

BTX Internship Portfolio 2022



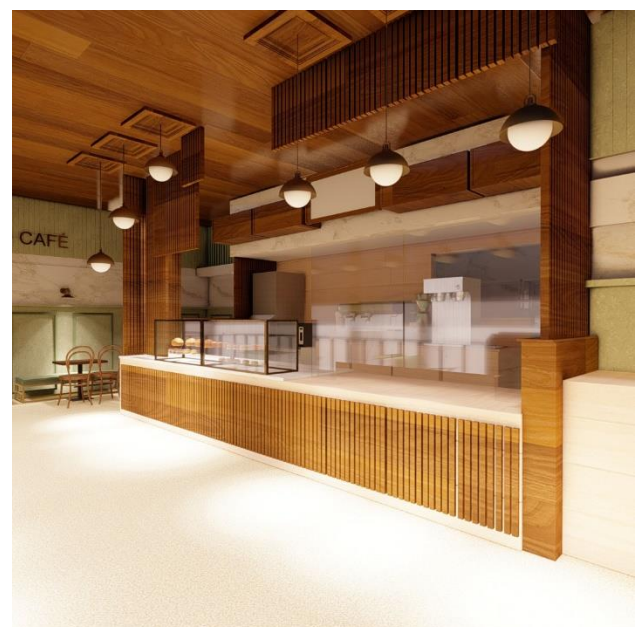
Raleen El Baitam is a RIBA 01 certified Architectural Engineer viewing the world from a different perspective. Ms. El Baitam believes Architecture not only be limited to designing buildings but also