

# DORSA AFSHARJAVAN RÉSUMÉ

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## WORK EXPERIENCE

### **Dorsa Corporation | CEO**

Miami Beach, FL USA

September 2016 - Present

- Established a freelance landscape design, planning and project management practice in 2016 while completing a Master's degree in Europe
- Work includes contracted consulting services for previous international employers, as well as private design-build design projects contracted under Dorsa Corporation including general construction, landscape & interiors
- Project types range from high-end residential to commercial and institutional with services varying from site analysis, market analysis, budgeting, schematic design, construction documentation (from DD to 100% CD), project management and construction administration
- Projects include: Arlington National Cemetery Southern Expansion & Operations Complex (USA), The Oaks Town Development and Master Plan (Czech Republic), winning proposal for the Certosa Island Master Plan competition (Italy), The Peninsula Hotel Istanbul (Turkey), Bio-Tech Campus (Germany), Private Arts Compound (Russia), and countless high-end mixed use and residential projects (Miami, DC, New York, San Francisco, Palm Springs, Zürich)

### **Sogol Décor | Managing Director**

Miami Beach, FL USA

September 2018 - September 2020

- Partnered with the Owner and Principal Designer of Sogol Décor to move the Maryland based Interior Design company to Florida, while simultaneously establishing and launching a commercial event space and gallery concept, 'Platform by Sogol Decor' in the heart of Miami Beach, FL
- Prepared and executed 2 comprehensive business plans for the interior design firm and gallery space, including licensing/permitting, budgeting, hiring, marketing strategy and contract development
- Responsible for the management of the business entity as well as all interior design-build projects and private events - High-end residential design projects included management of proposals, budgets, orders, specifications, contracts, invoicing, vendor/contractor coordination, and construction administration
- Doubled the interior design revenue in the first year through the development of clear systems and procedures to track project timelines, orders, and invoices, with project budgets ranging from \$20k-\$800k

### **Rhodeside & Harwell RHI | Landscape Designer, Junior Project Manager**

Alexandria, VA USA

February 2018 - September 2018

- Worked on a variety of projects including several US Embassy sites, the Smithsonian National Zoo, Arlington County Long Bridge Park Aquatics Facility, Temple Rodef Shalom Playground Design, UVA West Lawn Accessibility, Bayard Cutting Arboretum State Park, Silver Spring Streetscape Standards
- Tasks ranged from concept design to 100% Construction Documentation and construction administration
- Design solutions and responsibilities included site analysis, site grading, accessibility, planting design, lighting design, detail development, specifications, internal and external project coordination, project planning, scheduling and deliverable production

## WORK EXPERIENCE CONTINUED

### **Enea Landscape Architecture (Enea GmbH) | Planning Intern**

May 2016 - September 2016

Rapperswil-Jona, Zürich CH

- Assisted the planning team design and develop The Oaks, a historic resort and town development in the Czech Republic, from concept to master plan phasing and detailed design development
- Worked on the 5-star Peninsula Hotel, Istanbul from a 2-day kickoff charette to the schematic design consisting of 4 historical buildings and the Galatta Cruise Port in Istanbul, Turkey
- Developed written summaries in English to support several international project proposals
- Worked with the in-house construction and maintenance team to develop several residential design details

### **LSG Landscape Architecture | Landscape Designer**

January 2015 - September 2015

McLean, VA USA

- Collaborated on a variety of projects ranging from large scale master planning in India and China to site design and construction documentation for corporate campuses and US Government sites including: The US Pentagon, Janelia Research Campus and several Veterans Affairs (VA) Cemetery projects
- Worked with project managers to assist with redline revisions, renderings, presentation formatting and ensured deliverables were completed on time

### **Monteverde Institute | International Student, Volunteer**

May 2014 - July 2014

Monteverde, Costa Rica CR

- Participated in a 10-week multidisciplinary community design studio focused on water systems and sustainable land management in collaboration with the nation's AYA Aqueducts & Sewer Co. in the Monteverde Cloud Forest Reserve
- Prepared a comprehensive campus master plan for a local grade school, Centro de Educación Creativa, specifically addressing the institute's water management and consumption by offering both "hard" and "soft" engineering solutions toward rainwater, stormwater, grey-water, and black water use and reuse on campus
- Worked closely with members of the community to create educational posters and pamphlets sharing tools towards sustainable household water management practices

### **Enea Landscape Architecture | Summer and Winter Landscape Design Intern**

May 2012 - February 2013

Miami, FL USA

- Worked on concept presentations and digital graphics for several high profile hotel, condominium and private landscape design projects in the US, South America, and Asia including: One Thousand Museum by Zaha Hadid, The Setai Hotel Miami, Sao Paulo Residential-Mixed Use Development, and Genesis Beijing Mixed-Use Complex

# EDUCATION

## Czech University of Life Sciences | Prague, Czech Republic

September 2015 - May 2017

**Master's Degree:** Ing. Landscape Engineering/ M.S. Landscape Planning

**Honors:** Summa Cum Laude, GPA 4.0/4.0

- **Awards:** 2017 Rector's Award, 2017 Rector's Award for an Excellent Diploma Thesis, Rector's International Student Scholarship (2015-2017)

## University of Maryland | College Park, MD USA

September 2011 - December 2014

**Bachelor's Degree:** BLA Landscape Architecture **Minor:** Sustainability Studies

**Honors:** Magna Cum Laude, GPA 3.89/4.0

- **Citations:** College Park Scholar's Art Citation (2-year program)
- **Awards:** 2015 Landscape Architecture Foundation University Olmsted Scholar Position, 2014 Maryland Chapter of American Society of Landscape Architect's Merit Award, 2014 Student Commencement Speaker Nominee
- **Memberships:** Student Ambassador to the School of Agriculture and Natural Resources (2012-2014), Vice President of the Iranian Students Foundation (2013), Vice President of the Student American Society of Landscape Architect's UMD Chapter (2012-2014)

# PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

## AFFILIATIONS

- **American Society of Landscape Architects**, Member since 2013
- **U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC)**, Green Associate Professional since 2014
- **PADI Open Water Diving Certification**, Certified in 2021

## PROGRAM KNOWLEDGE

Adobe Creative Suite (Photoshop/Illustrator/InDesign), AutoCad, ArcGIS, GoogleSketchUp, Google Suite, Land F/X, Microsoft Office, QuickBooks, basic Microstation

## PERSONAL QUALITIES

Resourceful, Self-motivated, Strong Interpersonal Skills, Leadership Experience, Adaptable, Goal Oriented + Vision Driven

## LANGUAGES

Persian/Farsi: Intermediate

Spanish: Conversational

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