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HITESH MEHTA

Traditional Work Resume

SUMMARY

Mr. Mehta is one of the world's leading authorities, practitioners and researchers on holistic eco-planning and eco-design. In July 2006, **National Geographic** Adventure magazine identified Mr. Mehta as one of five Sustainable Tourism Pioneers in the world. In July 2005 he was named by **Men's Journal**, a New York based Magazine as the "25 Most Powerful People in Adventure" in the world.

Mr. Mehta's 22-year professional career in Architecture and Landscape Architecture spans over 30 countries and he has worked in offices in Nairobi, San Francisco, Oakland CA, Silver Springs, MD and Ft. Lauderdale, FL. From 1997-2007, Mr. Mehta was a Vice-President at EDSA where he started and led the first Ecotourism Planning Market Sector of any large company in the world. Mr. Mehta re-started his firm **HM Design** which began in Kenya in 1991. Even though for the past ten years, he has mostly dedicated his professional career to eco-projects, Mr. Mehta has also worked on many traditional projects for the following architecture and landscape architecture companies:

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| 1997 – 2007 | EDSA Inc. Vice President, <i>Ft. Lauderdale, Florida</i> |
| 1996 – 1997 | CHK Planners and Architects. Landscape Designer <i>Silver Springs ,MD</i> |
| 1990 – 1996 | HM Design , Founder and Principal, <i>Nairobi, Kenya</i> |
| 1989 – 1990 | Amphion Environmental , Environmental Planner, <i>Oakland , California</i> |
| 1988 | EDAW Intern , <i>San Francisco, California</i> |
| 1986-1988 | Mehraz Ehsani and Associates Design Associate, <i>Nairobi, Kenya</i> |
| 1979-1985 | <i>Various Design/ Build firms, Internships while I was a student. Nairobi, Kenya</i> |

Hitesh is also a professional photographer and Hall of Fame cricket player from his birthplace, Kenya.

TRADITIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE

Mr. Mehta has participated in several traditional projects both statewide, national and international, including:

- **Dellis Cay Resort and Spa**, Turks and Caicos Islands, British West Indies. Mr. Mehta was the Project Manager for the development of a low density mixed use development plan on 209 acres on Dellis Cay. The island was subdivided to provide lots for private dwellings, a resort hotel, resort residences, spa, condo hotel, and leisure facilities. Mr. Mehta worked with some of the world's most renowned architects including Zaha Hadid, Shigeru Ban, Kengo Kuma and David Chipperfield etc.(4/06 to 1/07)

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- **The Ritz Carlton Resort** - Mr. Mehta was one of the project managers for The Ritz Carlton Resort which is located on '7 Mile Beach' in Grand Cayman. The program for the resort included hotel rooms, condominiums, a spa/fitness center, ballroom, conference area and meeting rooms. E D S A was responsible for site planning and detailed design, from conceptual design through construction documentation and administration. Mr. Mehta coordinated with the Environmental Consultant in the preparation of a comprehensive environmental report as was required by the Central Planning Authority. This report served as a guideline for the design of the waterways, water quality programs, shoreline stabilization and storm water management (4/01 to 5/02).
- **The Doral Golf Resort and Spa** – Mr. Mehta is the project manager for a \$8.5m additions to the Doral Golf Resort and Spa in Miami, Florida. The program for the design calls for a new entrance and arrival sequence and new pools, waterslides, bar, grill and waterfeature in an existing area. Mr. Mehta co-ordinated with all the Consultants, organized all design meetings and contributed significantly to the schematic, final and construction documentation phases of the project. Mr. Mehta also oversaw the compliance's to both the safety and handicap codes (3/99 to 5/00).
- **Tabuan Jaya New Township** - a 3,500-acre new- urbanist town in Sarawak State, Malaysia. Mr. Mehta was the Project Manager and designed several conceptual plans, and prepared a booklet of design ideas and philosophy for the client (3/98 to 7/98).
- **South Pointe** - a condominium/hotel project located on 18 acres in Miami Beach, consisting of three 43-story buildings. Mr. Mehta was the Senior Designer and participated in the final site plan and schematic design concept for all landscaping, including the entry and recreation areas, pedestrian walkways, hospitality and swimming pool areas and beach accesses. (9/97 to 5/98).
- **Greater Bahcesehir** - a 750- acre satellite city located near Istanbul, Turkey. Mr. Mehta was part of a team at *CHK Architects and Planners* in Silver Spring, Maryland that consulted on the design development and prepared construction documents and helped in organizing a relatively short time schedule. This project won the International Human Habitat award and also an AIA award (12/96 to 7/97).
- **Villages of Piscataway** - Mr. Mehta was part of a team at *CHK Architects and Planners* that conducted site environmental analysis and prepared land summary and density tables for a 1,200-acre new-traditional town in PG County, Maryland (6/97 to 7/97).
- **Whittier Park**, Falls Church, Virginia. – At *CHK Architects and Planners* Mr. Mehta prepared schematic designs for a 5 acre new urbanism development (Single family units, town houses and a Marriot Hotel) (4/97 to 6/97).
- **South Riding New Town** - At *CHK Architects and Planners* Mr. Mehta prepared wetlands and floodplain analysis for a 800 acre new town in Virginia (4/97 to 5/97).
- **Harbour Place**, Wheaton, Maryland - At *CHK Architects and Planners* Mr. Mehta prepared schematic designs for a 6 acre town house residential development (2/97 to 4/97).