studying day-to-day human activity. She enjoys designing spaces for the people and by the people.

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1. Mather Field Cafe



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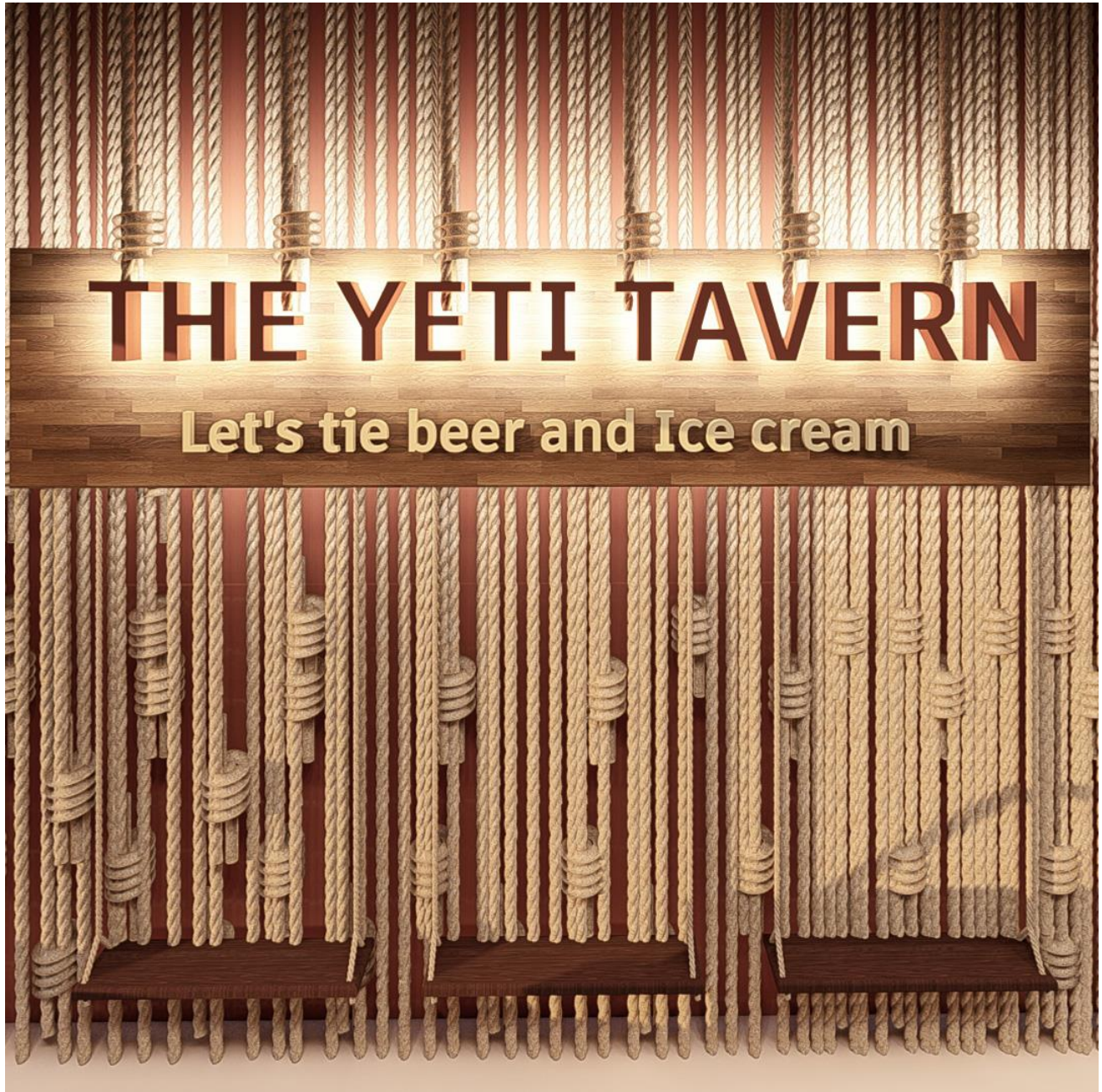


