

**David J Stewart Associates**

Chartered Architects

# Practice Profile

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David J. Stewart Associates was established in October 1984 in Banbury, Oxfordshire following the acquisition of the English office of McAlister Armstrong and Partners.

The Practice grew steadily to a compliment of fifteen staff and occupied new period premises at Hightown Road, chosen to ensure potential for further controlled growth.

The offices premises were further developed to create bespoke new office space in 2003.

DJSA have now vacated the Hightown Road site and moved into Serviced Office Premises at Bloxham Mill Business Centre in Bloxham, Oxfordshire in January 2015.

The development of our Commercial Client base has included commissions from a number of Nationally based Companies with development requirements throughout the U.K. The Practice has adopted a policy of immediate response to accommodate these Client requirements and has continued to invest in the most up to date Computer Aided Design and Communication technology available.

During the early 1990's as recession began to affect the Construction Industry, the Practice was fortunate to retain a healthy project portfolio with its existing Motor Trade Clients. As the quantity of commercial projects began to diminish our expertise in Motor Trade related projects enabled us to progress whilst others were regressing. This continued work allowed us to retain our full compliment of experienced staff and to build upon our specialisation at a time when there was a real requirement for Architectural Practices to be able to demonstrate specialist skills in a particular field.

During 1992 and 1993, we demonstrated our commitment to Quality, registering and developing procedures towards accreditation under ISO 9001/1994. This work was rewarded with third party accreditation by Lloyds Register Quality Assurance Ltd. in July 1993 and since upgraded to the ISO 9001/2008 standard. Our Quality Policy reflects our commitment to Client satisfaction and states that:

*“The Architectural Practice of DJSA will exercise all reasonable care and skill in every aspect of its service through the implementation of a Quality System to ISO 9001:2008 which will involve the use of systematic, planned and cost effective procedures that determine, assess and achieve quality, value and continuing improvement in compliance with the requirements of the Client. It will continue to build upon its commitment to CAD to deliver added value and will explore new avenues in information technology. Through a commitment to CPD (Continued Professional Development) for professionally qualified staff and day release for technical staff, it will develop new skills and demonstrate a policy of ‘Education for Innovation’.*

In 1998 we satisfied the requirements of the Government Agency “Constructionline” relating to their desired technical, managerial and financial standards and have been awarded their Qualification Certificate under the disciplines of Architecture and Project Management.

The Practice builds upon its awareness of current and rapidly changing legislation. Our commitment to information technology ensures that the Practice keeps pace with technical advances and legislative changes.

The range of our workload generally reflects capital values between £350,000 and £3.5 million, but occasionally peaks above these figures with Project Management work at £10 million per project. The Practice is well equipped to deal with this range of work both now and in the future.

The vast experience which we have gained within the field of Motor Dealership designs includes work for the majority of Motor Manufacturers and we have demonstrated a particular expertise in dual/multiple franchise dealerships. These include Land Rover/Jaguar, Peugeot/Citroen, Renault/Kia, and Ford/Mazda, through new build dealerships and refurbishment projects. We are particularly adept at programming work to enable dealers to remain in operation during construction works, and projects have been completed using various methods of contract procurement.

In 2000 our motor-trade work slowed down following the completion of a number of new Dealerships and this prompted an examination of new opportunities which would broaden our work base into new areas. This resulted in the formation of a close working relationship with our local Social Housing provider, Sanctuary Housing Association, and we have since received repeat instructions on local housing projects.

With our Commercial and Social Housing work we also enjoy regular instructions from local householder Clients in need of specialist help with listed or sensitive properties in Oxfordshire and surrounding counties.

In 2010 with the UK market in recession and new work instructions reducing, David Stewart started to investigate the Middle East Market with the help of UKTI and their OMIS initiative (Overseas Market Introduction Service). This provided positive feedback and great possibilities with our specialism in Motor Retail design due to a Motor World and Auto City initiative being Planned.

Through a meeting arranged by UKTI we were introduced to Ali and Sons, a business which has an automotive sector, who agreed to be our Sponsor in the UAE.

During the period of obtaining UAE trade licences and work permits, David Stewart and Ed Whiting spent time travelling to Abu Dhabi / Dubai to make contact with Car Manufacturers and Distributors to introduce David J Stewart Associates and to demonstrate our specialism in the motor retail sector.

Trade licences and work permits having been obtained our Branch office opened in Abu Dhabi in 2013.

After two years of promising promotional work in Abu Dhabi, David Stewart made the difficult decision in 2015 to close our office when it became clear that projects could not be delivered within a sustainable timeframe.

Client List

Avis Rent-a-Car Ltd	Lincoln Co-operative Society Ltd
Banbury Homes	Lovell Urban Renewal
Bass Developments Ltd	Miller Construction
Bicester Town Council	Motorola Ltd
Blenheim Land	Oxfordshire County Council
Belazu	Polymark Futurail
Charles Barr Furniture Ltd	Property Services Agency
Charter Community Housing	Quality Street Limited
Cherwell District Council	Queens Moat Properties
Cleveland County Council	Renault U.K. Limited
Colliers Motor Group Ltd	Robins and Day
Courtaulds Coatings Holdings Limited	Rover Cars
Dalgety Spillers plc	Rover Group
Deddington Health Centre	Rover Europe
Drayton Group	Royal British Legion Housing Association
Dutton Forshaw Motors Company Ltd	Royal Mail
Evans Halshaw Holdings plc	Rugby Cement Ltd
Gloucestershire County Council	Rylands Cannon Park
Hayward and White	S & S Homes Ltd
Henry Boot Developments Ltd	Sanctuary Housing Association
Hertz Rent-a-Car Ltd	Sandicliffe Ltd
Honda UK	Shaftesbury Housing Association
Home Farm Trust (HFT)	Simons Estates
Horton General Hospital NHS Trust	Spencer (Banbury) Ltd
Inchcape Motors Retail	Sutton Park Motor Company Ltd
Invicta Co-operative Society Ltd	Tarmac
Jack Barclay Ltd	Toys 'R' Us
Jaguar	Unipart
Jemca Car Group	Warwickshire County Council
Lancaster Plc	Water Engineering Ltd
Land Rover	Western Farm Implements
Lex Service Plc	Wolseley UK Limited
Lifestyle Europe	