

Total Efficiency in practice: Ithra Cultural Centre, KSA

Client: Snøhetta | **Project Client:** Saudi Aramco | **Project:** Ithra Cultural Centre, Dhahran, KSA | **Sector:** Culture | **Services:** Design Project Management, Cost Management, Specification Consulting and Value Risk Consulting | **Start Date:** March 2008 | **Completion Date:** March 2010 (design only)

CHALLENGES

Managing the design of an iconic cultural centre to budget to house exhibition halls, a museum, an auditorium, a mosque, a library and KSA's first public cinema.

Supporting a client working in a new sector.

Coordinating an international design team based in Europe, Asia, United States of America and the Middle East.

Delivering a unique and highly complex design within a tight design schedule.

Reacting to an evolving design brief and ensuring stakeholder requirements are clearly understood.

Meeting detailed reporting requirements.

SOLUTIONS

Built strong relations with the client team and guided them to alternative procurement routes.

Managed the design team and design process.

Identified key milestones and produced a coordinated design programme.

Created an open forum for resolving design issues and implemented and monitored strategies for resolution.

Applied a flexible approach and change control procedures.

Chaired design team meetings to ensure working towards common goal.

Produced regular client reports to illustrate design progress.

RESULTS

Excellent communication across the design and client team.

Removal of administrative burden from design team, enabling designers to focus on the job at hand.

A complete, iconic design which meets client aspirations.

REFLECTIONS

The provision of design project management enabled the international design team to work more efficiently.

It is essential to have a clear, signed-off brief to minimise design changes





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