

## Gordon Aitken

Director

### Professional experience

Gordon is a director heading up dispute resolution in the North- West of England. He is a Chartered Quantity Surveyor with 40 years of experience in the construction industry, working both in private practice and for building contractors, on major projects in the UK, the Middle East, and the Caribbean. Gordon holds a master's degree in construction law awarded by the University of Salford and is an Expert accredited by the University of Cardiff.

### Relevant project experience

#### Tourism and Hospitality

- **The Dorchester Hotel, London:** Claims for Tier 1 contractor and reports for adjudication (2015)
- **Black Country Living Museum, Birmingham:** Post-contract administration for Tier 1 contractor (2021-2022)
- **BAHA MAR, Nassau, Bahamas:** Post-contract administration for 5-star hotels and casino development (2013-2015)
- **Manarat Al Saadiyat, Abu Dhabi:** Final accounts and agreement on claims on major museum development introducing the Louvre, Zayed and Guggenheim (2010-2011)
- **Zayed National Museum/ Louvre, Abu Dhabi:** Post-contract administration on construction of world landmark museum (2010-2011)
- **Fairmont Hotel, Muscat, Oman:** Project Director, Feasibility studies on major new hotel (2009-2010)
- **Banyan Tree Hotel, Muscat, Oman:** Feasibility studies on major new hotel and spa (2010)

#### Retail

- **Milburngate Shopping Centre, Durham, UK:** Production of Bills of Quantities for tendering purposes (1982)
- **Olympia Centre, East Kilbride, Substructure Package, UK:** Post-contract administration for Tier 1 contractor (1987-1988)
- **MAF "City Centre", Dubai, UAE:** Feasibility studies on major shopping centre (2010)



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#### Qualifications and training

BSc in Quantity Surveying

LLM

MRICS

Expert accredited by the University of Cardiff.

#### Relevant skills

Claims & Dispute Management

Contract Administration

Quantum Expert Witness

Final Account Settlement

Procurement Strategies

Project Management

Commercial Management

Risk Management

Preparation of Bills of Quantities and

Contract Documentation

#### Relevant sectors

Arts and Culture

Aviation

Education

Energy

Health

Manufacturing and Industrial

Office

Road

Rail

Tourism and Hospitality

Water

Sports and Leisure

Resources and Waste

Housing

Data Centres

## Sports and Leisure

- **Morecambe Football Club, UK:** Pre and post contract consultancy services on new football stand (2000)
- **Windy Harbour, Lancashire, UK:** Project manager and Quantity Surveyor on major new leisure, spa and hotel development, feasibility, project management, contract documentation, post contract administration (2024-)
- **YMCA Ashton in Makerfield, Wigan, UK:** Full precontract documentation and post contract administration (1991-1992)
- **Tiggis Restaurant and Night Club, Lytham St. Annes, UK:** Project Management/ Post- contract administration on large high-end development (2005)
- **Fylde Rugby Club, Lytham St. Annes, UK:** Employers Agent and full quantity surveying service, construction of new club house and external sports facilities (2003-2005)

## Office

- **Cable Northwest/ Telewest Plc, Preston, Liverpool, UK:** Project Manager/ Senior Quantity Surveyor on numerous offices and technical buildings and data centres, all precontract documentation and post contract administration (1993-2003)
- **Social Security Office, Alexandria, UK:** Post contract administration for major building contractor (1989).
- **Northwest Water Offices, Preston, UK:** Pre-contract documentation and full post- contract administration on major refurbishment of offices (1997-1998)
- **Royal Office, Muscat, Oman:** Post contract administration on main governmental offices, claims resolution (2009)
- **Ministry of Education, Muscat, Oman:** Post contract administration on ministry offices, claims resolution (2009)

## Education

- **Lancashire County Council Schools Programme, Preston, UK:** heading up retained practice for full quantity surveying services on extensive schools buildings programme, 15Nr schools (1993- 2003)
- **King David School, Liverpool, UK:** Pre-contract documentation and full post- contract administration on large school classroom extension and new netball pitches (2024- 2025)
- **Bedford Modern School, Bedford, UK:** Employers Agent on RAAC replacement to several buildings (2023-2024)
- **Central School of Ballet, Keir Specialist Services, UK:** Fitting out of new ballet school, Central London, post-contract quantity surveying, settling claims and final accounts from sub-contractors (2020-2022)

## Health

- **St. Catherines Hospice, Preston, UK:** Full quantity surveying service on construction of new mortuary (1992-1993)
- **Falkland Islands Hospital, Stanley:** Preparation of Bills of Quantities for tender purposes (1985)

## Religious

- **Mosque, Wimbledon, UK:** Expert report on a dispute over the rectification costs on a poorly constructed mosque

## Housing

- **Wyre Borough Council, Fleetwood, UK:** Full quantity surveying service refurbishment of council housing; 100 properties (1990- 1992)
- **Numerous expert reports on housing defects and their repair costs, UK:** Expert quantum reports following liability reports by building surveyors; 15Nr (2019-2024)
- **Professional Imdemnity claim, UK:** Prepared an expert report on a design and build contractor's claim against a firm of QSs who had poorly prepared quantities for their tender an a large housing development.

