

# Chinar Yazici

## Curriculum Vitae

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### Summary

I am a 51 year-old construction professional with 27 years of experience built upon a track record of 17 years in the UK followed by 10 years in the UAE.

Since September 2010 I have worked as the Senior Operations Director of Al Fara'a General Contracting, part of a 37-year-old reputable construction group in the UAE. As a member of the General Management team of the company I normally have a broad based remit with particular focus on the delivery of our construction portfolio operating across several projects however since March 2015 I have been based at our flagship MRO project in Al Ain for our client Advanced Military Maintenance Repair and Overhaul Centre (AMMROC). This is a AED 1.5 Billion Design & Build project, a key historical win for the company which has provided most of our turnover in recent years and is now almost complete.



During my tenure in Al Fara'a we have delivered numerous residential, educational and commercial buildings and also entered the health sector and MRO. Apart from operational responsibilities, I have had direct involvement in business streamlining and development as we have worked through the transformation of Al Fara'a from a very good medium sized local contractor to one that competes with the best in the industry within the major projects domain.

The types of projects I have worked on over the years span a broad spectrum of the industry, ie marinas, shopping centres, airports, highway structures, opencast coal mining, hospitals, low and high rise residential and commercial buildings, schools, student accommodation and finally MRO. During my years in the UK I worked for Laing O'Rourke (LOR) for several years as I advanced from the ranks of a site engineer to a project manager and finally a project leader. Prior to LOR I was with another major British contractor, the Kier Group, where I had an excellent grounding as a young engineer and worked on various significant civil engineering and infrastructure projects, including a 15 month long design office assignment.

I was posted to the Aldar Laing O'Rourke Joint Venture in Abu Dhabi in April 2007 where I worked as a project leader, first at the Al Dana Precinct of the Al Raha Beach Development until July 2008 and then at the Motor World development until July 2009.

From July 2009 until mid-September 2010, I worked for Oger Abu Dhabi, at their AED 6 billion Abu Dhabi Financial Centre project on Sowwah Island (EPC). This was a high-end commercial development for Mubadala designed to house the future stock exchange of Abu Dhabi.

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### Strengths:

- Ethics, integrity and reliability proven with long service periods in companies
- Loyalty to and responsible ownership of the corporate brand and values
- International outlook and multi-cultural exposure – educated in Turkey and UK, followed by 17 years of progressive career development in UK from grass-roots to Project Leader level in major contractors plus 10 years of senior management in the UAE.
- Modern corporate culture combined with in-depth understanding and working knowledge of local (UAE) construction market
- High standards in safety, quality, environmental awareness and corporate social responsibility
- Solid grounding as an engineer with real and diverse construction experience
- Ability to drill into detail without losing sight of the bigger picture.
- Ability to listen and drive for win-win solutions based on consensus – focus on task in hand, see beyond egos. Collaborative and non-adversarial style combined with a balanced strong personality.
- Highly client-facing roles over the years
- Special experience in Design and Build/EPC (both in UK and UAE), Two-Stage Tendering (UK), Partnering/Framework (both in UK and UAE) all of which are characterized by significant overlap between design and construction, and collaboration between client and contractor teams from early stages of a project.
- Multi-project management experience
- Cost-awareness, P&L accountability and business development responsibilities
- Good communication and negotiation skills
- Working experience under FIDIC and other forms of contract such as JCT and NEC, with or without design and build or EPC variations
- Particular strength in and working experience in modern methods of construction with modular and pre-assembled solutions
- Access to a wide network of industry professionals.

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### Employment History

#### **Senior Director of Operations at Al Fara'a General Contracting Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates Sep 10 to date**

I hold overall operational responsibility within the Abu Dhabi, Al Ain and Western Regions. My duties include:

- Ensuring projects are delivered to budget, programme, specifications and safely at the same time.
- Controlling costs – ensuring proper cost monitoring and forecasting are in place together with proactive cost control.
- Maximizing value by way of timely administration of contractual entitlements together with seeking opportunities to sell more of our services (claims and variations).
- Ensuring timely collection of payments from clients.
- Monitoring work done versus turnover targets and taking appropriate action.
- Monitoring staff, labour and plant requirements across operations, ensuring right resources are deployed at the right time and location.
- Managing people – coach, train, guide, discipline as necessary - retain good people.
- Managing the supply chain – making sure the subcontractors and suppliers deliver and lasting relations are developed for mutual benefit.
- Monitoring productivity on sites and driving improvements.
- Participating in business development and winning new work.
- Reviewing and streamlining existing management processes and launching of new ones as necessary.

Some ongoing and completed projects:

- Advanced Military Maintenance Repair and Overhaul Centre, Al Ain, AED 1.5 billion.
- Plaza View Development, Abu Dhabi, AED 500 million
- Mushrif Mall, AED 650 million
- Administrative, social and maintenance facilities for GASCO at Habshan and Buhasa gas plants, AED 380 million
- Sheikh Khalifa Medical City Dialysis Centre, AED 103 million
- Chinese School in Khalidiya, AED 105 million
- ADNOC Residential Development, AED 220 million
- Siemens Headquarters, a LEED Platinum office building at Masdar, AED 130 million
- Al Bateen School, an iconic Abu Dhabi school, JV with Wates, AED 135 million
- Al Sayegh Tower – 22 storey residential, AED 200 million
- Khalidiya (Awqaf) Tower – 36 storey residential, AED 325 million

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### **Project Manager at Oger Abu Dhabi**

**Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates**

**July 09 to Sep 10**

Responsible for the construction delivery of two commercial towers, 36 storey high at the US\$ 1.5 billion Abu Dhabi Financial Centre Project on Sowwah Island. High-end commercial development.

### **Project Leader at Aldar Laing O'Rourke Joint Venture**

**Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates**

**April 2007 – July 09 (2 years 2 month)**

Working on projects valued at US\$ 2 to 3 billion within the Al Raha Beach and Motor World Developments of ALDAR Properties.

### **Project Leader at Laing O'Rourke Group**

**London & Southeast, United Kingdom**

**February 2001 - March 2007 (6 years 2 months)**

Building projects between US\$ 10 to 140 million.

### **Project Manager at Swift Structures & Ardmore Construction Ltd**

**Portsmouth & London, United Kingdom**

**February 1999 - February 2001 (2 years)**

Civil engineering and building projects between US\$ 15 to 25 million.

### **Senior Engineer to Assistant Project Manager at O'Rourke Civil Engineering Ltd**

**Bluewater Shopping Centre, United Kingdom**

**September 1996 - February 1999 (2 years 6 months)**

The largest shopping mall in Europe at the time it was built.

### **Site Engineer to Section Engineer at Kier Group**

**London & Southeast, Derbyshire, United Kingdom**

**November 1990 - September 1996 (5 years 11 months)**

Temporary works design and construction of building & civil engineering projects including highways infrastructure, marinas, etc.

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### Education

#### **University of Manchester Institute of Science & Technology**

Attended an MSc study in Construction Management, September 1989 - September 1990

#### **Middle East Technical University, Ankara**

BSc, Civil Engineering, 1984 – 1989

#### **TED Ankara College**

Secondary & High School Education, 1977 – 1984

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### Nationality

British and Turkish – dual nationality

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### Languages

English (advanced colloquial and scholarly), Turkish (native), German (basic)

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### Marital and Family Status

Married with two sons aged 21 and 19, in UK higher education. Family home base is in Hampshire, UK.

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### Date of Birth

4<sup>th</sup> July 1966

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### Interests

History, golf, IT, music, football, innovation in construction, off-site technologies.