

## Design Manager

**Availability:** Immediate  
**Position:** Full Time  
**Location:** London, United Kingdom

### The Position

Maynard is seeking an accomplished Design Manager to lead a large, culturally significant wayfinding project. This role carries the responsibility of guiding a complex and deeply meaningful design effort that will shape the experience of millions of visitors each year.

Based in our London studio and working closely with teams in the Middle East, you will oversee the delivery of a world-class project that demands extraordinary attention to detail, sensitivity to cultural context, and uncompromising quality.

The successful candidate will demonstrate exceptional leadership, coordination, and diplomacy in managing an international team. Fluent in both Arabic and English, they will bring a proven track record in delivering complex design projects, and a genuine enthusiasm for regular international travel to support on-site project delivery and client/stakeholder engagement.

### Key Responsibilities

- Lead the end-to-end management, coordination, and delivery of a large-scale wayfinding project in the Middle East, ensuring all milestones are met on time, within budget, and to the highest standards.
- Maintain project schedules, resource plans, and budgets while identifying and mitigating risk throughout the project life cycle.
- Act as the day-to-day contact for the client, build strong relationships, and provide regular progress updates, both in English and Arabic.
- Act as the primary liaison between the UK and ME-based design teams, client representatives, contractors, and consultants.
- Conduct regular visits to the Middle East to manage project progress, quality assurance, and stakeholder engagement.
- Facilitate project meetings, manage documentation, and ensure that all deliverables align with Maynard's quality procedures and client requirements.
- Facilitate workshops, presentations, and approval processes with client and government authorities.
- Ensure compliance with local codes, accessibility requirements, and cultural sensitivities for the Middle East.
- Coordinate multilingual communications and documentation, ensuring accurate Arabic and English translations.
- Anticipate and resolve project risks, issues, and change requests.

- Maintain regular reporting to executive leadership on milestones, financials, and performance metrics.

### Skills & Experience

- Bachelor's degree in Architecture, Engineering, Project Management, Design, or a related discipline.
- Fluent in Arabic and English (spoken and written).
- Excellent organisational, leadership, and communication skills.
- Minimum 5 years' experience managing large-scale infrastructure, architecture, urban design, or wayfinding projects.
- Proven expertise in managing complex multi-phase, multidisciplinary projects with international stakeholders.
- Willingness and capacity to travel frequently to the Middle East and potentially other international destinations for project delivery and client engagement.
- Advanced understanding of project management methodologies, and proficiency with project management software.
- Strong organisational skills and the ability to manage numerous workstreams in parallel, with a keen eye for detail.
- Demonstrated experience in risk management, forecasting, and problem-solving.
- Understanding of Middle Eastern business context, regulatory environment, and cultural protocols.
- Experience working with architectural, engineering, or contractor firms within the Middle East.
- Ability to work effectively across cultures, with deep respect for Middle Eastern customs and working practices.

### What We Offer

- Competitive salary and benefits, commensurate with skills and experience.
- Opportunity to lead a landmark project for one of the world's most high-profile religious sites.
- Meaningful travel opportunities, and hybrid working arrangements.
- Supportive and diverse team culture focused on innovation and user-centred design.
- Collaborative and supportive working environment within a global design consultancy.