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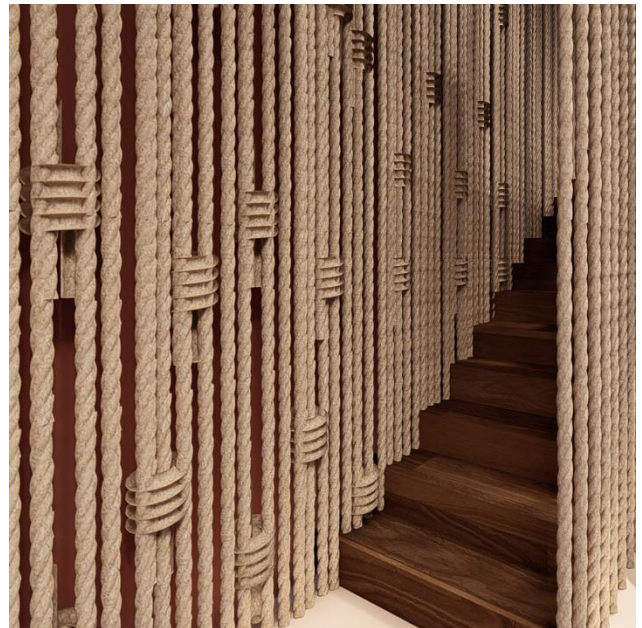
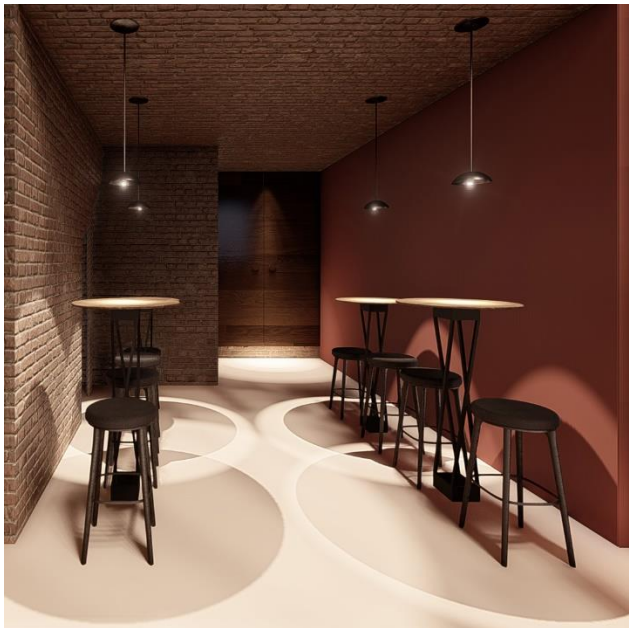
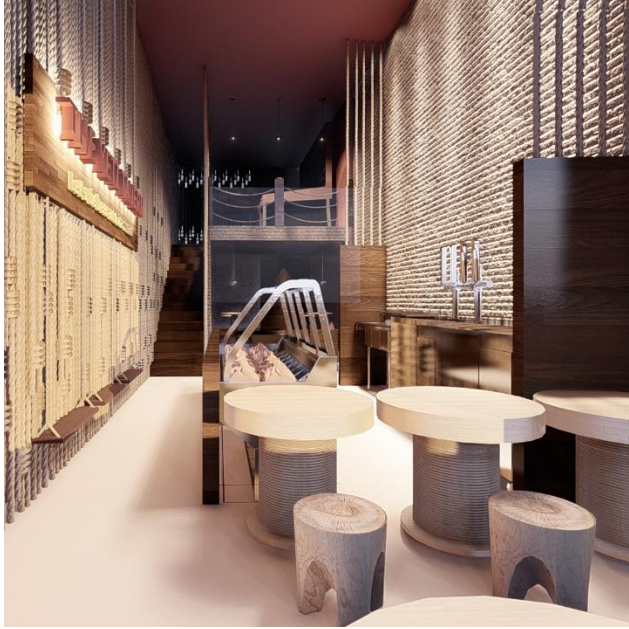


