

# BEN MCGHEE

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## 2017-PRES CITIZENM HOTELS - REAL ESTATE DEVELOPER

Managed the development of the first citizenM Hotel on the West Coast, in Seattle. Took those experiences to Los Angeles and designed, entitled, and built the tallest volumetric modular building in the (seismic) world. citizenM owns and operates all of its hotels, this has kept me intimately involved in absolutely all aspects of the development and operational process. Traveled and collaborated with colleagues on a daily basis in Europe, North America, and Asia. Titles included Design Manager and Project Manager.

## 2014-2016 TECHNISCHE UNIVERSITEIT DELFT / TU DELFT

MSc Architecture within the Chair of Methods and Analysis at TU Delft, the Netherlands. Graduation thesis was a study of the commons, particularly in relation to the South American condition. Ranked third in the world, TU Delft's rigorous architecture program places equal focus on theoretical and technical aspects.

## 2011-2014 ARCHITECTURAL DESIGNER

### & 2017 ZGF Architects - Architectural Designer 2017

Design and entitlement assistance for a high-rise Vulcan development in Seattle South Lake Union.

### Browning Day Mullins Dierdorf Architects - Graduate Architect 2012-2014

Architectural designer for a large quantity and variety of projects, including a 450 unit urban apartment complex. Also fulfilled roles as project manager.

### A3design - Graduate Architect 2011-2012

Involved in all phases of the architectural process within a small architectural firm. Most projects were in the residential sector, from kitchen renovations to \$30 million mixed-use developments. Majority of time spent developing schematic designs, creating presentation material and drafting CDs.

## 2007-2011 BALL STATE UNIVERSITY

BSc in Architecture. Magna Cum Laude. Recipient of the Henry Adams Medal of Honor for graduating at the top of my class. Presidential Scholar and Honors College graduate.

## ONGOING OUTSIDE THE OFFICE

### ARGUS Architecture Masters Student Association of the TU Delft, Board Member 2014-2016

While studying at TU Delft I was actively involved on the board of ARGUS, during this time I helped conceive and execute a monthly series of educational events, tours, lectures, etc. Working daily with a team of international students allowed me to grow substantially as an effective communicator.

### AIA Indianapolis Public Relations Director and Young Architects Forum Co-Chair 2012-2015

Branding, graphics production, and public media interaction for the local chapter of the AIA.

### Urban Land Institute, Associate Member 2012-Present (Intermittently)

### World Tour 4 - Architectural Study 2010

Traveled through 26 countries in 100 days while studying Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Planning

### Freelance Design/Develop/Build 2008-Present

Completed various personal and professional projects, taking on a multitude of roles. See details in my portfolio.

## AWARDS

### AIA Indianapolis Service Award 2012

### Henry Adams Medal of Honor AIA 2011

### CAP Department of Architecture Award of Merit, Best and Brightest 2011

## SKILLS

**Computer Skills:** Procore, Smartsheet, AutoCAD, Sketchup, Revit, Adobe CS, Excel, others

**Excellence In:** Project management, Negotiations, Verbal presentations, Conceptual Design, Custom Detailing