

Gordon Aitken

BSc in Quantity Surveying, LLM, MRICS

Director

Professional Profile

Gordon is a Director looking after the North-West of England for DGA. He is a Chartered Quantity Surveyor with 40 years of experience in the construction industry, working both in private practice and for building contractors, on major projects in the UK, the Middle East, and the Caribbean. Gordon holds a Masters Degree in Construction Law awarded by the University of Salford and is an Expert accredited by the University of Cardiff.

Core Skills

Contract Administration
Final Account Settlement
Claims Management
Project Management
Expert Reports
Procurement Strategies

Sector Experience

Hotels & Leisure Facilities

Commercial Developments

Industrial

Airports

Residential

Water Treatment

Roads & Bridges

Railways

Dams & Reservoirs

Hospitals & Healthcare

Energy

Education, Government &

Culture

SPECIFIC SECTOR EXPERIENCE

Hotels & Leisure Facilities

- Claims for Kier Construction, Major London Hotel Development, value of claim £40m.
- Post contract administration on Black Country Living Museum for Balfour Beatty, £7m

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- BAHA MAR, Nassau, Bahamas Post Contract Administration: 5- Star hotels and casino development; Project valued at US\$3.5 billion. Project completed March 2015.
- Final accounts and agreement on claims at Manarat Al Saadiyat, UAE. Project valued at AED
 450,000,000. Project completed January 2011.
- Post Contract Administration, Zayed National Museum, UAE: Project valued at AED 3,000,000,000.
- Project Director, Fairmont Hotel, The Wave, Muscat, Oman. Project valued at RO 70m.
- Senior Quantity Surveyor, Banyan Tree Hotel, Sifa, Oman. Feasibility-valued at RO 75m.
- Senior Quantity Surveyor, MAF "City Centre" shopping centre, Sohar, Oman-Feasibility.
- Quantity Surveyor, Morecambe Football Club -New Stand, Morecambe, UK. Project valued at £3m.
- Quantity Surveyor, YMCA Ashton in Makerfield, Wigan, UK. Value £6m.
- o Olympia Centre, East Kilbride, Substructure Package, UK. Value £15m.
- o Milburngate Shopping Centre, Private Client Developer, Durham, United Kingdom. Value £100m.

Commercial Developments

- Claims for Kier Utilities, national framework. Claim valued at £25m.
- o Senior Quantity Surveyor, Royal Office, Oman. Project valued at RO 100m.
- Senior Quantity Surveyor, Ministry of Education HQ, Oman. Project valued at RO 30m.
- Project Manager/ Senior Quantity Surveyor, Telewest Plc Offices and Technical Buildings,
 Northwest England, UK. Projects valued at £40m.
- Project Manager/ Quantity Surveyor, Tiggis- high end night club, Lytham St. Annes, UK. Project valued at £3m.
- Quantity Surveyor, Lancashire County Council Schools Programme, Preston, UK. Numerous project valued at total £15m.
- Quantity Surveyor, St. Catherines Hospice, Preston, UK. Value £5m.
- Quantity Surveyor, Wyre Borough Council- major estates housing refurbishment, Fleetwood, UK.
 Value £5m.
- Social Security Office, Alexandria, UK. Value £3m.



Industrial

- Expert report on sub-contractors claim on Energy from Waste Project, Derby, claim value £3m
- Employers Agent for Wilson Bowden Developments Limited, Kingsway Business Park, Rochdale.
 Projects valued at £50m.
- Project Manager/ Senior QS, Richmond Ice Creams Industrial Units, Wigan, UK. Projects valued at £10m.
- Quantity Surveyor/ Client Rep., Northwest Water Office Refurb., Preston, UK. Projects valued at £3m.
- Fife Ethylene Plant, Exxon Mobil, Mossmoran, United Kingdom. Value £18m.

Airports

Quantity Surveyor, Manchester Airport Terminal 2, Air- side Fit Out. Value £5m.

Residential

- o Infrastructure works for large housing development, Falkirk, UK. Value £20m.
- Numerous expert reports on housing defects and their repair costs. Values ranging from £30K to £400K.

Water Treatment

Darsait Sewage Treatment Plant, Muscat, Oman. Value \$50m.

Roads & Bridges

 Various Roads Projects (Madinat Al Nahda), Muscat Capital Area, Oman. Worked on various projects totaling \$40m.

Railways

Final Account for Stobart Rail on Network Rail electrification project totaling £ 15m.

Dams & Reservoirs

Various dams and large stormwater drainage channels through Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. Value

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£500m.

Hospitals & Healthcare

• Falkland Islands Hospital, Ministry of Defence, Stanley, United Kingdom. Value £20m.

Energy

 Post contract administration for Prysmian UK. Suppling cables and connecting from windfarms to converter stations throughout Scotland. Value £20m.

Education, Government & Culture

 Post contract administration for Keir Specialist Services. Fitting out of new ballet school, Central London. Value £7m.

RECENT EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

2015 – Present DGA Group Director

2013 – 2014 AECOM / Davis Langdon Commercial Manager Nassau, Bahamas

2011 – 2013

AECOM Arabia

Commercial Manager

Jeddah, Saudi Arabia

2010 - 2011

AECOM
Cost Manager / Associate Abu Dhabi/
Dubai

2009 – 2010
AECOM (Formally Hanscomb & Co LLC)
Senior Quantity Surveyor /
Project Director. Oman

- Responsible for operations for DGA in the North West of England. Duties primarily involve project management of major industrial works, production of pre-contract documentation and expert reports
- Undertakes day long workshops with major contractors on methods of measurement and commercial awareness
- Quantity Surveyor responsible for cost management of construction of 5 star hotels and major casino.
 Located in the Bahamas. Project completed April 2015.
- Post contract administration for numerous infrastructure and dams projects in Saudi Arabia: Project valued at SAR 4.5 billion. Project completed October 2013.
- Post contract administration for construction of major museum projects in Abu Dhabi
- Pre contract works for major hotel projects in Oman.
 Post contract administration works for erection of major government buildings.

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1993 – 2008 Gordon Aitken Associates Principal. Preston, UK

1990 – 1993 Roy Beaumont & Associates Associate. Preston, UK

1987 – 1990 R J McLeod Ltd Senior Surveyor. Glasgow, UK

1985 – 1987 Consolidated Contracting Company Senior Surveyor. Oman

1982 – 1985 Building Design Partnership Quantity Surveyor

- Principal of Gordon Aitken Associates, Chartered Quantity Surveyors. Pre and Post contract works in all sectors of construction.
- Associate at Private Practice in Preston. Pre and Post contract works in all sectors of construction.
- Senior quantity surveyor with large contractor working on major civils and building works.
- Project quantity surveyor with major international contractor on construction of large sewage treatment plant.
- Quantity surveyor working on pre and post contract works on numerous types of building projects.