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I INTERN INTRODUCTION

Layla Sayegh

Detail-oriented, Innovative, Designer

Ms. Layla Sayegh has a bachelor's degree in interior design from the American University of Culture and Education, Lebanon. Ms. Sayegh has worked on designing and creating part of the interior villa belonging to the Senegalese-American singer Akon. Ms. Sayegh's balance of colors and surroundings helps bring a strong connection to architectural features.

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925 Apartment Interior

Project Date: February 2023
Project Type: Residential: 1 Family House / Remodel
Project Owner: 925 Apartments
Project Valuation: 320,000.00 USD

Project Brief:
925 Apartments are interested in having one of its apartments redesigned to fit the contemporary style.
The apartment is located at the heart of Washington, DC and they would like to have a contemporary sitting area, a dining table, an office, and a nice bedroom that would fit a couple, both working professionals. Bitarchitects Team Helped create a concept and create an interior design concept to comply with the client's aspirations.

Responsibilities:
- To create space for a couple living in Washington DC, USA. The space is shared between two working professionals, to create a living space, office space, and a bedroom.
- Fully furnished plan.
- Showing the zoning in an architectural way.
- Details specification.
- Respecting the concept of contemporary style and forming it in a simple way with simple colors flowing with the design to represent it in the way the clients want.
- 3D Visualization.

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Proposed Floor Plan

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The living room with dining zone presents a contemporary style with modern furniture and light colors contrasted with a wood and olive touch.



The living room, dining zone, and kitchen present a contemporary style with modern furniture and light colors contrasted with a wood and olive touch.

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III WRITE-UP TASKS

CONTEMPORARY STYLE LIVING ROOM

Task Date: 03/01/2023
Task Type: Mood board/925 Apartment Interior Living Room



-Performing the plan.
-Showing the color palette.
-Showing the furniture used is similar to the 3D Render.
-Giving the idea about how the design will be.

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The Bedroom shows the view as a whole.



The Bedroom shows a contemporary style flowing with gray and off-white colors with touches of olive and wood.

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CONTEMPORARY-STYLE LIVING ROOM

Task Date: 03/01/2023
Task Type: Mood board/925 Apartment Interior Bedroom



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- Giving the idea about how the design will be.

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Ambrose Residential Interior

Project Date: March 2023
Project Type: Residential:1 Family House / Remodel
Project Owner: R. Ambrose
Project Valuation: 600,000.00 USD

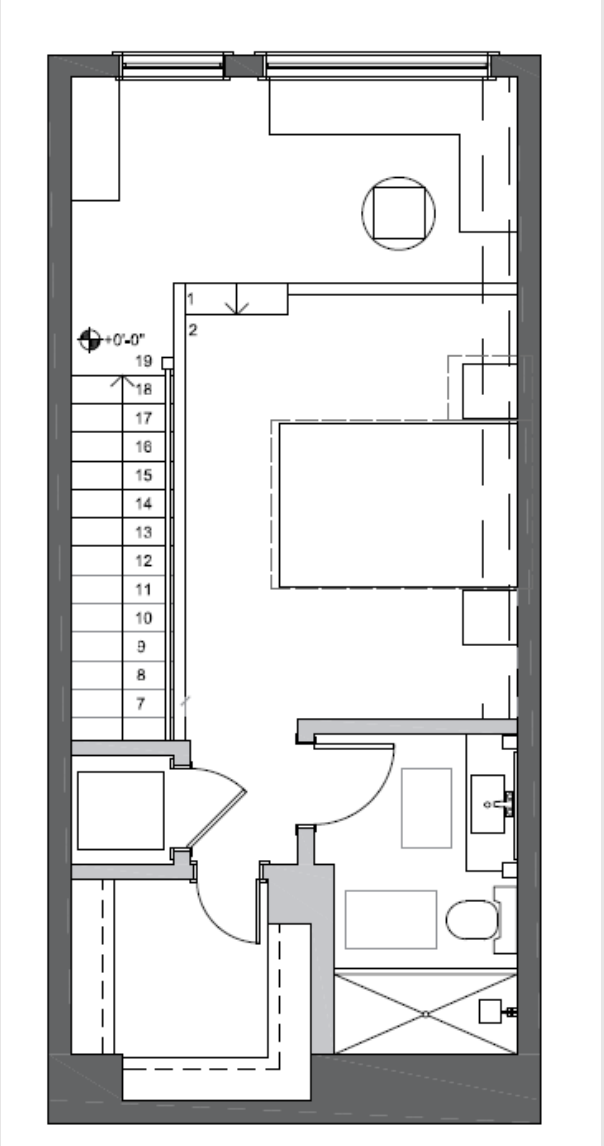
Project Brief: Mr. Ambrose is interested in having a few design changes with respect to the remaining furniture cherry wood tv stand, night tables and island .
Bitarchitects is helping out with the design, by adding some elements and furniture that will be compatible with the current elegant mood .