At *HM Design* in Nairobi, Kenya (1990-1996), Mr. Mehta supervised three architects, two draftsmen and two third-year architecture students and led the following projects:

- **Residential - Small Scale**



"M.J. House", "Gem Houses" (2), "M.D. Residence", "B.B. Residence", "River House", "Bombax House", "Redhill House", "Radhadesh", Nairobi: Designed houses and provided garden design conceptual drawings. Implemented projects (5/93 to 12/96).

"Shamte", "Mukvana", "N. Patel", Nairobi: Co-designed and prepared architectural working drawings and garden design conceptual drawings. Implemented projects (2/94 to 12/96).

"Ramnik Residence", Mombasa, Kenya: Prepared schematic design for a 9000 ft² house on a 1/2 acre plot (6/96 to 12/96).

"MB Residence", Nairobi, Kenya: Conducted site analysis and prepared measured drawings of 7000 ft² house on a 2 acre plot. Designing conceptual drawings for renovations and alterations (5/96 to 12/96).

"Gulabkunj", Dar es Salaam, Tanzania: Conducted site analysis. Prepared measured drawings of existing facilities and final design of a 4,000ft² extension.

Supervised construction (5/93 to 7/96).

"P. P. Shah", Nairobi: Designed and prepared architectural, garden and interior design drawings for a 7,000ft² house. Facilitated project from inception to completion (4/92 to 6/94).

"Bapa", Guneshwar, India: Provided consultancy on environmental, landscape and architectural elements of a 6,000ft² house set in a 15-acre plot (6/93 to 9/93).

"H.K. Shah", Nairobi: Designed and prepared architectural, landscape and interior design drawings for a 5,000ft² house (9/92 to 7/93).

"H. Ehsani", "Rughani", "B. Kiplagat", Nairobi: Prepared alternative and final planting design plans and working drawings. Implemented projects (10/91 to 12/92).

"B. Patel", Nairobi: Restored a 4,000ft² Victorian house to its original state. Designed a Victorian garden for the house, and a post-modern garden for the existing modern extensions. Prepared planting design plans for both gardens. Supervised construction (9/90 to 8/92).

- **Residential - Large Scale**

"Kanamai Sea Shells Project", Kanamai, Kenya: Conducted a site analysis of a two acre plot. Prepared final design of 15 summer cottages / recreation area, and in the process of municipal approval application (1/96 to 5/96).

"Mtwapa Creek Development", Mtwapa, Kenya: Conducted site analysis of a five acre plot. Preparing schematic design for 20 luxury custom built houses (1/96 to 5/96).

- **Shopping Malls**

"Sarit Centre", Nairobi: Designed master site plan and final architectural drawings for a 160,000ft² first-phase addition to the existing center. Preparing interior design and landscape design for phase 1. Designed interior landscaping and furniture, and prepared alternatives and final painting scheme for 250,000ft² existing building (7/90 to 12/96).

