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PROFILE

Spaces have identities, and difference is pursued with intention: to create aura. The feeling of ambience, the feeling in memory, and the feeling on the skin “goosebumps.” The aim is to create unique spaces that shock people through artistic, often avant-garde designs that break from conventional interventions, shaping experiences that impact the five senses. John David’s behaviour absorbs complexity quickly, refines with detailed attention, and is driven by designs that feel new, bold, and distinct. The memorable and the unexpected are embedded in his design philosophy.

EDUCATION

2023 – 2026	LASALLE College of the Arts – Goldsmiths BA (Hons) Interior Design
2018 – 2021	Temasek Polytechnic Diploma in Interior Architecture and Design

SKILLS & LANGUAGES

Design & Soft Skills:	Spatial design, space planning, creative direction, meticulous execution, collaborative leadership, efficient problem-solving, proactive learning, adaptive learning
Technical:	AutoCAD, Rhino, Grasshopper, SketchUp, Adobe Photoshop, Twinmotion, V-Ray, AI-assisted concept development, 2D/3D modelling, rendering, tender drawings, Microsoft Office
Languages:	English, Chinese, Tagalog

WORK EXPERIENCE

Jun – Aug 2025	Interior Architectural Intern Plystudio Architects Pte. Ltd. Rapidly learned Rhino, Grasshopper, and 3D printing, applying them to organic spatial studies and physical site models that helped translate complex design ideas into clearer options for team and client discussions.
Jun – Aug 2025	Interior Architecture Intern The Architects Circle Pte. Ltd. Translated residential design ideas into interior plans, technical drawings, material palettes, and refined presentation documents, helping the team communicate design intent clearly and respond effectively to client requirements.
May – Jun 2025	Architectural Associate Intern Topos Architects Pte. Ltd. Led visual exploration across residential and hospitality projects using CAD, SketchUp, Photoshop, and AI-assisted studies, while supporting site visits, client meetings, and project coordination to clarify design options and move decisions forward.
Jun – Oct 2020	Interior Design Intern Design Bureau Pte. Ltd. Supported residential, supermarket, food retail, experience centre, and office projects from site observation to client presentation, contributing to material sourcing, 3D visualisation, tender drawings, site marking, and proposal work.

ADDITIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE

May 2021 – Aug 2023	Clinic Supervisor / EMT Singapore Armed Forces (SAF) Managed clinical operations, patient flow, and team training & coordination in a high-pressure medical environment, strengthening leadership, discipline, crisis management, adaptability, and people-facing communication.
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SELECTED WORKS & AWARDS

Reflection by the Bay – Gold Award, IDCS Design Excellence Awards 2024, Best Public Design

Sound of Nature – Silver Award, IDCS Design Excellence Awards 2020, Best Public Design

Flight Nowhere – Speculative spatial project exploring future airport-city, scale, technology, and human experience