Responsibilities:

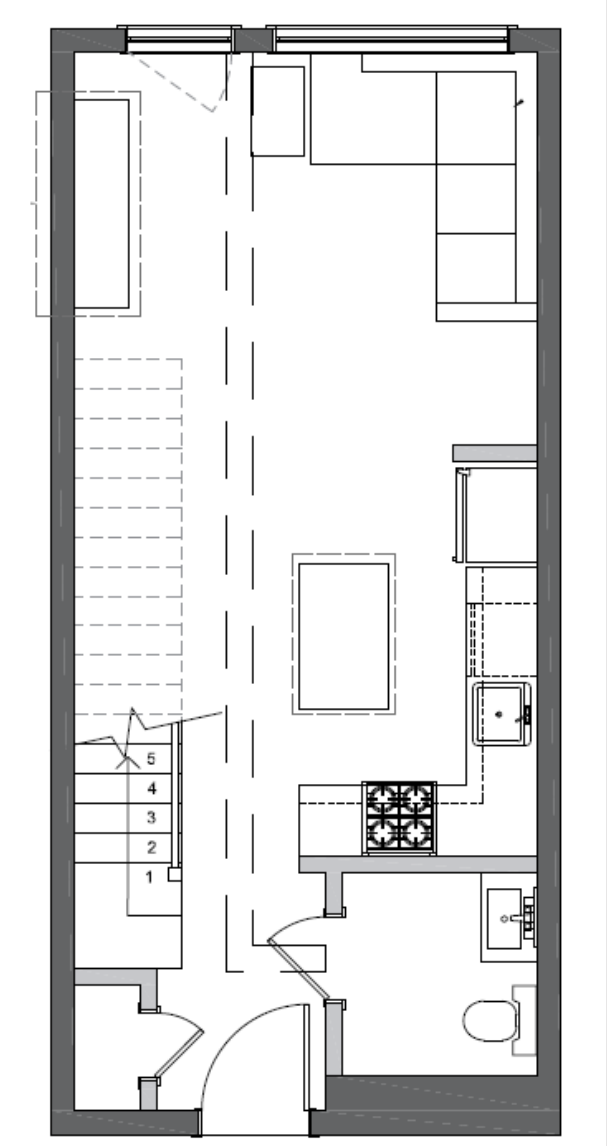
- This client wants to keep some of his items that are night stands, bed, tv stand, and island that are cherry wood and suggests adding elements that will complete the design in an elegant way
- Search for furniture pieces on the US website
- Creating several mood boards to see what the client likes and dislikes

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Proposed First Floor Plan



Proposed Ground Floor Plan

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View of the kitchen



View of the living room

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Ambrose Residential Interior, Washington DC

Task Date: 03/06/2023
Task Type: Mood board/ Residential Apartment







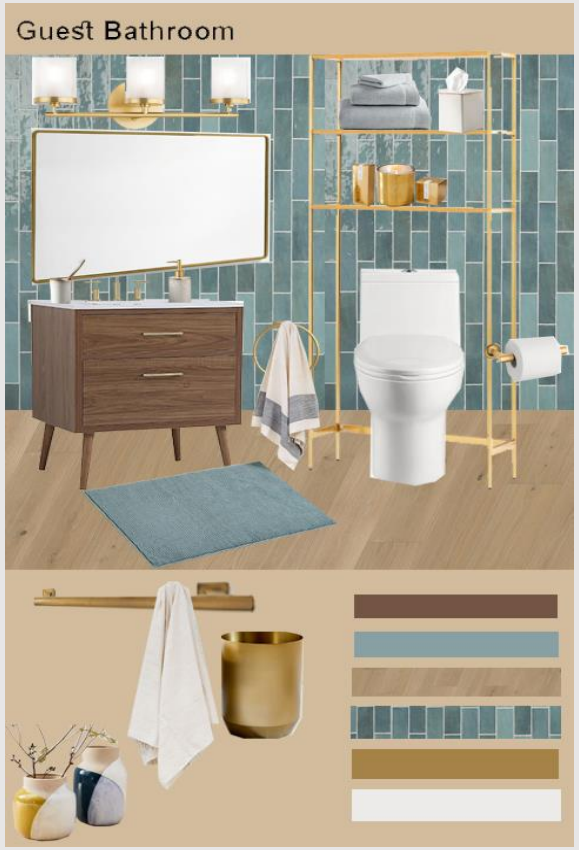
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Ambrose Residential Interior, Washington DC

Task Date: 03/06/2023
Task Type: Mood board/Residential Apartment





II ARCHITECTURE PROJECTS

Bell Main Residence

Project Date: March 2023
Project Type: Residential:1 Family House / New Structure
Project Owner: N. Bell
Project Valuation: 3,110,100.00 USD

Project Brief: Mr. Bell worked all of his life to be able to retire in a small mansion. Now is the time, where he wanted to start the development of the house of his and his wife's dreams.
Bitarchitects is helping out with the design, and full implementation of the aspired mansion along with a separate 3-car garage and the maids livable space on top.

