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Natural Stone Specialist - Project Manager | Preconstruction Manager

Project Manager with 25+ years of experience leading procurement, design and installation of high value natural stone projects across the commercial, residential, retail and infrastructure sectors in the UK. Extensive experience managing the delivery of external cladding, internal fit-out and hard landscaping projects of high complexity and large scale. Experience includes GRC cladding, ceramic granite rainscreen systems including flooring projects featuring agglomerate, terrazzo, porcelain and ceramic materials. Proven ability to lead multidisciplinary teams, manage client relationships and deliver cost-effective technically sound solutions.

Core Competencies

- **Stone Expertise:** Supplier capability, stone type technical suitability and testing requirements. Procurement of limestone, marble, travertine, sandstone, granite and relationship building with suppliers based in the United Kingdom, Italy, France, Germany, Spain, Belgium, Turkey and China. Stone supplier quarry and factory inspections with clients and architects including range sample reviews and reports. Establishment of quality control processes including large scale dry lay inspections and specialist requirements such as book matching at factories abroad.
- **Technical Knowledge:** British Standards, UK Building Regulations, specification review, envelope performance design compliance, external wall detailing, flooring and pavement build up design including screeding, waterproofing and drainage.
- **Specialist Design:** Managing stone and fixing detailers to approved drawing status through project control process including client and architect design meetings. Control of manufacture schedules and orders issued to suppliers and factories. Management of specialist cladding design consultants carrying out envelope performance design compliance reports, detailing, cladding fixing systems and backing wall design.
- **Project Management:** Preconstruction, scope definition, materials procurement, technical design review, design-to-installation oversight, supplier & factory management, construction management, temporary works, logistics, lifting & equipment, scaffold & access arrangements, quality assurance, materials testing, cross functional team collaboration, supplier & stakeholder engagement, cost control, risk mitigation, programming.

Professional Experience

Laing O'Rourke | Vetter UK | Preconstruction Manager | Office Based

2006 - 2025

Key Projects:

- **The Whiteley | London | Natural Stone Cladding & Rainscreen, Hard Landscaping | £14.2m | 2021-2023**
 - Led design delivery of traditional hand-set & rainscreen cladding including fixing support systems and backing wall arrangements in collaboration with architects and performance design consultants to achieve fire, thermal; condensation, weathertightness, air-tightness, waterproofing, design life and structural compliance. Managed suppliers and material procurement process from formal client approvals through manufacture phase and delivery to site.
- **Clarges Estate | London | Fit-Out Apartments & Common Areas, External Cladding | £10m | 2015-2018**
 - Manager of stone procurement process through supplier quarry and factory visits, early cost analysis, supplier delivery capability assessment including range sample inspections with client and architect in Italy and Portugal.

- Design lead supervising stone detailers producing installation drawings and manufacture schedules for issue to factories including typical details for build ups to all stone wall linings, flooring, vanity units, showers and baths.
- Primary contact with stone suppliers throughout manufacture and dry lay inspection process including alignment of material delivery sequence with installation program requirements.
- Trinity Shopping Centre | Leeds | Cladding, Rainscreen, Flooring & Hard Landscaping | £7m | 2010–2013
 - Managed the design and supply of natural stone, GRC, ceramic granite rainscreen cladding systems and internal concourse granite flooring including hard landscaping paving and setts.
 - Co-ordinated supplier manufacture sequence and output with project installation requirements.
- One Hyde Park | London | Luxury Apartment Fit-Out | £7.5m | 2007–2010
 - Stone Procurement Manager managing stone range sample sign offs carried out with client and architect during visits to stone suppliers in Italy and Turkey.
 - Slab selection inspection visits at suppliers in Turkey and Italy for onward transportation to factory in Germany for cut to size manufacture, final dry lay inspection and subsequent delivery to site.