When I started to think 'design' I had to gather around all my ideas on one page. Therefore, I created a mood board to visualize the textures, materials, and set of objects I will be using in Mather Field Café's interior design proposal. I went on and narrowed my ideas down to create a classical ambiance. What really changed for me at this design stage, was concentrating on picking out architectural elements that give an old-fashioned, vintage kind of look to the café. I used a very light, pastel green with a cloudy texture for some parts of the walls. I demonstrated hung elements with wooden strips above the counter. The dark and glossy wood gave the classical design its true value.

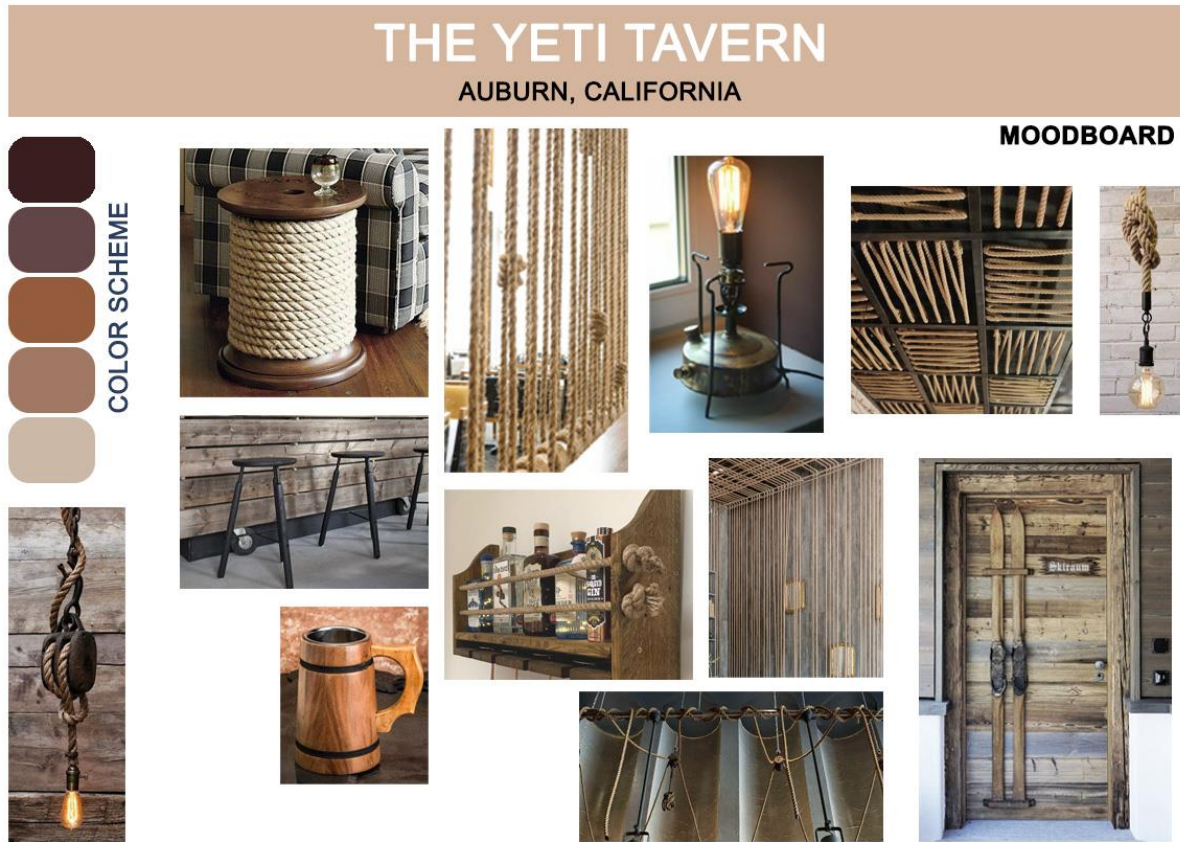
2. The Yeti Tavern



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The idea behind Mather Field Cafe's interior is to create a classical ambience using neutral-earth tones and textures to enhance a vintage style.



It was the first time I experience anything to do with design and rope. I always thought it wasn't a good combination. I looked closer at the location and client needs for this interior. I then combined my ideas on one page, a mood board. This encouraged me to visualize more and more designs to start with. The concept behind the ropes came from the country vibes. They represent strength since the design is mainly orientated. The wood and brick also shed light on the elements daily used in the location.

3. Friendly Introduction between teams interning at Bitarchitects and Charity Donation Foundation

Thursday, June 30th, 2022



This was our first meeting with Charity Donation Foundation, I was honestly very surprised to find such a diverse team. It was a friendly meeting that included fun facts about each member and introduced different cultures, backgrounds, and personalities.