Responsibilities:
- To create interior space foe a couple of 60s living in Upper Marlboro, MD 20772.. - Fully furnished plan
- Showing the zoning in an architectural way
- Details specification
- Respecting the concept of luxury style and forming it in a simple modern way with simple colors flowing with the design to represent it in the way the clients want
- 3D Visualization

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View of the Parlor Room



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View of the Foyer Room



View of the Living Room

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View of the Dining Room



View of the Kitchen Room

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View of the Family Room



View of the Lounge Room

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View of the Office Room



View of the Foyer

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View of the Bedroom1



View of the Master Bedroom

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View of the Master Closet Bedroom



View of the Master Bathroom

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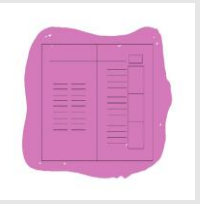
What can an Architect/Interior Designer be?

Task Date: 02/27/2023
Task Type: Fields

1- Restoration: To respect the culture by renovating the building with modern touches to keep the heritage of every country.



2- Business Manager: Where everything is responsible for business, talking, and how to manage your work and how representing it to the client in a convincing way.



3- Political: Politics with design. For example, has worked with the Burnie City Council as well as with the Parramatta City Council in Australia, to argue for a certain structure for the city, to predict what may happen, and to design a set of criteria for the evolution of the city. It is a case of architecture influencing politics, instead of the other way around.



III WRITE-UP TASKS

What do you aspire to acquire from this internship?

Internship Dates: 02/06/2023 - 02/27/2023
Internship Location: Washington DC

1- In the beginning, I didn't know how to do lots of things. But, as an overthinker, I was always concerned about being annoying or bothersome. So, I have the courage to ask and learn more and let everyone learn also teamwork in the end, it did not take long for me to understand that my supervisor and team members were not only there to help, but they wanted to help. After all, an internship is a learning experience, and the best way for me to learn is by asking questions.

2- Coming into the internship, I had problems not knowing the details and how it will be a new experience, so I really encourage myself to take this journey and learn something new. I really only knew the basics about social media marketing, how to do emails, how to perform the project, and many tasks, and also how to be happy and humble to get on the right track.

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What is a worldwide architectural landmark project that you like and why?

Task Date: 02/13/2023
Task Type: Role

La Pedrera, Casa Mila is Antoni Gaudi's work



1- The façade: The design was considered to be bold because of the undulating stone façade and the wrought iron decorations.



2- Warrior Rooftop: see spectacular 360º views of the city. The chimneys stand in hierarchical lines of warriors turned to stone. Gaudi designed a terrace full of curves, with both decorative and functional purposes, enabling the better distribution of light through its two enormous inner courtyards.



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How can architects have a role in forming and expanding the global met averse?

Task Date: 03/23/2023
Task Type: Role

Architects and designers reimagine the existing structure in the digital realm, it can be a building, monument, or their favorite work desk.

1- Creating 3D models to guide what we'll be creating in the real world.

2- For architects, is a place where they can push formal boundaries and redefine what space means.

3- It provides an opportunity for them to share unbuilt designs, expand their process to all corners of the earth and increase the value of the digital property.

4- Encourages architects to utilize unique tools and virtual spaces built for their specialization, to make the design and development process more straightforward.

5- Allows you to iterate and design quickly, while ensuring complete ownership over your creations. You can unlock your imagination and monetize your creations, easily and collaboratively.

III WRITE-UP TASKS

How digitization does impacts architecture?

Task Date: 03/23/2023
Task Type: Role

The use of digital technologies has helped architects and designers:

1- To improve the quality of the presentation of their work and express their ideas more clearly.

2- To move from 2-dimensional drawing and time-consuming physical models to virtual simulations.

3- Visualize, generate, and process their ideas increasingly faster. Specially-created programs and tools have numerous benefits for architects and their clients.

4- Allowed to work much more efficiently and productively. They don't have to spend hours commuting since they can work from home.

5- Can create life-like representations and visualizations of their projects. Therefore, clients can clearly see what they'll get.

III WRITE-UP TASKS

What has this internship taught you in the first month?

