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**Waleed Arafa is the founder and principal of Dar Arafa Architecture, Cairo, Egypt. Born in 1978, Arafa earned a B.Sc. in architecture, urban design and planning, from the Faculty of Engineering, Ain Shams University, Egypt.**

**He joined the internationally renowned architectural practice based in Los Angeles; Naga Studio Architecture+Urbanism where he participated in a number of projects some of which include: The World Trade Center Memorial competition in Manhattan and The New Masterplan for the Giza Pyramids Plateau in Egypt.**

**Later, in 2006, Waleed Arafa established his own practice, Dar Arafa Architecture. In 2009 he received the Bibliotheca Alexandrina award for architecture known as the Hassan Fathy Award.**

**In 2010, Dar Arafa Residence, one of the very first projects of the firm, was nominated for the Aga Khan Award in its 11th cycle. Arafa earned his Post-graduate degree in the Conservation of Historic Buildings, from the Architectural Association School of Architecture in London, UK. His thesis was entitled: “The Mosque in Britain: British Heritage?” in 2015. Finally, Arafa keeps learning and researching to revive the essence of the architecture of Islam throughout his projects.**