# Heba Daghstani

RESEARCH & PROCESS - BASED DESIGNER **M:** +31 6 26 53 01 31 (NL) | +971 56 3702720 (UAE)

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## **Summary**

I hold a master's in Situated Design and extensive experience creating customer – and cultural-centred solutions. My expertise lies in leading design projects from start to finish, ensuring that the user experience is impactful and strategic, backed by research-driven approaches. I am passionate about crafting narratives and outcomes that enhance user experiences, using context-driven design strategies. My goal is to work collaboratively with a team, guiding projects from inception to implementation, with a focus on creating meaningful and impactful services.

# **Experience**

#### **Design in-Relation**

FOUNDER | NL 15<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2024 - PRESENT

#### **Meshwar Podcast**

FOUNDER | NL

24<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2024 - PRESENT

- Ground Shifting and Situated Design methodologies for in-depth research, creating engaging and relatable content.
- Spearheaded the podcast's auditory experience design, focusing on immersive storytelling through sound.
- •Led the visual and brand strategy, ensuring a cohesive user experience across all touchpoints.

#### **Independent Designer**

DESIGNER | RMEOTE

 $1^{\text{ST}}$  SEPTEMBER 2020 -  $15^{\text{TH}}$  APRIL 2024

- Specialized in the development of design strategies, facilitating the delivery of comprehensive design solutions that address complex user needs.
- Managed end-to-end design projects, from research and concept development to implementation, across various industries including education, technology, government sectors and start-ups.
- •Fostered collaborative partnerships to enhance service delivery, applying situated design principles to ensure contextually relevant solutions.

# H2rdesign

LEAD DESIGNER | REMOTE

 $4^{TH}$  MAY 2021 -  $6^{TH}$  MAY 2024

- Developed and implemented brand and design strategies, enhancing brand visibility and user engagement.
- Mentored junior designers, fostering a culture of creativity and innovation.
- •Led the design and execution of integrated marketing materials, aligning with the brand's service philosophy.

## Slash Strategic Design

RESEARCH & STRATEGY | ABU DHABI 18<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2019 - 18<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2020

- •Conducted user research and analysis to inform design strategies.
- Collaborated with multidisciplinary teams to develop suitable design solutions.

# **Hatch Concept Studio**

DESIGNER | DUBAI

1<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2017 - 4<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2019

- •Designed user-centric solutions for diverse clients.
- •Implemented visual design principles to enhance outcome delivery.

### **Skills**

Professional competence in relevant methodologies, digital tools and technologies.

## Education

#### MASTERS IN SITUATED DESIGN

NETHERLANDS AKV|St.Joost

September 2021 - July 2023

#### ART RESIDENCY

NETHERLANDS
Rethinking the Artist Economy
De Kleine Aarde
2022 - 2023

# BACHELOR IN GRAPHIC DESIGN AND MULTIMEDIA

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES University of Sharjah September 2014 - June 2018

## **Engagement**

ARTISTS CIRCLE, SAKSI BISOU UK | REMOTE

CHASE ENCOUNTERS CONFERENCE 2023 UK | REMOTE

LET'S TALK ABOUT INSTITUTIONAL LIFE GERMANY | REMOTE

AI & DESIGN SYMPOSIUM
NETHERLANDS | INPERSON IN TU DELFT

# **Publications / Exhibitions**

THE LABYRINTH TO THE POMEGRANATE TREE ON FUTURESS.ORG - MAY 21ST, 2021

CIRCLING THE CIRCASSIAN IDENTITY

on Futuress.org - MAY 21ST, 2022

**GROUND SHIFTING** on 2023.thecurrent.is JULY 5TH,2023

#### ADRIFT A SHIFT

Willem Twee Kunstruimte 'S-Hertogenbosch, NL JULY 2023

## LAB FOR THE UNSTABLE MEDIA

V2\_, Lab for the Unstable Media Rotterdam, NL MAY 2023

## Languages

Arabic - Fluent | English - Fluent Dutch - Beginner AO/A1