Task Date: 03/02/2023
Task Type: Learning

1- Mistakes: I was so worried about not doing the tasks correctly or failing, but I realize learning from my mistakes can be a good thing because it motivates me to work harder and affects my perspective on self-worth. I set a high standard for myself and expected to excel right away through all the information I am getting from this internship.

2- Task risks, try something you: Coming into the internship, I had problems not knowing the details and how it will be a new experience, so I really encourage myself to take this journey and learn something new. I really only knew the basics about social media marketing, how to do emails, how to perform the project, and many tasks, and also how to be happy and humble to get on the right track.

3- Don’t be afraid to ask questions: In the beginning, I didn’t know how to do lots of things. But, as an overthinker, I was always concerned about being annoying or bothersome. So, I have the courage to ask and learn more and let everyone learn also teamwork in the end, it did not take long for me to understand that my supervisor and team members were not only there to help, but they wanted to help. After all, an internship is a learning experience, and the best way for me to learn is by asking questions.

4- Positive attitude: You have to enjoy the journey u are tracking to get over all the chaos and u have to be humble and happy with what you are doing.

5- Self-motivated: After all, an internship is a learning experience and the best way for me to learn, be self-motivated, and broke all borders by not being shy and enjoying being in teamwork where we can share opinions and information altogether.

III WRITE-UP TASKS

What makes a good employee/intern in a company?

Task Date: 03/02/2023
Task Type: Good Employee

1- Dedication: To be passionate about your work and have a positive attitude toward it. Furthermore, to be flexible and work in all scales and sectors.

2- Confidence: You have to be productive followed by confident, in order to manage more tasks, and always looking for a way to improve yourself by listening, being detailed, and being oriented.

3- Reliability: You must represent your passion and hard work by attending to all the deadlines, showing up on time, and producing high-quality work.

4- Teamwork: One of the most important descriptions because it's a work setting successful collaboration. Being a team player is crucial when ensuring that you'll be a positive addition and supportive to the current team.

5- Critical Thinking: You have to think outside the box, and always be aware of crucial details, involves looking at a problem, reviewing different perspectives, and developing a logical solution.

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III WRITE-UP TASKS

Name one interior architect/designer whose work inspires you and specify briefly

Task Date: 02/21/2023
Task Type: Architect/Interior- Design Research 1

ZAHA HADID

1- Imagination: Her vision redefined architecture for the 21st century and captured imaginations across the globe.




2- Futuristic: Some of her work transformed notions of what can be achieved in concrete, steel, and glass performing futuristic designs and a belief in the power of invention with advanced designs, material, and construction innovations.




3- Spectacular: There are many architects who create a project that stands as symbols of social progress but non delivered as regularly, as unexpectedly, and creatively as hers.

III WRITE-UP TASKS

Mood Board

Task Date: 03/06/2023
Task Type: Design Research 2

1-Plan: To show the details and to be more obvious to the client.

2- Close-ups: A bedroom with beige color paint followed by an upholstery gray bed back with a white sofa.

3- Zoom-ins: Decorative elements, furniture.

4- Color Scheme: Color Palette for the painting, furniture, and tiling's.

5- Lights, Space, Shapes, Patterns:
It's a modern design with balance colors and curvy furniture.

6- Font/ Background: Arial



III WRITE-UP TASKS

Moods that correspond to and evoke the shapes.

Task Date: 03/02/2023
Task Type: Same –Different Mood/Design Research 3

Same Mood:
1- Colored: Different colored Fabric sofa.



Different Mood:
1- Comfortable: Not related to comfy there are a lot of curvy lines.



III WRITE-UP TASKS

The role of forms and shapes in the interior space

Task Date: 03/07/2023
Task Type: Design Research 4

- Form refers to the shapes of the room in general. It could be the shape of the entire space, the furniture, décor, and even the light fittings.
- In interior design, forms and shapes are often combined to create balanced compositions.
- Additionally, forms can be combined with texture, pattern, and color to create unique and interesting visual effects.



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III WRITE-UP TASKS

The role of colors in the interior space

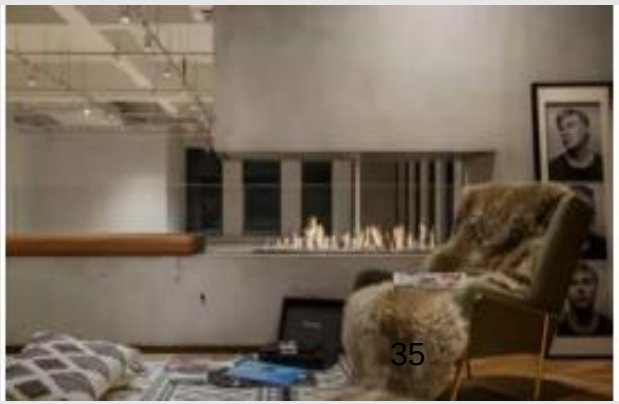
Task Date: 03/08/2023
Task Type: Design Research 5



- Flow together to feel the mood.
- Give purpose to the design.
- Balance the interior space when the colors blend in the right way.
- Give mood and comfortable to the space
- Join the zone together and prevent separation.

