

David J Stewart Associates

Chartered Architects

# Practice Profile



PROJECT  
MANAGEMENT



INTERIOR  
DESIGN



TOWN  
PLANNING



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

In October 2018 DJSA relocated the office premises to the Stable Barn located in Steeple Aston.

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 complement 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 BS5750. This work was rewarded with third party accreditation by Lloyds Register Quality Assurance Ltd in July 1993 and has since progressed to achieving accreditation to the current revised standard ISO 9001:2015. 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 9001:2015 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  
Banbury Homes  
Bass Developments Ltd  
Bicester Town Council  
Blenheim Land  
Belazu  
Charles Barr Furniture Ltd  
Charter Community Housing  
Cherwell District Council  
Cleveland County Council  
Colliers Motor Group Ltd  
Courtaulds Coatings Holdings Limited  
Dalgety Spillers plc  
Deddington Health Centre  
Drayton Group  
Dutton Forshaw Motors Company Ltd  
Evans Halshaw Holdings plc  
Gloucestershire County Council  
Hayward and White  
Henry Boot Developments Ltd  
Hertz Rent-a-Car Ltd  
Honda UK  
Home Farm Trust (HFT)  
Horton General Hospital NHS Trust  
Inchcape Motors Retail  
Invicta Co-operative Society Ltd  
Jack Barclay Ltd  
Jaguar  
Jemca Car Group  
Lancaster Plc  
Land Rover  
Lex Service Plc  
Lifestyle Europe

Lincoln Co-operative Society Ltd  
Lovell Urban Renewal  
Miller Construction  
Motorola Ltd  
Oxfordshire County Council  
Polymark Futurail  
Property Services Agency  
Quality Street Limited  
Queens Moat Properties  
Renault U.K. Limited  
Robins and Day  
Rover Cars  
Rover Group  
Rover Europe  
Royal British Legion Housing Association  
Royal Mail  
Rugby Cement Ltd  
Rylands Cannon Park  
S & S Homes Ltd  
Sanctuary Housing Association  
Sandcliffe Ltd  
Shaftesbury Housing Association  
Simons Estates  
Spencer (Banbury) Ltd  
Sutton Park Motor Company Ltd  
Tarmac  
Toys 'R' Us  
Unipart  
Warwickshire County Council  
Water Engineering Ltd  
Western Farm Implements  
Wolseley UK Limited