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Details of Experience and Qualifications

Gabriel Pierazzini is a Technical Specialist with a long track record in complex international projects for a variety of construction companies, engineering consultancies and property developers specialising in building façades and fenestration.

With 40+ years of hands-on experience at all levels, he is recognised in the industry as a go to person for any questions of design, construction, technical feasibility, contractual and specification matters, and defects/failure investigations related to the building envelope.

Gabriel's qualifications include an MSc in Construction Management and an MSc in Construction Law and Dispute Resolutions. Gabriel is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, a Fellow of the Society of Façade Engineers and a Member of the Chartered Institute of Buildings.

Having now become a member of the Expert Witness Institute, alongside his fulltime employment with one of the leading UK Construction Companies, Gabriel now offers expert witnessing services on issues pertaining to a wide variety of façade types, including glass and metal façades, precast concrete façades, metal, terracotta and stone rainscreen façades and general fenestrations.

Technical, Academic and Professional Qualifications.

2025 CIArb Applied Arbitration for Fellows in London

- A two-day intensive course organized by the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators
- Simulated a real international arbitration environment, enabling participants to act as co-arbitrators and chairs under the guidance of three highly experienced Chartered Arbitrators with extensive international expertise,
- Provided tailored coaching and detailed feedback to participants throughout the two-day sessions, enhancing their practical arbitration skills.

2024 Membership, UK Adjudicators Panel

Member of the UK Adjudicators Panel, UK Adjudicators - Adjudicator Nominating Body

2024 Membership, CIArb LVD - MAP Panel

- Member of the CIArb CIC Low Value Disputes Model Adjudication Procedure Panel
- Profile link ClArb | Profile

2024 Full Membership, Expert Witness Institute

- Provisional Member of the Expert Witness Institute (Membership Number 10003023)
- Profile link Expert Witness Institute > Find an Expert > Expert Details (ewi.org.uk)

2023 Expert Witness Institute (EWI) Core Training

- Law for Experts
- Report Writing
- Expert Discussion & Joint Statements

2023 Fellowship, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators

Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (FCIArb, Membership Number 6107040)

2023 Arbitral Award Writing Exam, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators

Grade: Pass – 80%

2023 MSc In Construction Law and Dispute Resolution, Kings College London

- Grade: Merit
- Modules: Introduction to Law; Construction Law I and II; Collaborative Procurement; Arbitration and Dispute
- Dissertation: Is a Duty of Reasonable Skill and Care Fit for the Purpose of Avoiding Another Grenfell Tragedy?

2022 Technical Committee, Society of Façade Engineering

Vice Chair of the Technical Committee of the Society of Façade Engineering

2012 Membership, Chartered Institute of Building

• Member of the Chartered Institute of Building (MCIOB, Membership Number 1517614)

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2011 MSc in Construction Management, University of Bath

- Grade: Merit
- Modules: Management in Construction; Economics in Construction; Construction Law; Managing Human Resources; Pre-Contract Management; Strategy in Construction; Property Development Appraisal
- Dissertation: Who Should Control the Design Team in the Execution Stage?

2009 Fellowship, Society of Façade Engineering

- Fellow of the Society of Façade Engineering (FSFE, CIBSE Membership Number 035207)
- https://www.cibse.org/get-involved/societies/society-of-facade-engineering-sfe

1983 Diploma in Industrial Technology, Institute of Technology and Industry, Pisa, Italy

- Drafting Technician
- Mechanical and Metallurgical Technician
- Technician in the operation and control of metal production plants
- Manufacturing Production Technician
- Technician for the maintenance of production equipment

EXPERIENCE

2021 - Present Head of Technical - Façades, Kier Limited, UK

Lead Façade Specialist and pivotal member of the Design and Technical Assurance Group, reporting to the Central Construction Business. Operating across multiple regions, leading the overall façade delivery strategy, and providing specialist input across multiple projects working on the building envelope, and providing technical input to resolve issues, disputes and claims.

2020 – 2021 Façade Specialist, Balfour Beatty UK Construction Services Ltd, UK

Provided specialist input across a portfolio of projects demonstrating expertise across a wide range of façade types, materials and technologies. Developed project strategies for design and construction stages, and provided technical input to resolve issues, disputes and claims.

2016 – 2020 Project Executive – Building Envelope, Canary Wharf Contractors Ltd, UK

Pivotal member of the Southbank Place Construction Executive Team with leadership accountability for the design, procurement and delivery of all façade works at the Southbank Place Development (£1.3b construction value and £140m+ façade works value) which consisted of 2 office buildings, and 5 high-rise residential towers.

2013 - 2015 Operations Director - Façade Engineering, Mace Ltd, UK

Key member of the Mace Construction Technical Group and Lead Building Envelope Specialist. Managed and led across key project phases including pre-construction process, design development, procurement, design/construction strategy, contract finalisation. Regularly seconded to individual projects to support the direct delivery of façade packages for high profile projects.

2008 – 2012	UK Sales and Tendering Director, Permasteelisa (UK) Ltd, UK	
2004 – 2008	Senior Façade Engineer, Lend Lease, UK	
2001 – 2004	Senior Façade Designer, Ove Arup & Partners Ltd, UK	
2000 – 2001	Senior Project Manager – Curtain Wall Division, G James Glass & Aluminium Pty Ltd, AUS	
1996 – 2000	Doo Design Manager Curtain Wall, G James Glass & Aluminium Pty Ltd, AUS	
1994 – 1996	1994 – 1996 Tender Manager/Cost Planner, G James Glass & Aluminium Pty Ltd, AUS	
1992 – 1994	Technical and Commercial Advisor, Self-Employed, Italy	

Project Manager/Project Co-Ordinator/Draughtsman, Various, Italy

SELECTED PROJECTS

1984 – 1992

Year of		
Completion Project Name		Role
2024	The Forum Gloucester	Head of Technical Façades (pre-construction)
2022	Lewisham Gateway Phase 2	Specialist Support, Façade Principal
2020	Southbank Place, London	Project Executive, Façade Lead
2018	Television Centre Re-Development – White City, London	Operations Director, Façade Lead
2017	Nova Victoria Development, London	Façade Operations Director
2014	The Leadenhall Building, London	Façade Design and Project Manager (pre-construction)
2014	20 Fenchurch Street (Walkie-Talkie), London	Bid Director

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2011 2010	Manchester Metropolitan University New Business School One New Change, London	Bid Director Façade Design and Project Manager
2008	Kings Waterfront Arena & Conference Centre, Liverpool	Façade Design and Project Manager (pre-construction)
2007	Manchester Civil Justice Centre, Spinningfields, Manchester	Façade Design and Project Manager (pre-construction)
2003	Paternoster Building 1 – Warwick Court, London	Façade Consultant
2003	Herons Quay 1 - 20 Bank Street Canary Wharf, London	Façade Consultant
2002	Victorian County Court, Melbourne	Project Manager and Lead Façade Designer
2000	Citigroup Centre – 2 Part Street, Sydney	Lead Façade Designer and Project Co-ordinator
1999	Haw Par Centre – Clemenceau Avenue, Singapore	Lead Façade Designer
1989	Ecole Nationale Supérieure d'Agronomie, Ivory Coast	Construction Manager