The role of Textures & Patterns in the interior space

Task Date: 03/09/2023
Task Type: Design Research 6



1- Big spaces with Balance textures.
2- Balance textures all over the place.
3- Monocromtic warm colors.

III WRITE-UP TASKS

Does light play any role in an interior space?

Task Date: 03/13/2023
Task Type: Design Research 7

Light play an important role in interior design:

1- Focus on and give it purpose.
2- Enhance and indicate the role of the item.
3- light can lead the eye to an important subject.
4- Form direction, continuously, and impact on the viewer.
5- Give illusions and importance.

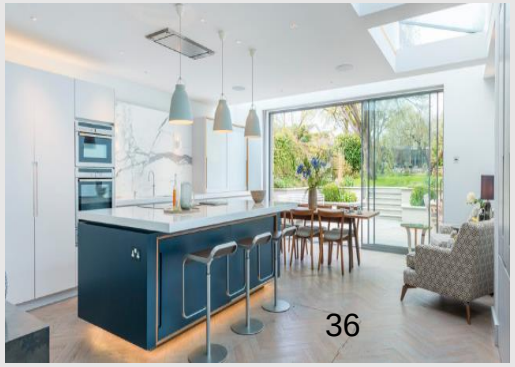


Don’t do list:

1- Strong light with no purpose that doesn’t focus on anything important.

Do list:

1- Great lighting creates depth and height, cozy spots, and draws attention to your most impressive areas.



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III WRITE-UP TASKS

Does balance & harmony play any role in an interior space?

Task Date: 03/14/2023
Task Type: Design Research 8

Balance and harmony play an important role in interior space.
1- Focal points provide ways of guiding the eye towards important elements.
2- Symmetrical arrangements are associated with elegance and harmony.
3- Balance in the interior to avoid negative spaces and overlapping.



Don’t do list:
1- Mis display for the sink where it’s a focal point.



Do list:

1- Symmetrical in a balanced way which gives a nice harmony.

III WRITE-UP TASKS

Do rhythm and proportion play any role in an interior space?

Task Date: 03/15/2023
Task Type: Design Research 9

Rhythm and proportion play an important role in an interior space.



1- There is continuity and source of the grid.
2- There is direction.
3- There is function and relation.
4- Prevent confusion.
5- Prevent huge shapes and avoid confusion.

Don’t do list:
1- No rhythm, and no continuity, there is no relation with each other
just pieces together.



Do list:
1- There is continuity and rhyme, and the repetition of pendants shows
a nice rhythm in the interior space.

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Does emphasis, Hierarchy & Variety play any role in an interior space?

Task Date: 03/16/2023
Task Type: Design Research 10

The emphasis, Hierarchy & Variety play an important role in an interior space.
- Avoid reckless and unfunctional elements.
- Avoid weirdness and puzzlement.
- Avoid the wrong direction and give identity to interior space.

Don’t do list:
1- There are no stairs, so all
the directions are for the two chairs and table, which
is the wrong focal point.



Do list:
1- The same scale of furniture where
all flow together to give identity and the right focal point.



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III WRITE-UP TASKS

Inflatable Concert Halls & Smart Materials

Task Date: 02/20/2023
Task Type: Architectural Research

1- What is an inflatable Architecture?
2- What are smart materials?
3- Examples of inflatable concert halls and smart materials.

- An air-cell inflatable building is a structure built from two layers of membrane interconnected with ties or webs. The gap or cavity between the layers is then pressurized with air to create a rigid 'double skin' structure. In this way, the air contained within the walls becomes a structural part of the building.

- Smart materials are materials reacting to external stimulations and have one or more properties. We could also call them responsive materials. These objects can change shape or behaviors with hot water, pressure, chemical, light, or heat.





III WRITE-UP TASKS

Strengths have you discovered about yourself during this internship

Task Date: 04/13/2023
Task Type: Research

1- Communication: How to communicate with my colleagues and supervisors during the internship, the ability to speak in a professional way, and the ability to understand presentation skills and how it's done.

2- Positivity: Enjoy the ride with positivity, and learn as much as possible as an intern. Being positive contribute to a harmonious work environment with the team member.

3- Self-discipline: To set my goals and have strong ethics in completing my tasks within the deadline.

4- Time management: Help me complete all of my tasks by or before deadlines. As an intern, showing that I can manage my time effectively can build trust between me and my supervisor. Many jobs require excellent time-management skills, so this is a good strength to focus on.

