



Sharmila Tankha AIA
 Founding Principal

Sharmila is the Founding Principal and Partner of STARQ inc., a multi-faceted Architecture, Design and Building Technology Studio based in Orange County and Los Angeles.

Sharmila brings over 25 years of experience in Hospitality and Mixed-use design, sensitively weaving together complementary aspects of Hospitality, Retail and Community design in delivering enduring places for people to Live, Work and Play.

At STARQ, Sharmila has led the design vision for several multifamily and hotel developments in California including Citrea* at Fullerton for the Related Group which received over 1300 application for its 51 affordable units on opening day.

She obtained her masters of building science degree at the School of Architecture USC, Los Angeles and her Bachelor's degree in Architecture from the School of Planning and Architecture in New Delhi, India.

She is a licensed architect in the state of California.

Awards

Gold Award - Muse Design Awards 2020 - Interior Design for Rykadan Capital Headquarters in Hong Kong.

Winner - Burj 2020 Urban District Maserplan Competition, Dubai, UAE *

2007 Winner, ULI Award for Excellence, Asia Pacific, Urban Land Institute, Roppongi Hills, Tokyo, Japan *

2004 Best of California Award, California Construction Magazine Morongo Casino Resort & Spa, Cabazon, CA*

Affiliations

American Institute of Architects (AIA)

Registration

Licensed Architect - CA

Selected Project Experience

Mixed-Use

Burj 2020 Urban District, U.A.E. *
 Dubai Multi Commodities Center

Lisboa Palace Integrated Resort, Cotai, Macau *

SJM Holdings

Bahrain Financial Harbour, Manama, Bahrain *
 Gulf Finance House

Mohegan Sun Project Horizon, Uncasville CT *
 Mohegan Tribal Gaming Authority

Dubai Festival City, U.A.E. *
 Al Futtaim Group

The Gateway, Salt Lake City, UT *
 The Boyer Company

Roppongi Hills, Tokyo, Japan
 Mori Building Company

Hospitality

Hilton Hotel, Kunming, China *
 Shili Group

Viceroy at Haitang Bay, Sanya, China *
 GOME Holdings

Marriott Haikou, Haikou, China *
 Shen Zhen Tile Group

Mazeh Hotel and Mixed Use, Damascus, Syria*
 Bardan & Hafi / MZECH

Palm Jumeirah Pier Restaurants, U.A.E.*
 Nakheel

Morongo Casino Resort & Spa, Palm Springs, CA *
 Morongo Band of Mission Indians

Palms Casino Resort, Las Vegas, NV *
 Fiesta Palms, LLC

Residential

Dubai Town Homes, U.A.E.
 Nshama

Harbor Row Branded Residence, Manama, Bahrain*
 Gulf Finance House

* prior to Starq inc