

# ARCHITECT

MIDDLE EAST

NEWS, DATA, ANALYSIS AND STRATEGIC INSIGHTS FOR ARCHITECTS IN THE GCC

# POWER



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THAT HAVE  
HELPED TO  
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AECOM AND  
COLAB REVEAL  
DESIGN FOR  
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Farshad Mehdizadeh's tiny and inventive 7m<sup>2</sup> food outlet in Iran. **p48**

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NAGA Architects' residential and retail scheme near Safa Park in Dubai. **p56**

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## AHMET SAFFARINI

CEO

ENG ADNAN SAFFARINI

Ahmet Saffarini is the CEO of one of the UAE's oldest and largest architecture firms. Established in 1968 in Dubai, Eng Adnan Saffarini has built up an impressively large portfolio and office, with over 750 staff in the GCC. Its projects include the Princess Tower in Dubai Marina, which is now the tallest residential building in the world at 414m.



## GEORGE EFSTATHIOU

CONSULTING PARTNER

SOM



Although based in Chicago, Efstathiou, was lauded as MEA's Architect of the Year 2011, due to his work on a trio of Dubai's best high rises - Burj Khalifa, Infinity Tower and Rolex Tower. He has been at SOM for 39 years, starting off as a technical architect, then becoming a design architect and a manager of the design process. He is the number one ranking architect and the client liaison, taking care of all the project's business aspects.