5- Integrity: Honesty, loyalty, dependability, and trustworthiness are all a part of integrity, which help me to excel as an intern. Displaying integrity helps me build stronger connections with employees, making the workplace more positive and collaborative.

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What is the Architectural Software you are using?

Task Date: 04/11/2023
Task Type: Research

1- 3Dmax/Vray: This software is used to show the design that u will present in 3d for the client to understand more about how it will be, the materials used, and everything is done.

2- Autocad2D/3D: This is for detail files; everything needs to be drawn in an architectural and detailed ways to be constructed in real life.

3- Adobe Photoshop: To add things to the rendered image, everything to make the project presentable a way for the client.

Date			04/25/2023					
Full Name			Layla Sayegh					
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3	Revit		☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	
4	3D-Max	4	☐	☐	☐	☑	☐	3D-Max 2020
5	SketchUp		☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	
6	Illustrator		☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	
7	Rhinoceros		☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	
8	Aftereffects		☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	
9	Photoshop	3	☐	☐	☑	☐	☐	Photoshop CC (20.0.6)
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What you have learned throughout this internship?

Task Date: 04/25/2023
Task Type: Learning From Internship

Concept: Always focus on the project concept and style besides the client's mood.

Professional Crop: Remove all the unnecessary elements while rendering, and take a professional crop with the proper camera**.**

Decorative Elements: Don't add many decorative elements just to fill the design.

Lighting: Always focus on adding the lights to make the renders real, and not fake to give the design a real ambiance.

Colors: Focus on just 3 to 2 colors to present the design correctly.



925 Apartment Interior- Before



Bell Main Residence- After

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Lebanon Culture

Task Date: 03/06/2023
Task Type: Photography Of Lebanon



Sir Al-Gharbieh-Lebanon

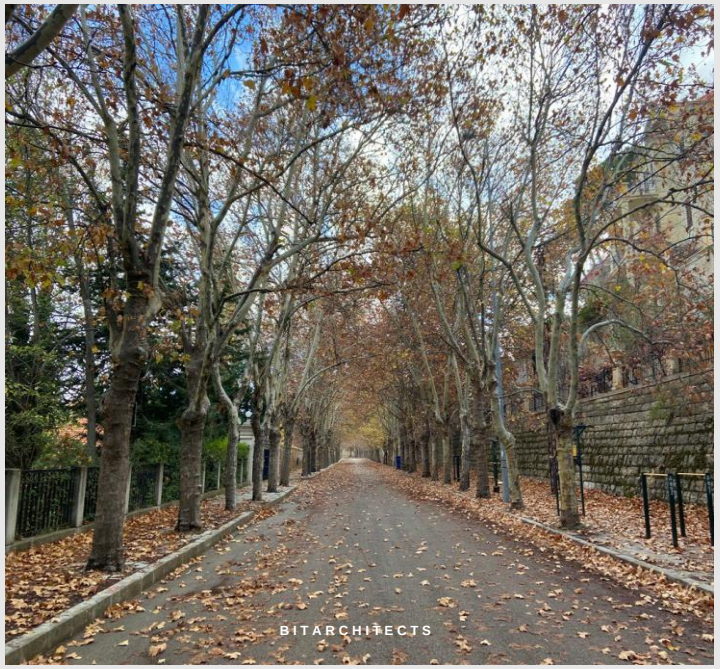


Baabda Forest-Train station

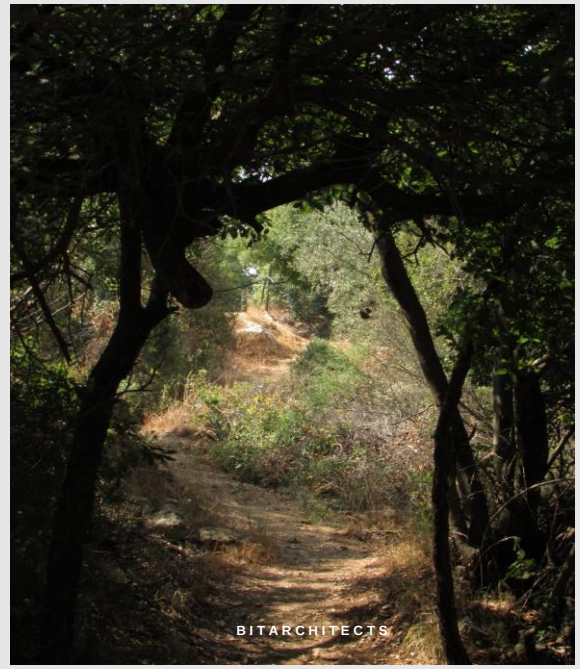
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Lebanon Culture

