing multidisciplinary teams, and engaging clients and city officials with confidence. Bilingual in English and Spanish, with a proven ability to build bridges across cultures and contexts.

Core Competencies

- Design Innovation & Vision – Translating conceptual clarity into buildable, sustainable, and human-centred architecture, from early ideation through rigorous execution.
- Strategic Problem-Solving – Stabilizing complex social, spatial, technical, and political conditions through holistic thinking, sound judgment, and practical resolution.
- Project, Risk & Commercial Management – Leading multi-phase work across budgets, schedules, and regulatory frameworks while managing financial risk, QA/QC, and delivery certainty.
- Client, Public & Stakeholder Engagement – Trusted advisor adept at aligning client goals, municipal expectations, and community interests through clear listening and decisive leadership.
- Communication, Translation & Storytelling – Converting complex ideas into clear narratives that unite designers, planners, authorities, and non-technical audiences.
- Leadership, Mentorship & Team Building – Strengthening teams through accountability, coaching, and example; accelerating talent development and organizational stability.
- Regulatory & Political Fluency – Navigating permits, codes, and approvals with confidence, negotiation skill, and a deep understanding of municipal processes.
- Analytical & Technical Precision – Systems-driven thinker with disciplined attention to constructability, tolerances, workflows, and technical integrity.
- Adaptability & Cultural Agility – Operating fluidly across roles, regions, and project types; bilingual in English and Spanish with strong cross-cultural awareness.
- End-to-End Process Stewardship – Orchestrating projects from first conversation to final delivery, aligning vision, people, systems, and execution.
- Human-Centred Leadership & Judgment – Making timely, high-stakes decisions under uncertainty while protecting trust, morale, and long-term outcomes.
- Cultural, Artistic & Authorship Practice – Published author and reflective practitioner with deep cultural literacy; bringing philosophical depth, artistic sensitivity, and a refined sense of the sublime to design, narrative, and decision-making.

Professional Experience

KCC Architecture Ltd. – White Rock, BC

Planner I Dec 2023 – Jan 2026

Lead planning and design coordination for civic, institutional, and mixed-use developments. Manage building and development permit submissions, ensuring full compliance with the BC Building Code.

Coordinate with consultants and engineers while liaising with city staff to resolve complex regulatory comments.

Facilitate clear client communication and deliverables across design, planning, and execution phases.

LLARQUITECTURA

Managing Director, Lead Architect & Builder I Jan 2014 – Present

Directed all phases of architectural practice, from design inception to construction delivery. Oversaw financial management, permitting, construction administration, and client relations. Designed and built custom residential, commercial, and adaptive reuse projects tailored to client needs.

Led multidisciplinary teams and mentored junior architects, emphasizing design rigour and technical precision.

CASAS DE MEXICO, S.C. – Guadalajara, Mexico

Project Director I Jan 2007 – Dec 2010

Directed multi-residential and urban housing projects with emphasis on affordability and innovation.

Coordinated with municipal authorities and private investors to align design with social and economic objectives.

Supervised project execution, ensuring constructability and community integration.

Academic Experience

ITESO University – Guadalajara, Mexico

Tenured Professor & Head Teacher, School of Architecture I Aug 2002 – Dec 2023

Education

PhD in Habitat and Sustainability (Partially Completed) – ITESO University, Jan 2022–Dec 2023

Master's in Philosophy and Social Sciences – ITESO University, Jan 2016– May 2020

Bachelor of Architecture – ITESO University, Aug 1997– May 2002

References and portfolio upon request.