4. Meeting with Mr. Sabra

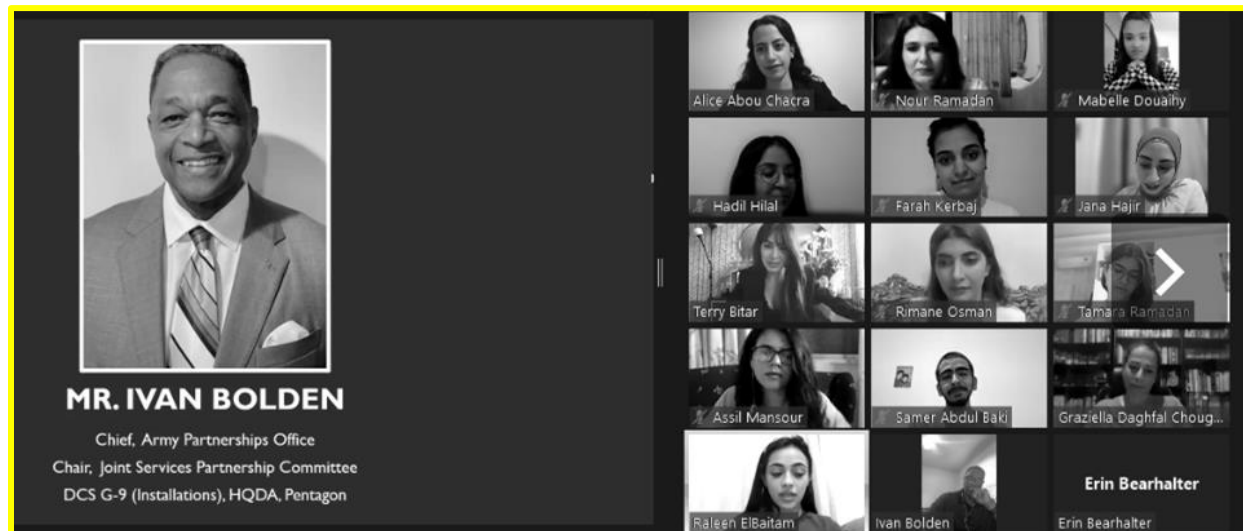
Tuesday, July 19th, 2022



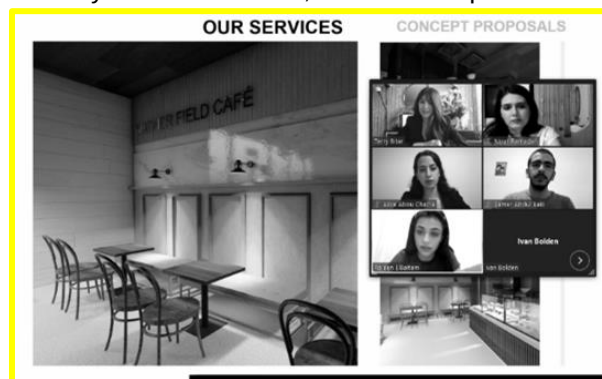
Our first guest showed up and all the team members were very nervous. Mr. Sabra was very nice and showed a lot of interest in our presentation. We did a great job presenting to our first guest. We started learning to improve our presentation skills every time we had a new guest.

5. Meeting with Pentagon Official Mr. Bolden

Wednesday, July 27th, 2022



This meeting was a special one for me; it was my first time introducing an important person and publicly presenting a company's work. This was achieved after many practices and meetings with Ms. Bitar. Ms. Bitar was there for us all through it. She made us feel relieved. She corrected all our mistakes to become better presenters. I felt like I have stepped up my game in becoming an outstanding person. I was very happy to hear Mr. Bolden's feedback; saying that he was very impressed with the briefing. My question to Mr. Bolden was: 'How can one deal with criticism throughout his journey?'. I asked this because we all do. We all experience criticism from people around us and this sometimes becomes an affecting factor in finding ourselves. Mr. Bolden's answer was very helpful. He said there were two types of criticism: Professional Criticism and Personal Criticism. Explaining Criticism was very new to me. Also, he further explained how he deals with them. I also learned that doing my job and loving what I do, is the right path to a successful life. '...Your boss expects you to be passionate about what you do...' – said Mr. Bolden in the meeting. What I continuously love about Bitarchitects is that we meet and plan. Everything is organized. It is clear to everyone how the presentation is going to go. We all aim for the same goal.



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6. Meeting with Mr. Sills and Mr. Sauma

