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CELEBRATING 30 YEARS



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WE ARE LAUNCHING THE FUTURE WITH YOU!**

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ELIE & RANDA GEBRAYEL ARCHITECTS

ELIE GEBRAYEL, CHAIRMAN, CEO
RANDA GEBRAYEL, VICE CHAIRMAN



A company that doesn't have a history, doesn't have a future. Thirty years in a person's life, is young....thirty years in a profession is a significant milestone worthy of a special celebration. Thirty years of experience, challenges, ups and downs made Erga what it is today; one of the leading architectural and multidisciplinary engineering design consultancy firms in the region with a portfolio comprising over 1500 projects in Lebanon and over 35 countries.

1980's

The beginning in year 1980 wasn't easy nor safe. In fact during the laying of the first brick of Erga premises, we received the first bomb that hit the office which was not the last. Erga has been hit three times during the war and suffered two blasts. Despite all the incidents, Erga has never stopped working. The main "Atelier" was and is still in Beirut, all projects have been conceived and developed in-house, surrounded by sand bags for more than a decade.

1990's

After the end of the Lebanese war, it was the come-back in Lebanon and the reconstruction boom in Beirut. It was then that Erga started to flourish and to be well known by creating additional companies like Erga Management sal to supervise local projects and Erga Group Overseas sal for international projects.



Constructing Erga, 1980



Erga's Office at the Rooftop, 1980



Erga's Office at the Rooftop, 1980

2000's

The expansion started with the new century leading to the opening of new international branches in more than 14 countries all over the world such as:

- **2004:** Erga Progress Engineering Consultants, Dubai, UAE directed by Joseph Sawaya & Erga Saudi Lebanese Co. for Project Management LLC, Riyadh, KSA directed by Pierre Saghbini.
- **2005:** Erga Saudi Lebanese Co. for Project Management LLC, Jeddah, KSA directed by Georges Haddad & Erga Group Bahrain, Manama, Kingdom of Bahrain directed by Antoine Mouawad.
- **2007:** Magerga sarl au, Tangier, Morocco directed by Firas Kossaifi.
- **2008:** Erga Qatar LLC, Doha, Qatar directed by Elie Chebli & Erga Egypt, Cairo directed by Paul Abi Dergham.
- **2009:** Erga Algeria sarl, Algeria directed by Fouad Abou Rjeily & Erga-Pro Ltd Nigeria directed by Mr. Raymond Kreidy

Erga has survived thirty years and intend to be around for many years to come. During thirty years we got ourselves a great team that we consider our real family and we are confident that we can count on each one of them to move the business forward. We believe that by celebrating the past with this big family we also launch the future.



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FLASHBACK: SOME OF ERGA'S PROJECTS SINCE 1980...



