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Experience:

Designer/Partner: K2 Design Inc. – 2004 - Present

Four Points by Sheraton, West Lafayette, IN: Branded hotel located in West Lafayette, Indiana. Renovation and FF&E selection for lobby, conference rooms, meeting room, ballrooms, guestrooms, guest corridors, and central atrium

Holiday Inn City Center, Lafayette, IN: Branded hotel located in Lafayette, Indiana. Renovation and FF&E selection for guestrooms, guest corridors, lobby, meeting rooms and restaurant

RL Hotel, St. Louis, MI: Branded Hotel located near St. Louis airport. Renovation of entire hotel including lobby, restaurant, meeting rooms, guest rooms, and guest corridors

Comfort Inn & Suites, Burlington, IA: Branded hotel in Burlington, Iowa. Renovation and FF&E selection for lobby area

Fairfield Inn & Suites, Burlington, IA: Branded hotel in Burlington, Iowa. Renovation and FF&E selection for lobby area

Holiday Inn, Burlington, IA: Branded hotel in Burlington, Iowa. Renovation and FF&E selection for lobby area

Radisson Hotel, Aurora, CO: Branded hotel located in suburb of Denver. Renovation & FF&E selection for conference rooms, restaurant, suites, suite bathrooms, and guestroom corridors

Radisson Hotel, Aurora, CO: Branded hotel in suburb of Denver. Renovation and FF&E selection for conference rooms, restaurant, guestrooms, guest suites and bathrooms, and guest corridors

Aurora Park Hotel, Aurora, CO: Boutique hotel located in suburb of Denver. Renovation & FF&E selection for lobby, public corridors, front desk, guest corridors, elevator landing, guestrooms, suites and bathrooms

Red Lion Inn & Suites, Tempe, AZ: Renovation & FF&E selection for lobby, reception desk, breakfast area, public corridors, and public restrooms

'Mr. Pistachio' Offices & Candy Retail Store: Candy & Nuts business new location, Mexico City, Mexico. Space planning and renovation of an existing building for 20 employees with plans for additional employees in the near future. Developed design concept for the office building and selected the finishes and furnishings.

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Chestnut Hill Hotel, Philadelphia, PA: Historic Boutique hotel located in Chestnut Hill Area of Philadelphia. Renovation and FF&E selection for guestrooms, public corridors, lobby & front desk, public restrooms, and function room

Best Western Plus Inn & Conference Center, Du Bois, PA: Renovation and FF&E selection for guestrooms, lobby, reception area, exercise room, breakfast area, public corridors, pre-function area, conference room, public restrooms

Best Western Lock Haven, Lock Haven, PA: Renovation and FF&E selection for guestrooms, public corridors, lobby, front desk, breakfast area, and meeting room

Luxury Residential Projects:

- Interior & exterior renovation of a 5000+ SF private luxury residence in Paradise Valley

- Several luxury residences in Scottsdale, Fountain Hills and Tempe
- Luxury Condos at Optima Scottsdale
- Luxury Penthouse in Kierland Towers, Scottsdale
- Private Residence, Phoenix: Originally designed by Architect Al Beadle
- Space planning and furniture design for 2 lofts in Kierland Commons, Phase I & II

Commercial Lobbies for Westcor, Scottsdale, AZ: Space plan, finishes & furnishing selection for multiple lobbies

Plaza Lofts at Kierland Commons, Scottsdale, AZ:

- Phase II: Coordinated with developer and architect to create design concept, colorized 50 custom lofts, selected all interior finishes, performed site inspections, furnished model unit, selected furniture for all public spaces (residents' lounge, lobby area, and outdoor spaces)
- Phase I: Colorized 30 lofts, design, FF&E selection for lobby, community area, and pool area, performed site inspections

Dental Office, Scottsdale, AZ: Renovation & FF&E selection for reception desk, waiting area, private office, operatories, lab, staff lounge, and public restroom

Project Manager: Best Western International Inc. - 1998-2004

Numerous Best Western (BW) Hotels including but not limited to, BW Montebello Hotel: Montebello, CA; Downtown Inn & Suites, Oxford, MS; The Inn at Longwood Medical, Boston, MA; BW Atlantic City Extended Stay & Suites, Pleasantville, NJ; BW Capitola-By-the-Sea Inn & Suites, Capitola, CA

Education

Bachelor of Science in Design: College of Architecture & Environmental Design, Arizona State University, Magna Cum Laude

Membership

International Interior Design Association (IIDA)

Published Work

Chestnut Hill Hotel featured in Bucks County Magazine, Fall 2014
Chestnut Hill Hotel featured in Design Bureau Magazine, August 2013