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Sawfar-Lebanon



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Batroun-Lebanon

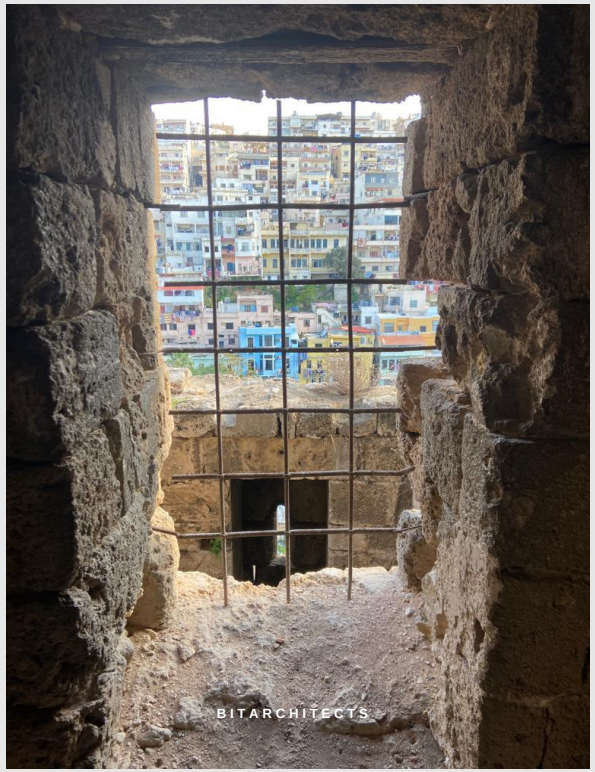


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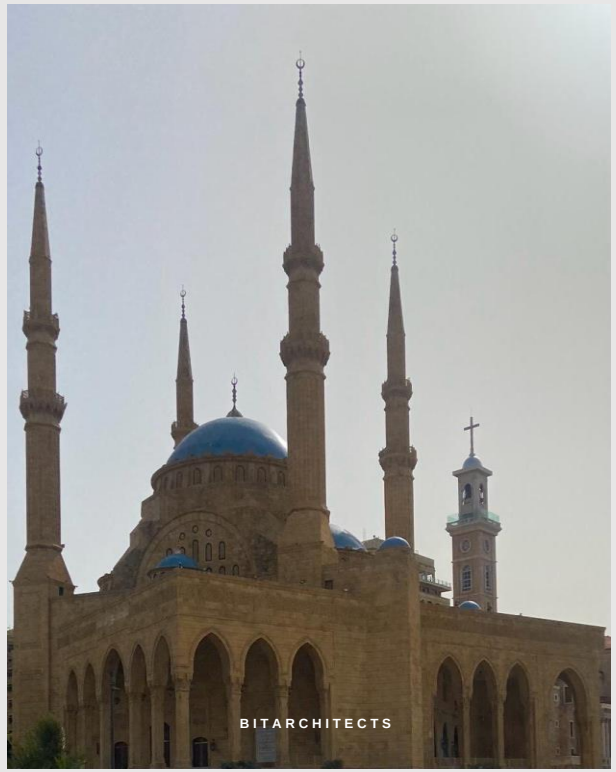
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Tripoli-Lebanon