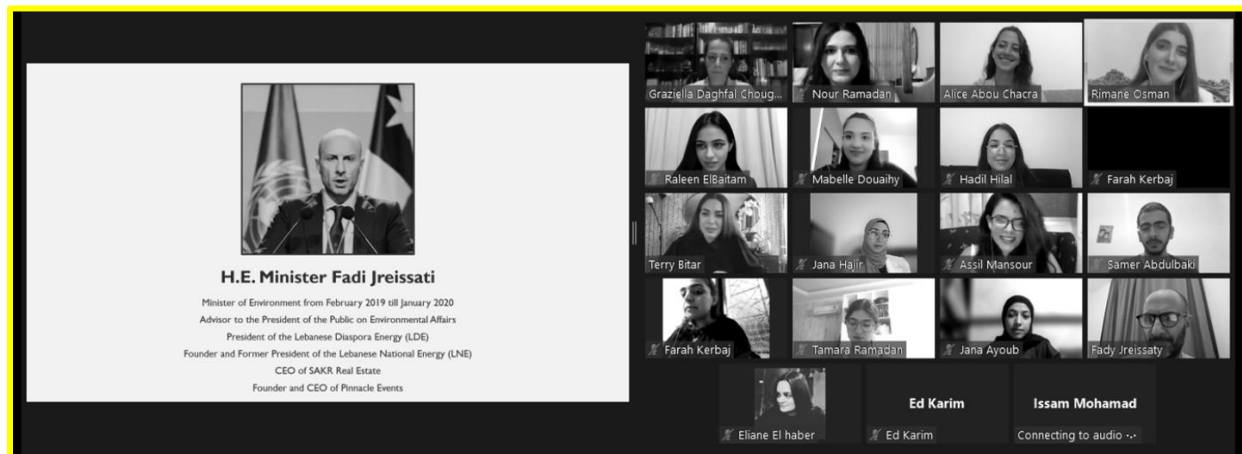
Tuesday, August 2nd, 2022



This meeting was very interesting, we had a lot of things to learn from two guests and their different journeys. I have watched our guests be very prepared and caring for this meeting. It felt nice to have someone look forward to hearing us out. I have learned from this meeting that I must step out of my comfort zone to rise in life. Mr. Sauma said the first stages are the hardest and the most dramatic. He also mentioned raising the bar high, and it will just keep getting better.

7. Meeting with Minister Jreissaty

Wednesday, August 10th, 2022



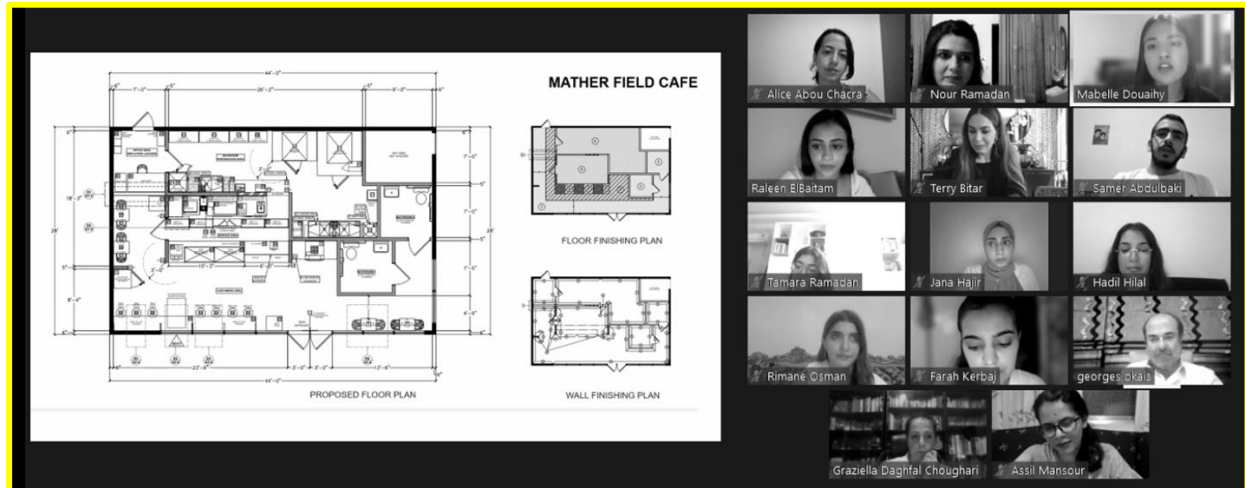
In this meeting with Minister Jreissaty, both Charity and BTX teams presented the work well. We watched Minister Jreissaty's interest and participation throughout the whole meeting. I was fascinated by how down-to-earth he was while sharing his experiences with the team members.



Minister Jreissaty answered questions by our team and while he did so, I picked up the following advice: Networking is the key. Create your network from zero. Go to social classes. Anything you'd like to do, do it with people. Emotional intelligence and IQ are not everything. Leave a mark wherever you go by being you. Hard work will get you there. It will be the reason you are recognized. It is different when you perfect your work, rather than doing the bare minimum.

