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Alexander von Vegesack

Alexander von Vegesack worked together with Rolf Fehlbaum, owner of the furniture producer Vitra, to establish the Vitra Design Museum, which he has headed as director since its opening in 1989. As director, he has created and continuously improved the programs of internationally touring exhibitions on design and architecture, including the publication of numerous associated catalogues and other materials. For over ten years, he has also worked with the Centre Georges Pompidou to organise internationally recognised seminar programs in France for designers and architects as well as artists, craftsmen and artisans from various disciplines.

Dr. Sami Angawi

Dr. Sami Angawi has a Doctorate of Philosophy in Islamic Architecture from the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, UK. Since 1988 he has been the Founder and General Director of the Amar Center for Architectural Heritage in charge of supervising all activities in areas of architectural designs, planning, conservation and development of architectural heritage, documentation of traditional architecture and analyzing its elements, research work in the fields of restoration of traditional architectural heritage and its relation to environmental and socio-economic factors, traditional arts and crafts.

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Renny Ramakers

Renny Ramakers is an art critic and director of droog, the company which she set up with Gijs Bakker in 1993. She organises design exhibitions, participates as part of the jury of various design prizes and gives lectures and workshops worldwide. Ramakers took part in governmental advisory boards, amongst others as a member of the Council of Culture (1995-2001).

Together with Gijs Bakker she is head of the IM master course of the Design Academy Eindhoven. As an art critic, Ramakers wrote for international magazines, books and catalogues and published several books under her own name.

Rami Farook

Rami Farook is the Founder and Director of traffic, which was conceived as an art and design practice - one that acts as a store, gallery, studio and platform for the region's design community. Since traffic's inception, Rami has become a vital part of the design culture of the region, launching the Traffic Design Competition as well as developing a line of furniture and accessories, to be unveiled in Milan in 2010.

He recently represented the UAE in the International Young Design Entrepreneur Competition, and went on to win the IYDE Award at a ceremony in London during the London Design Festival 2009.

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Antonia Carver

Director of Bidoun Projects

Ahmed Bin Shabib

Co-founder of brownbag, brownbook and the shelter

George Katodrytis

Architect, Associate Professor of Architecture and Director of
Scholarship and Outreach at the School of Architecture +
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