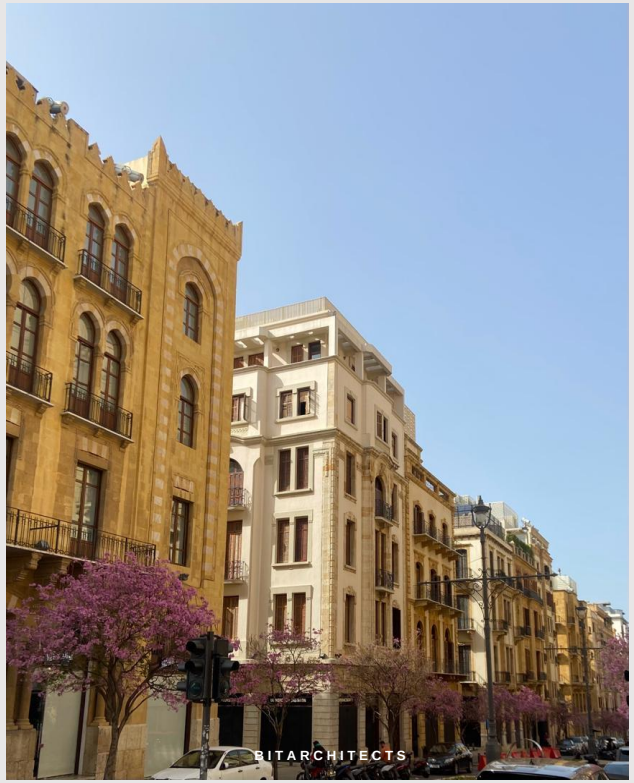


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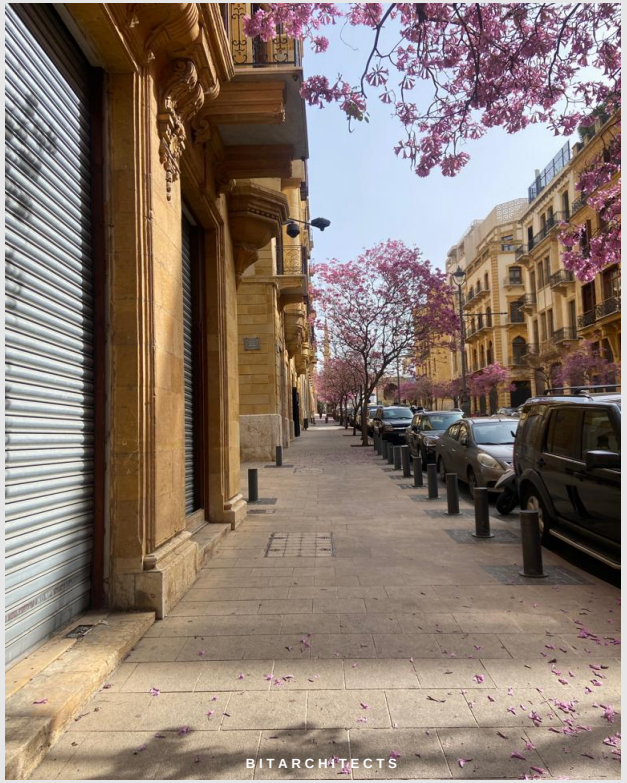
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III WRITE-UP TASKS

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Sidon -Lebanon

Deputy Camille Dory Chamoun

About Our Guest:

- **Deputy Camille Dory Chamoun** is a Lebanese Politician.
- In 2022 he won a seat in Lebanon's parliament.
- **Deputy Camille Dory Chamoun** was elected In April 2021 as the head of the **National Liberal Party**.
- President of the **Lebanese Yachting Federation** 2016-2020
- **CEO of Lenco Marine SAL** specialized in power boat building selling across the Middle East, Europe, and the Caribbean.

Five Key takeaways from the President Camille Chamoun meeting, what have you learned?

1- Family: One of Deputy Camille Chamoun's greatest achievements is raising 3 kids and having a nice family, parallel with all his achievements and background.

2- Different jobs: Due to his family background, anyone in his place would choose action mode without doing any effort to reach what he wants, but he started step by step to reach the success he wants.

3- Different experience: Deputy Camille Chamoun has worked in multiple fields and gained so much experience because making a productive life and career requires hard work and passion.

4- Connection: One of the most important keys in life is connection. How to connect to the world.

5- Success: Success isn't easy, you have to try several times until you reach it, and you have to be humble and passionate about what you are doing.

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Walter Swindell

About Our Guest:

- **Mr. Walter S. Swindell, II** is a career financial professional with extensive accounting and finance experience.
- Has a B.S. in Accounting and an M.S. in Financial Management
- Is experienced in managing accounting functions in private, public, and non-profit organizations.
- Is responsible for the management of accounting, payroll, accounts payable, receivable, and financial statements.
- Is an Associate Adjunct Professor teaching courses in Undergraduate Business School (University of Maryland University College).

Five Key takeaways from the Financial Advisor Mr. Walter Swindell meeting, what have you learned?

1- Family: Walter S. Swindell works a lot for his family and now because of this virtual platform he has time to be with his family and enjoy it, even on weekends he gives time to himself.

2- Different jobs: He started step by step to reach the success he wants, and also he chooses to account by accident, accounting for him is everything because you understand where the money comes and goes and it needs a lot of patience and overview.

3- Different experience: Has worked in multiple fields and gained so much experience because making a productive life and career requires hard work passion, and balance.

4- Connection: One of the most important keys in life is connection. How to connect to the world.

5- Success: Success isn't easy, you have to try several times until you reach it, and you have to be humble and disciplined and follow guidance and always learn from your mistakes.

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V- CONCLUSION

INTERNSHIP EXPERIENCE BRIEF

Internship Dates: 02/06/2023- 04/27/2023
Internship Location: Virtual

For the past few months, I was a working individual in the BTX fall internship program during the year 2023. This program expanded the ratio of my expertise and aided me in developing a range of important skills: skills that every architect and designer needs, from learning to work as a team to develop public speaking skills and management. I would most certainly recommend this program to my friends in the same line of work since this program is one of the few out there that really care about their students and their well-being, In this program I felt like I was learning between family more than between strangers, the environment provided helped me to discover new ideologies and new ways of thinking.