## Energy

- **Energy from Waste Project, Derby, UK :** Expert quantum report on sub-contractors claim for extension of time and associated costs on large new EfW project (2023)
- **Prysmian UK, Highlands and Lowlands of Scotland for Scottish Power, UK:** Post-contract administration on 6 projects supplying cables and connecting from windfarms to converter stations throughout Scotland.(2018-2020)

## Manufacturing and Industrial

- **Richmond Ice Creams Industrial Units, Wigan, UK:** Employers Agent and full quantity surveying service, construction of large production facility (2002-2003)
- **Fife Ethylene Plant, Exxon Mobil, Mossmoran, UK:** Site based consultant QS on construction of main control centre to plant (1983-1985)
- **Wilson Bowden Developments Limited, Kingsway Business Park, Rochdale, UK:** Employers Agent on programme of 5 Nr large industrial developments (2016-2020)

## Aviation

- **Manchester Airport Terminal 2, Manchester, UK:** Air-side fit-out, post- contract management for fit-out contractor on refurbishment (2005)

## Resources and Waste

- **Darsait Sewage Treatment Plant, Muscat, Oman:** Post contract quantity surveying for major international contractor on construction first tertiary sewage treatment plant serving the Muscat Capital Area. 100km of irrigation pipework laid throughout Muscat. Requirement to handle claims from main sub-contractors. (1985-1987).

## Road

- **Madinat Al Nahda, various roads projects, Muscat Capital Area, Oman:** Constructing roads in outlying villages in the desert where there had been no roads before. Post contract quantity surveyor for major international contractor (1985-1987)
- **Infrastructure works for large housing development, Falkirk, UK:** Post contract site- based quantity surveyor on roads and pavings and external services for large housing development (1987-1988)

## Rail

- **Network Rail electrification project, Central London, UK:** Final Account and claims for Stobart Rail (2019)

## Water

- **Jeddah Stormwater Project (JSDP), Jeddah, Saudi Arabia:** Various dams and large stormwater drainage channels throughout the Jeddah area, consultant QS monitoring post contract work ( 2011-2013)

## Employment History

<b>TSA Riley (formerly DGA Group)</b>	<b>Director</b>	<b>(2015 – Current)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Responsible for dispute resolution for TSA Riley in the North- West of England. Other duties primarily involve project management of major works and quantity surveying.</li> <li>Undertakes day long workshops with major contractors on methods of measurement and commercial awareness</li> </ul>
AECOM / Davis Langdon	Commercial Manager	(2013 – 2015)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Quantity Surveyor responsible for cost management of construction of 5-star hotels and major casino. Located in the Bahamas. Project completed April 2015.</li> </ul>
AECOM Arabia	Commercial Manager	(2011 – 2013)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Post contract administration for numerous infrastructure and dams projects in Saudi Arabia: Project valued at SAR 4.5 billion. Project completed October 2013.</li> </ul>
AECOM	Cost Manager / Associate Abu Dhabi/ Dubai	(2010 – 2011)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Post contract administration for construction of major museum projects in Abu Dhabi</li> </ul>
AECOM (Formally Hanscomb & Co LLC)	Project Director / Senior Quantity Surveyor	(2009 – 2010)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pre contract works for major hotel projects in Oman. Post contract administration works for erection of major government buildings.</li> </ul>
Gordon Aitken Associates	Principal	(1993 – 2008)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Principal of Gordon Aitken Associates, Chartered Quantity Surveyors. Pre and Post contract works in all sectors of construction.</li> </ul>
Roy Beaumont & Associates	Associate	(1990 – 1993)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Associate at Private Practice in Preston. Pre and Post contract works in all sectors of construction.</li> </ul>
R J McLeod Ltd	Senior Surveyor	(1987 – 1990)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Senior quantity surveyor with large contractor</li> </ul>

working on major civils and building works.

Consolidated Contracting Company

Senior Surveyor

(1985 – 1987)

- Project quantity surveyor with major international contractor on construction of large sewage treatment plant.

Building Design Partnership

Quantity Surveyor

(1982 – 1985)

- Quantity surveyor working on pre and post contract works on numerous types of building projects.