Further Projects:

- Olympia Redevelopment | London | Internal Flooring, Hard Landscaping | 2024-2025
- Oxford Humanities | Internal Tiling | 2025
- Ellison Institute of Technology | Oxford | Precast Concrete Cladding, Hard Landscaping | 2024-2025
- 19-35 Baker Street | London | Internal Flooring, Hard Landscaping | 2024-2025
- Soho Place | London | Internal Fit-Out Bar & Common Areas | 2020-2022
- Royal Liverpool Hospital | Hard Landscaping | 2020-2021
- Princess Alexandra House | London | External Cladding | 2020
- Manchester Airport | Landside Concourse Floor Tiling | 2019-2020
- North Wharf Road | London | Hard Landscaping | 2019-2020
- Jaguar Land Rover | Gaydon | External Water Cascade & Weir Wall, Internal Tiling | 2018-2020
- Southbank Place | London | Hard Landscaping, Water Features | 2018-2020
- The Post Building | London | Agglomerate Concrete Flooring | 2018-2019
- Kings Gate | London | Fit-Out Bathrooms | 2014-2015
- Oxford Brookes | Cladding, Internal Flooring, Hard Landscaping | 2010-2014
- Birmingham Airport | Landside Concourse Floor Tiling, Public Bathroom Wall Tiling | 2012-2014
- Thomas Deacon Academy | Peterborough | LOR External Envelope Construction Manager | 2013
- City of Westminster Courts | London | External Cladding | £2.8m | 2010-2012
- Olympic Aquatics | London | Swimming Pool Tiling | 2011
- Cornwell Terrace | London | Fit-Out Apartments | 2008-2010
- Manchester Central G-Mex | Hard Landscaping | 2008-2009
- Embassy Court | London | External Cladding | 2008-2009
- Heathrow Terminal 5 Interchange | Hard Landscaping | 2006-2009
- Heathrow T3 Forecourt Extension | Hard Landscaping | 2007-2009
- Cannon Bridge House | External cladding | 2008
- 154-172 Tooley Street | Internal Flooring | 2007-2008
- Heathrow T3 Futures | Internal Flooring and Cladding | 2007-2008
- Heathrow T5 Arora Sofitel | Internal Flooring | 2007-2008
- Liverpool Paradise Street | External Cladding | 2006-2008
- Coventry Casino | Internal Flooring, Water-Features | 2006

Laing O'Rourke | Vetter UK | Project Manager | Site Based

1998-2005

- Chapelfield Shopping Centre | Internal Flooring, External Cladding | 3000m² | 2004-2005 | Bovis
- 30 Gresham Street | London | External Cladding | 5500m² | 2002-2003 | Sir Robert McAlpine
- Duke of Yorks Headquarters | London | External Cladding | 1000m² | 2001-2002 | Laing
- Portcullis House | London | Internal Flooring & Cladding, Water Features | 1800m² | 2000-2001 | Laing
- Canada Square Park | London | Retail mall flooring and cladding works to cores | 3000m² | 1999-2000 | CWC
- 131 Finsbury Pavement | London | Internal flooring, walls and bathrooms | 800m² | 1998-1999 | Bovis

Awards - Stone Federation Great Britain

- The Whiteley | Highly Commended | New Build Cladding Rainscreen Category | 2024
- Jaguar Land Rover | Commended | External Water Cascade & Weir Wall | 2020
- Clarges Estate | Winner | Interiors Category | 2018

Earlier Roles

- Site Engineer | London | Keyman Personnel | Groundworks, Reinforced Concrete Structures | 1997-1998
- Site Manager | London | M. Bowen & Son Ltd | 3-Storey Brickwork Office Building | 1995-1997
- Site Engineer | South Africa | Murray & Roberts | Groundworks, Reinforced Concrete Structures | 1992-1995
- Laboratory Technician | South Africa | Portland Cement Institute | Concrete Materials Testing | 1990-1992

Education

- Higher National Diploma | Civil Engineering | Technikon Natal | Durban | South Africa | 1989-1994
- City & Guilds of London | Concrete Technology and Construction Part 1&2 | South Africa | 1991-1994
- National Military Service | South Africa | 1987-1988
- Kokstad High School | Matric Exemption | South Africa | 1986

Certifications & Training

- CSCS Academically Qualified | Reg No 14883150 | 2025
- IOSH | Managing Safely in Construction | Cert No 5593 | 2013
- IIF Phase 2 | 2012
- Kingspan | Structural Framing System (SFS) Installer Training | 2011
- IIF Phase 3 | 2009
- National Construction College | Scaffolding Safety Inspection | 2004
- SMSTS | The Site Management Safety Training Scheme | 2002

Technical Skills

- AutoCad, Navisworks Simulate, SketchUp, Asta Powerproject, Microsoft Office Suite

References

Available upon request