"Uchumi Hypermarket", Nairobi: Participated in a competition for the design of a 200,000ft² supermarket on a 5-acre plot (8/94 to 10/94).

- **Retail Stores**

"Hotpoint Showroom", Nairobi: Designed a 4000 ft² showroom for a large house appliance store. Implemented the project (10/95 to 10/94)



"Fresh Bake", Nairobi: Designed the interior of a 2,000ft² bakery and cafe. Implemented project (4/95 to 9/95).

"Green Village", Nairobi: Designed and prepared architectural drawings for a 500ft² fruit and vegetable shop. Supervised construction (2/95 to 5/95).

"The Frame Shop", Nairobi: Designed the interior of a 500ft² art frame and gallery. Implemented project (3/94 to 6/94).

- **Academic Facilities**

"Graduation Court", University of Nairobi, Nairobi: Developed master plan and detailed drawings of graduation court and adjoining recreation facilities (7/91 to 5/94).

"Vidhu Ramji High School", Muranga, Kenya: Designed and provided architectural and landscape drawings for a 45,000ft² high school. Facilitated implementation (4/95 to 9/95).

- **Religious and Cultural Centers**

"Hariram Mandir", Jamnagar, India: Provided consultancy on the architectural and landscape design of a 20,000ft² temple complex within an urban context, in a 2-acre plot. (6/93 to 5/94).

"Ghar Derasar", Dar es Salaam, Tanzania: Designed a modern version of a Jain Temple located in a half acre garden. Supervising construction (8/94 to 7/96).

"Oshwal Religious and Cultural Center", Nairobi: Participated in a competition for the design of a 300,000ft² religious and cultural center on a 5-acre site (6/94 to 8/94). Won second prize.

"Swaminarayan Temple Complex", Nairobi: Provided consultancy on the architectural and landscape architectural design of a 180, 000 ft² temple complex in a five acre plot (4/95).

- **Medical Center**

"Diagnostic Center", Nairobi: Designed architectural, landscape and interior drawings for a 10,000ft² hi-tech medical center. Implemented the project (5/95 to 7/96).

"Gertrudes Hospital Imaging Center": Designed the renovations and implemented the construction of a 1500 ft² imaging center for a large children's hospital (4/96 to 7/96).

- **Office Building**

"House of Vanguard", Nairobi: Designed and prepared planting design drawings **for atrium fountain, roof garden and planter boxes. Facilitated implementation** (8/90 to 6/93).

"Leekony House", Nairobi, Kenya. Designed and prepared drawings for City Council submission for a 30, 000 ft² five floor office building in the industrial area of Nairobi (2/95 to 5/95).

- **Offices**

"Sterling Health Ltd", Nairobi: Conducted analysis of existing facilities for a pharmaceutical corporation. Co-designed and prepared interior design drawings for 4,000ft² offices (1/94 to 7/94).

"Vintage Travel & Tours", Nairobi: Designed and prepared interior design drawings for a 2,000ft² travel agency. Supervised construction (7/91 to 5/92).



- **Industrial**

"Marshalls Group Complex", Nairobi: Co-won a competition for a 300,000ft² automotive complex on a 10-acre plot, containing workshops, offices, showrooms and stores (8/95 to present).

"Kartasi Industries Ltd.", Nairobi: Developed a master plan for twenty factories on a 5-acre plot. Designed 3,000ft² extensions to existing administration offices (2/94 to 7/94).

6/89 to 7/90 Assistant Project Manager *Amphion Environmental, Inc.*

Architecture, landscape architecture, environmental planning, urban design. Oakland, CA.

- Prepared alternatives and final environmental design for the development of the Bay front properties (200 acres) of Mountain View, California. Helped coordinate community participation workshops.
- Assisted in the design of Main Street in Greenville, South Carolina (\$1m). Facilitated project from inception to completion of construction drawings.
- Aided in the design of a major transit facility and streetscape project for Pierce Transit, Tacoma, Washington. Prepared construction drawings and built working models.

