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## TERTIARY EDUCATION

PERIOD	2008 - 2009
INSTITUTION	University of Technology, Sydney
COUNTRY	Australia
COURSE	Masters in Architecture
PERIOD	2005 - 2007
INSTITUTION	University of Technology, Sydney
COUNTRY	Australia
COURSE	Bachelor of Arts in Architecture
PERIOD	2004
INSTITUTION	Sydney Institute of TAFE, St. George College
COUNTRY	Australia
COURSE	Diploma in Architectural Technology completed with Distinction
PERIOD	2003
INSTITUTION	Sydney Institute of TAFE, St. George College
COUNTRY	Australia
COURSE	Cert. IV in Architectural Technology completed with Distinction

## HIGHER EDUCATION

PERIOD	1997 - 2002
INSTITUTION	Lucas Heights Community School
LEVEL	Higher School Certificate, 2002

## EXPERIENCE

PERIOD	June 2015 - Present
ROLE	Senior Associate   Restaurants and Bars
PREVIOUS ROLES	Associate; Senior Designer; Project Designer
COMPANY	WATG   Wimberly Interiors <a href="http://www.wimberlyinteriors.com">www.wimberlyinteriors.com</a>

**OVERVIEW** A studio within a holistic design practice which works closely with global hotel operators through Strategy, Guest Experience and Design.

**KEY PROJECTS + RESPONSIBILITIES** **Four Seasons Sharm El Sheikh Expansion, Egypt | TMG | Undisclosed**  
**Zitouni Lebanese, Yatai Speciality Pan-Asian, Luna Pool Grill, Breeze Beach Bar**  
Lead Designer managing a team of 5; Strategy, culinary direction and tone; Concept pull-through and guest experience; All stages of design through to shop drawing and construction review and approvals; On-site review and installation; Client and operator managing role.

**Fairmont Taghazout, Morocco | AKWA | Undisclosed**  
**The Commons, Morimoto Speciality Japanese, NOLA, Beef + Reef**  
Lead Designer; Strategy, culinary direction and tone; Concept pull-through and guest experience; All stages of design through to shop drawing and construction review and approvals; On-site review and installation; Client and operator managing role.

**Four Seasons Apartments Doha, Qatar | DARA | Undisclosed**  
**Monaco Bistro and Boulangerie**  
Lead Designer managing a team of 3; Overseeing strategy, culinary direction and tone; Overseeing concept pull-through and guest experience; Overseeing all stages of design through to shop drawing review and approvals; Client and operator managing role.

**Giza Palace, Egypt | Travco | Undisclosed**  
**Patisserie, Brasserie, Pan-Asian, Lebanese, Destination Bar, Steakhouse, Shisha Terrace**  
Lead Designer managing a team of 7; Strategy, culinary direction and tone; Overseeing concept pull-through and guest experience; Overseeing all stages of design through to construction documentation; Client and operator managing role.

**The Abu Dhabi Edition, UAE | Bloom Emirates Properties | Undisclosed  
Oak Room, Alba Terrace, Annex Night Club**

Lead Designer; Strategy, culinary direction and tone; Concept pull-through and guest experience; All stages of design through to shop drawing and construction review and approvals; On-site review and installation; Client and operator facing role.

**Marriott Athens, Greece | Chandris | Undisclosed  
Renovation of Made in Athens and E&O Athens**

Lead Designer managing a team of 2; Strategy; Concept pull-through and guest experience; All stages of design through to construction review with regular site meetings; Accessories sourcing and styling; On-site review and installation; Client and operator managing role.

**Belmond Reid's Palace, Portugal | Belmond | €1 million  
Renovation of Pool Restaurant, Hotel Lobby, Meeting Rooms**

Lead Designer managing a team of 4; Strategy; Concept pull-through and guest experience; Master planning of entire property for future works; All stages of design through to construction review with regular site meetings; Accessories sourcing and styling; On-site review and installation; Client and operator managing role.

**St Regis Astana, Kazakhstan | MG Development | Undisclosed  
All Day Dining, St Regis Grill**

Lead Designer; Strategy, culinary direction and tone; Concept pull-through and guest experience; Management of documentation team; Operator facing role.

## PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE

**PERIOD  
ROLE  
PREVIOUS ROLES  
COMPANY**

2012 - 2015  
Senior Designer  
Mid-Level Designer  
Blacksheep  
www.blacksheep.uk.com

**OVERVIEW**

A design agency focused primarily on F&B experiences through Design Strategy, Branding and Interior Design.

**KEY PROJECTS +  
RESPONSIBILITIES**

**Ritz Carlton Talan Towers, Kazakhstan | APM | Undisclosed  
Mokki Restaurant, Sky Bar**

Lead Designer managing a team of 5; Strategy, culinary direction and tone; Concept pull-through and guest experience; Design development through to tender; Client and operator facing role.

**Mandarin Oriental Prague, Czech Republic | HPL Properties | €500,000  
Spices Restaurant, Lobby Bar**

Lead Designer managing a team of 2; Concept and feasibility studies; Design development through to tender with site meetings; Client and operator facing role.

**Four Seasons Johannesburg, South Africa | HPL Properties | US\$1.5 million  
Flames Restaurant, View Restaurant, Cellar Door**

Lead Designer managing a team of 4; Strategy, culinary direction and tone; Concept pull-through and guest experience; F&B masterplanning through to construction with site meetings; Client and operator facing role.

**Fairmont Hotel Amman, Jordan | INJAZ | Undisclosed  
Lobby Lounge, Speciality Japanese, Rotisserie Restaurant**

Concept and design development; Operator facing role as part of a team.

**Wagamama Uxbridge, UK | Wagamama | £300,000**

Design Leader managing a team of 4; Strategy and tone; Concept and design development through to tender.

**PERIOD  
ROLE  
PREVIOUS ROLES  
COMPANY**

2005 - 2012  
Graduate Architect  
Architectural Assistant; Office Assistant  
GroupGSA  
www.groupgsa.com

**OVERVIEW**

An Architectural practice focused on larger scale Architecture, Interior Design and Master planning projects.

## INTERESTS AND SKILLS

**SPOKEN LANGUAGE** English

**COMPUTER SKILLS** Autodesk AutoCAD | Advanced  
Sketchup | Advanced  
Adobe Creative Suite | Advanced  
Microsoft Office Suite | Advanced  
Mac and PC | Advanced  
iOS Devices | Advanced

**PERSONAL INTERESTS** Architecture  
Design  
Fashion  
Art  
Photography  
Travel  
History

## REFERENCES

WRITTEN REFERENCES  
ARE ALSO AVAILABLE ON  
REQUEST

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