8. Meeting with M.P. Okais

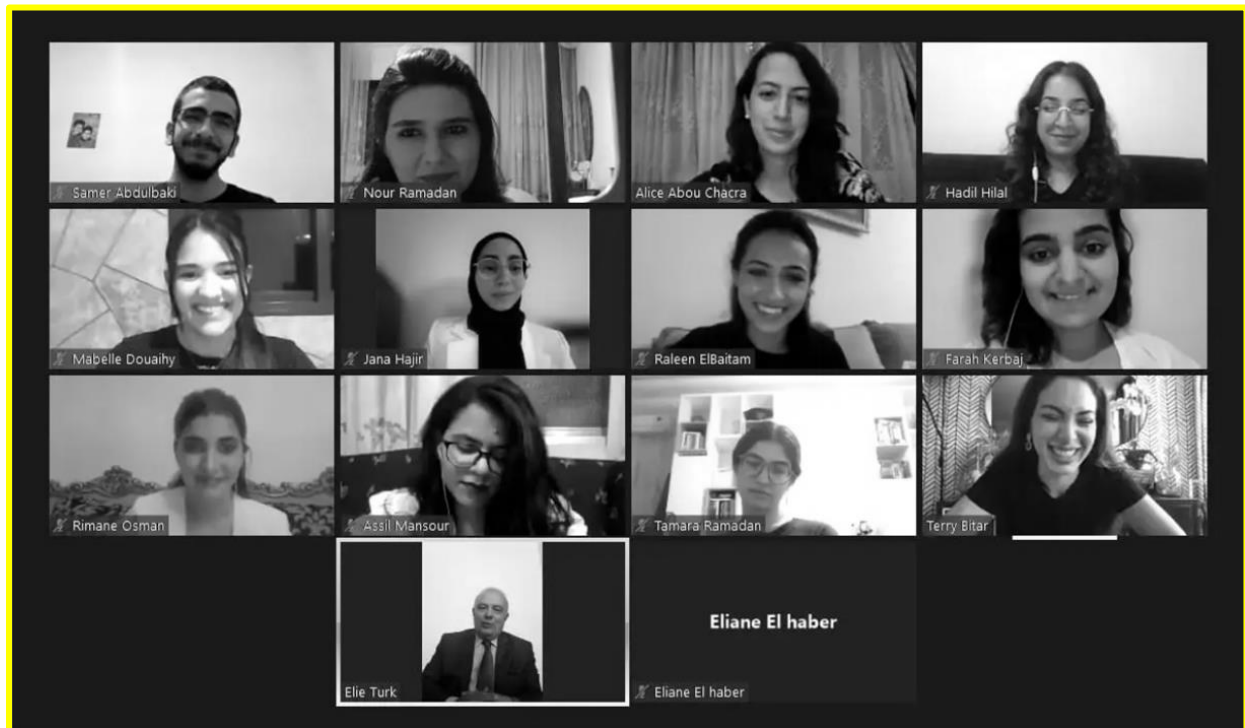
Wednesday, August 17th, 2022



In the meeting with M.P. Okais, I learned that success doesn't mean an easier lifestyle but a more professional one. When one is successful, people reach out to them, asking for help, guidance, and advice due to their experience. I also realized that success doesn't mean one will not fail again. Life is full of ups and downs, and it is only hope that we hold on to through all those times.

9. Meeting with Ambassador Turk

Wednesday, 17th of August, 2022



Our guest today was very sweet although he had different opinions than previous guests.



This time, I learned that it could be hard to raise a family with safety and care if your career needs to be aboard. Now it feels like it's career versus family, somehow.

10. Volunteering at Charity Donation Foundation: Kids' Lunch at Shepherd School

Thursday, August 18th, 2022



The lunch was such an amusing way to end the school's summer camp. All the interns were very responsible and entertaining. We danced, sang, and played the kid's favorite music. We saw the kids wanted more. We went extreme with the music and got engaged deeply with the kids. We also made sure every one of them ate. I would love to go to see these smiles again.

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11. Bitarchitects Presentation Design

After many guests, modifications, and trials, we finally came up with Bitarchitects' PowerPoint template.

BITARCHITECTS
ARCHITECTURE, INTERIOR DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION

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ARCHITECTURAL DEVELOPMENT INTERIOR DESIGN CONSTRUCTION

Is a boutique design studio at the heart of Washington DC. A studio led by a millennial with a vision influenced by contemporary times, working closely with a group of gen zs, while guided by experienced senior baby boomers.

