



# Ala Husni Zeidan

*Arbitrator & Counsel · Forensic Delay & Quantum · FIDIC Contracts*

An independent construction-disputes practitioner with **over 22 years' experience** who combines three disciplines that rarely meet in one advisor: the **chartered engineer** who has delivered projects worth over **AED 10 billion**, the **contract specialist** with a Master's in Construction Law and FIDIC certification, and the **arbitrator** — a DIAC-Listed Arbitrator who serves as **co-arbitrator and counsel** in numerous construction arbitrations before DIAC, ICC and SCCA tribunals. The result is delay and quantum analysis built from the site records up — and defensible before a tribunal. As **co-founder and CEO of ALAZ EXPERT**, Ala advises contractors, developers, government bodies and counsel across the UAE and wider GCC, acting for claimant and respondent alike.

## AREAS OF PRACTICE *three pillars*

### 01 Forensic Delay & Quantum

SCL-Protocol delay analysis (time-impact, windows, as-planned vs as-built) and independent quantification of prolongation, disruption, loss & expense and variations.

### 02 Arbitration & Dispute Resolution

Sitting as co-arbitrator and acting as counsel in DIAC, ICC and SCCA arbitration; claims strategy, pleadings and tribunal-ready expert evidence to final award.

### 03 FIDIC Contracts & Advisory

Drafting, review and administration across the FIDIC suite; Sub-Clause 20 claims and Clause 8 extension-of-time entitlement protected from the outset.

**Also advising on:** FIDIC Adjudication (DAAB) · Expert Witness & Determination · Dispute Avoidance · Claims Management. **Sectors:** retail & mixed-use, aviation, healthcare, marine, defence & government.

## ARBITRATION EXPERIENCE *counsel & co-arbitrator*

*Served as co-arbitrator and counsel in numerous arbitrations, including but not limited to —*

ICC 29671/ICA12 · SCCA 0571 · SCCA 0574 · DIAC A260008 · DIAC A250278 · DIAC 240253 · DIAC 240028 · DIAC 277/2022 · DIAC 191/2022 · DIAC 110/2022 · DIAC 137/2021 · DIAC 65/2021 · DIAC 178/2020

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Co-Founder & CEO** 2026 – Present  
ALAZ EXPERT Project Management Services — Dubai, UAE
- Contracts & Commercial Director** 2022 – 2026  
United Engineering Construction — Dubai · Disputes, commercial, planning & contracts; arbitration & court strategy
- Contracts Manager** 2018 – 2022  
United Engineering Construction — Dubai · Contract administration, EOT claims, subcontracts & baseline programmes
- Client Representative / Consultant** 2012 – 2018  
Command of Military Works — UAE Armed Forces · Contractual claims assessment across major government projects
- Senior Project Engineer** 2007 – 2012  
Al Habtoor Leighton Group (HLG) — Dubai
- Project & Site Engineer** 2004 – 2007  
Gulf Consult (KSA) · Abra Alshamal Contracting (Jordan)

## SELECTED MAJOR PROJECTS *portfolio scale*

Deira Mall, Dubai	AED 4.2 bn	JAFZA Convention Centre	AED 2.0 bn
Airport — runway, taxiway & landside	AED 1.5 bn	Nakheel Mall, Dubai	AED 1.2 bn
LULU Avenue Mall	AED 750 m	220-Bed Hospital & ancillaries	AED 500 m
Military School	AED 365 m	Marine dredging & reclamation	AED 200 m

## CONTACT

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## EDUCATION

### MSc Construction Law & Dispute Resolution

British University in Dubai · with King's College London

### BSc Civil Engineering

Al-Balqa Applied University

## MEMBERSHIPS & LISTINGS

### MCI Arb

Chartered Institute of Arbitrators

### DIAC-Listed Arbitrator

Dubai International Arbitration Centre

### MCI OB

Chartered Institute of Building

## PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS

FIDIC FCCM

FIDIC Adj. Ph.1

ECCDA-P6

ECCCS L1

PMP

PSP

CCP

LEED GA

Estidama PQP

P6 Expert

## LANGUAGES

Arabic

Native