

Xavier Benedict, M.Arch; MBA (LUMS, UK)

B.Arch & M.Arch (School of Arch & Planning, Anna University, Chennai)

MBA (Lancaster Univ, UK – Ranked in World Top 50 by *Financial Times London*)

Trustee – Anna University, SAP-Alumni Association, Chennai

Experience:

Jan '03 – Till Date **Anameka Architects and Designers, Chennai** **Chief Architect**
Proprietor

Jan '01 – Dec '02 **Citex Consulting, Birmingham, UK** **Business Analyst**

- **Barclays FM Project** at Canary Wharf, London: Co-ordinator for Project Collaboration. Worked on the Barclays Information Channel to implement and manage the design and strategic FM development, for the migration of people from 11 sites to the Barclays Global Headquarters, London
- **Prime Values:** Andover Prime Contract was one of the first prime contracts for MOD. Created process matrix and procedures, using collaboration and navigation tools, to integrate and improve the way the team delivers their objectives. The **Prime Values** act as a prototype for any future contracts. Prime Contracting is an approach to procurement and project delivery, bringing the client, contractors, and sub-contractors together from the beginning of the design process.
- **KPMG Packer/Jam PFI:** Worked as risk analyst and received a token of appreciation for good work. Worked with KPMG, advising a multinational bank, on the performance, payment (cost), risk and audit of FM services.
- **McKinsey FM Services:** Prepared Best Practices report on individual FM Services. Citex is the prime FM service provider for McKinsey, London. The reports were prepared to fulfil Citex's commitment to provide continuous improvement and innovative ideas on individual services.
- **City Reach International:** Worked throughout the compliance period and completed the project successfully – for the selection and management of a computerised maintenance management system (CMMS) in eight European Cities.
- **Miscellaneous work:**
 - Worked with other consultants on different projects giving ideas on Space Planning, Partnering, and Value Based Management for FM services.
 - Benchmarking study on Collaborative Working: Did an internal study to measure the effectiveness of using collaborative tools to improve project objectives.
 - Competitor Analysis: the study was to compare Project Collaborative tools available in the UK and to identify the best tool in the market.
 - Wrote articles on: Business Continuity Plan – written as part of the *Guide to Security and Business Survival* for Citex Publication, and Effective Collaborative Working..

Jun – Sep '00 **Lakeside Management Development, UK** **MBA Trainee**

- Did an organisation – based consultancy project as a part of the full-time MBA program

- The project involved: designing a strategic marketing plan for increasing and retaining customers, developing new products and framing an e-strategy for the organisation.

Aug '97 to Aug '99 AIMS Research, Chennai, India

Consultant

Asian Information Marketing & Social Research (AIMS Research) is a leading consultancy firm providing Urban Development, Social, Retail and Marketing consultancy on projects throughout the country.

- Prepared an Integrated Development Plan and report for nine heritage towns for the State of Tamilnadu.
- The project involved submitting detailed proposals to the Government of Tamilnadu for urban development works of selected Heritage Towns for the benefit of preserving and improving the built environment.
- Led a team of professionals. Was the youngest among the team, which posed some unique challenges that taught me some valuable lessons.

July to Nov. '95 Stein Doshi & Bhalla, New Delhi

Trainee

Stein Doshi & Bhalla is a leading Architecture consultancy firm in India. Responsibilities included designing and consulting with clients on projects. Working with Stein, Doshi and Bhalla gave an opening to corporate and industrial architecture and an opportunity to work with some of the country's largest industrial powerhouses like Escorts JCB, Faridabad etc.

Extra-Curricular Activities:

- Cycled from **London to Paris** (31 Aug to 3 Sep '01) for National Deaf Children's Society, England. Collected funds for the UK charity to improve the life of the deaf children.
- Received Graduate Aptitude Test in Engineering Scholarship (GATE '97) awarded by Government of India during post-graduate (M.Arch) degree education and ranked among the Top 50 in the country.

Other Activities, Trainings & Memberships:

- Attended International Conference on Passive Energy Architecture at University of **Geneva**, Switzerland 06-08 Sept 2006.
- LEED workshop on Green Buildings conducted by Confederation of Indian Industry – Godrej GBC on 24 Nov 2006 at CII Hall, Chennai
- Visits Anna University and other colleges in Tamilnadu as external-juror and guest lecturer.
- Member of **Council of Architecture**, New Delhi, India
- Associate, **American Institute of Architects**, USA
- **Fellow**, IHS-Erasmus University, Rotterdam, The Netherlands
- Associate, Indian Institute of Architects
- Life Member of Bombay Natural History Society, Mumbai
- Life Member of Association of British Scholars, Chennai
- Life Member of Madras Photography Society
- Associate Professor, Meenakshi College of Engineering, Chennai

Countries Visited: USA, Slovenia, Belgium, Germany, Switzerland, The Netherlands, France, United Kingdom, Bhutan, and Sri Lanka