We are not your average architectural design studio; we lead with the respect to tradition and no shame to raise the bar high as we do represent the future.

Our team is an international group of architects from Lebanon, Armenia, Cyprus, and America. Every member brings extensive experience having worked with experts in the field.

POSITIVE WORK ENVIRONMENT

COMMUNICATION

COMMITMENT

LOYALTY

EFFICIENCY

RELIABILITY

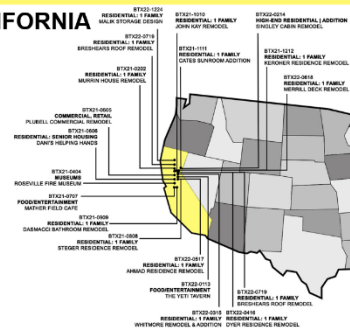


2021	2016
Office launch in Washington DC USA	Office launch in Zahle Lebanon
925 25th St NW, Washington DC 20037, USA	Center 141, Boulevard Main Street, Zahle, Lebanon

TIMELINE



CALIFORNIA



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ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN

DYER RESIDENCE REMODEL | CA



KITCHEN PERSPECTIVE



INTERIOR PERSPECTIVE



EXTERIOR PERSPECTIVE

The remodel is a triplex three bedrooms, three bathrooms one-family residence having a signature steep roof for its main seating area overlooking the neighborhood. The project consists of renovating the robust frame structure of the main roof while changing the interior to further the transparency between the inside and the outside.



THE YETI TAVERN

RESIDENTIAL

STEEGER RESIDENCE REMODEL | CA



EXTERIOR PERSPECTIVE



KITCHEN PERSPECTIVE

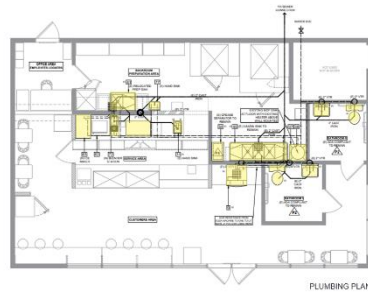


LIVING PERSPECTIVE



OUTDOOR DECK AREA

The Steegers bought their dream home in August 2021, and they were seeking a remodel of the existing to complement their contemporary vibrant feel. After a couple of one-on-one design transforming sessions, the couple took a decision. The project is currently undergoing plan-check review.



MATHER FIELD CAFE

INTERIOR DESIGN CONCEPTS

THE YETI TAVERN | CA



BAR



ENTRANCE VIEW



BEER MAKER

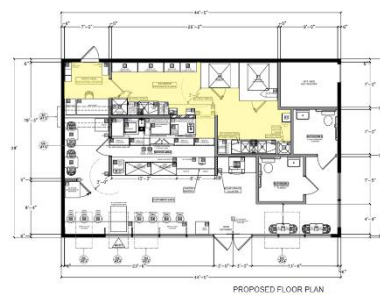


MEZZANINE FLOOR PLAN



FLOOR PLAN

The project got the newspaper's attention and was published in the local news denoting his innovation. The project is being constructed.

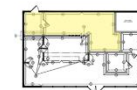


PROPOSED FLOOR PLAN

MATHER FIELD CAFE



FLOOR FINISHING PLAN



WALL FINISHING PLAN

12. Bitarchitects Business Card Design



13. Bitarchitects Certificate Design



Conclusion

After being an Architectural Intern at Bitarchitects I have been taught how to be consistent in the life of an Architect. The experience of working with a team took me out of my comfort zone and developed my dedication to my work. I have also gained public speaking skills during our meetings with successful people and during daily meetings with the team. Ms. Bitar gave us tips and tricks along the way on how to attract a targeted audience. This experience has been such a life changer. It was great to step out of my comfort zone and grow so much in only 3 months. Dr. Daghfal was always there to support us. From many years of experience, she has taught me how to coordinate a color palette with specific interior spaces. Nour was always available for assisting with all information the team needed to get the job done. This was the first time I felt that the team was truly a second family. Thank you Bitarchitects for this wonderful opportunity and I hope we meet again soon.