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Summary	Versatile design strategist and communication designer with over five years of experience. Profile includes working with reputable design consultancies, entrepreneurial start-ups, and national non-profit organizations. Aspire to work with leading creative agencies to shape the world of business through strategic design.	
Experience	Square Peg Design Dubai, UAE Strategic Lead	Jun 2016 – Present
	TPG Architecture New York, NY Design Strategy Consultant	Aug 2015 – Jun 2016
	Taproot Foundation New York, NY Strategy and Marketing Intern	Jan 2015 – May 2015
	Mandalah - Conscious Innovation New York, NY Design Strategy Intern	Aug 2014 – Dec 2014
	Pratt Institute - Manhattan Campus New York, NY Communications and Publication Designer	Jan 2014 – Dec 2014
	Limah Design Consultants Dubai, UAE Senior Designer - Environmental Graphic Design	Jan 2012 – Aug 2013
	Bruce Mau Design Toronto, ON Contracted Designer	Jan 2009 – Mar 2009
Freelance	Al Jarsh Manufacturing Dubai, UAE Lead Communications Designer	Jan 2011 – Present
	Al Barakah Dates Factory Dubai, UAE Lead Communications and Packaging Designer	Nov 2014 – Present
	Mother Design New York, NY Production Artist	Jun 2015 – Aug 2015
Education	Harvard University - Graduate School of Design Cambridge, MA Leadership and Design Thinking Executive Education Course	Mar 2016
	Pratt Institute - Manhattan Campus New York, NY Masters of Professional Studies - Design Management	2013 – 2015
	University of Toronto - St. George Campus Toronto, ON Honors Bachelor of Arts - Architecture & Middle Eastern Civilizations	2006 – 2010
Skills	Software: Adobe Photoshop/Illustrator/InDesign, AutoCAD, Microsoft Office, Keynote, Rhino 3D Languages: Fluent in English; Conversational in Arabic, French, Hindi and Urdu	
Merits	Pratt Circle Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement	May 2015
	Pratt Institute Merit Award Scholarship	Apr 2014 – Apr 2015
	Cleveland H. Dodge Foundation Scholarship	Sep 2013 – Jan 2015