6/88 to 8/88 Intern *EDAW*. Landscape architecture, environmental planning, urban design. San Francisco, CA.

- Conducted interviews and independent field reconnaissance of a family housing area at the Beale Air Force Base in California. Developed a 20 - year master plan in response to the area's needs in both graphic and text formats.
- Participated in a two-week workshop and presented documentation on urban design, site planning and design guidelines for memorials and memorial parks in Washington, D.C., to the National Planning Commission and National Park Service.
- Inputted CADD data and assisted other employees in the use of AutoCAD short-fused area take-off assignments for a variety of projects.

4/86 to 7/87 Associate *Mehraz Ehsani and Associates*. Architecture. Nairobi.

- Project architect for "Chestnut Groves" - a 10-unit condominium-housing complex (4 acres). Surveyed and analyzed site. Designed master site plan with special emphasis on the preservation of existing landscape elements. Coordinated the design of floor plans, elevations, sections and working drawings.
- Participated in the site analysis and design of "House of Vanguard" - an 11-story office building (75,000 ft²). Constructed alternative models. Prepared floor plans, elevations and sections.

9/85 to 3/86 Site Supervisor *Alcon International Ltd*. Building and civil engineering contractors. Nairobi

- Liaised between architect and site foreman, and reported directly to the C.E.O. Monitored performance of site foreman.
- Wrote contractors' progress reports for all site meetings. Formulated and analyzed work schedules.

Projects included:



- American Embassy extensions (supervised 40 people).
- "Corner House": An 18-storey, downtown office building (supervised 90 people).
- "KEMRI": A 20 unit single family apartment complex (supervised 120 people).

9/82 to 4/83 Summer Intern Saad Yahya and Associates. Community and regional planning. Nairobi.

- Developed land use and site plans for submission to and subsequent approval.
- by town planning authorities.
- Researched building codes and restrictions.

9/85 to 3/86 Appraisal Assistant Ruparel Valuers Ltd. Appraisal and feasibility consultants. Nairobi.

- Conducted a feasibility study for "Parklands Shopping Mall" - a commercial and retail center in a Nairobi suburb.
- Researched the need for fully furnished and serviced apartments.
- Assisted in commercial rental appraisals and represented clients in the Rent Tribunal Court.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Full member, American Society of Landscape Architects.
- Associate, The American Institute of Architects.
- Member, Royal Institute of British Architects
- Registered corporate member, Landscape Architects' Chapter of the Architectural Association of Kenya (A.A.K.).
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PROJECT AWARDS

- **"American Institute of Architect's (AIA) Merit Award"** for Bahsecehir New Urbanist Town, Turkey (2001)
- **"Architects Association of Kenya (AAK) Commercial Category Award"** for Diagnostic Center, Nairobi, Kenya (2000)
- **"American Society Of Landscape Architect's (ASLA) Award of Excellence"** for EDAW Intern Program, USA (2000)
- **"United Nations (UN) Habitat Award"** for Bahsecehir New Urbanist Town, Turkey (1998)
- **"Tacoma Chapter AIA Design Award"** for Commerce Connections and Public Spaces Transit Project in downtown Tacoma, Washington, USA (1994)
- **"Washington State Concrete Institute Grand Award"** for Commerce Connections and Public Spaces Transit Project, Tacoma, Washington, USA (1993)
- **"Most Creative Stand"** awards for Reef Hotels at the Kenyan Tourism Exhibition Show, Nairobi, Kenya (1991 and 1993).
- **"AAK Residential Category Award"** for Chestnut Groves, Nairobi, Kenya (1989)

ACHIEVEMENTS

Cricket: Captain of the Kenya National Team in 1987 and 1993. Cricketer of the year (MVP): Kenya (1986 & 1992) and California (1989). Represented Kenya in all international tournaments from 1978 to 1987, including World Cups of 1979, 1982 and 1986.



Tennis: Runner-up in the Kenya Open Junior Championship, 1978.

Table Tennis: Member, University of Nairobi squad, 1983-1984.

Snooker, Squash, Badminton, Indian Dancing: Have won awards in various competitions

TRAVEL

Traveled to over 80 countries in six continents and over 36 states in United States of America.