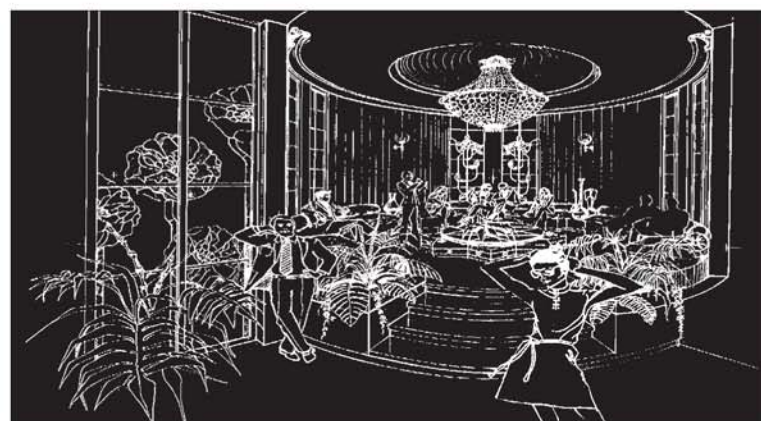
1980



M.K HABR VILLA, 1982 | LEBANON



FAUBOURG ST. JEAN, 1982 | LEBANON



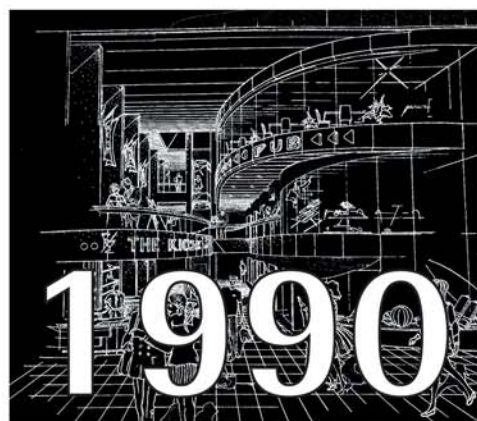
MRS. WADAD AL BINALI VILLA, 1984 | KSA



ROCAS DORADAS, 1985 | SPAIN



GEBRAYEL ANNEX - MAASARA, 1985 | LEBANON



1990



CLOUD 9 BLDG, 1994 | LEBANON



CLOUD 9 BLDG, 1994 | LEBANON



MOVENPICK HOTEL, 1992 | LEBANON



MOVENPICK HOTEL, 1992 | LEBANON



BADARO TRADE CENTER,
1992 | LEBANON

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1995



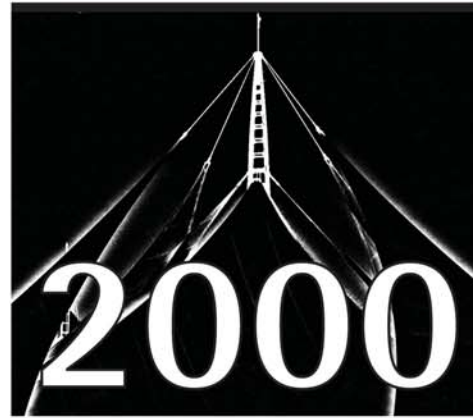
SAIFI HOUSING, 1996 | LEBANON



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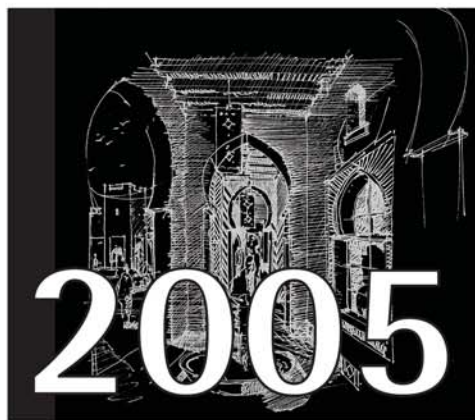
BMC HOSPITAL, 1999 | LEBANON



2000



SAIL ISLAND, 2000 | LEBANON



2005



ENERGY CITY II, 2005 | QATAR



PROPERTY PLUS TOWERS, 2006 | LEBANON



MARC 1, 2006 | LEBANON



AL HOUARA RESORT, 2006 | MOROCCO



2006



2007



SAMA BEIRUT, 2007 | LEBANON



RESIDENCES DES JARDINS, 2007 | ALGERIA



SAMA BEIRUT, 2007 | LEBANON



ZENITH TOWER, 2007 | LEBANON

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AL SWAILEM TOWER, 2007 | KSA



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FOX HILLS 10 LOTS, 2007 | QATAR



QATAR WATERFRONT, 2007 | QATAR



ST. JUDE HOSPITAL, 2007 | LEBANON



BEIT MISK, 2008 | LEBANON



BEIT MISK, 2008 | LEBANON



BASMA CENTER, 2008 | SYRIA



4748 ACHRAFIEH, 2008 | LEBANON



KING ABDULLAH FINANCIAL DISTRICT, 2008 | KSA



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GOLDEN LANDS, 2008 | QATAR



AL RAJIHI OFFICES, 2008 | KSA



SPORTING FACILITY, 2008 | NIGERIA



EAST HOSPITAL OF TEHRAN, 2009 | IRAN



THE NATIONAL CANCER INSTITUTE OF IRAN, 2009



BSO HEADQUARTERS, 2009 | SYRIA



CREDIT LIBANAIS HQ, 2009 | LEBANON



TYRANA HOTEL, 2009 | EGYPT



AL HADA DEVELOPMENT, 2009 | KSA



BHERSAF VILLAGE, 2010 | LEBANON



BEIRUT NATIONAL LIBRARY, 2010 | LEBANON



THE GREEN RIVER, 2010 | LEBANON

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Constructing Erga, 1980



Constructing Erga, 1980



Erga's Staff, 1985



Bomb Explosion, 1986



Mr. Elie Gebrayel, 1997



Gathering, 1998



Christmas Kids' Party, 2009



Joe's Birthday, 2010



ERGA, MY SECOND HOME...

JOSEPH SAAD
SENIOR ARCHITECT



I started working at erga in 1984 at 21. We were only 15 members at that time, some of which are still here after 30 years like Mrs Marie Assaad, Mr Raymond Kreidy, Mr. Elie Chebli, Mr. Elie Abi Khalil, and Mr. Joseph Azar. Even though it was a period of war, work and projects never stopped. We delivered projects with Mr. Elie's Renault 15. In 1989, erga had a branch in Paris for an easier communication with clients, so I left to France on a job duty. Unfortunately, two days later, a violent conflict took place in Lebanon and bombs were hitting the main office at Naccache. The staff was stuck there for 15 days without food except for what was stored in Mr. Gebrayel's home. Since the situation was becoming very dramatic, a job opportunity came up in a French company. What got me the job was the technical experience I gained at erga where we were the minority that had the projects computerized and worked on AutoCad while everyone else was still using ArchiCad in France.

I missed my stay at erga. I recall being talented in imitating Mr. Elie on the phone especially during overnights. This one specific night, I did my daily ritual of panicking a colleague of mine and him taking me seriously, a coincidental incident turned the situation upside-down. Mr. Elie called my victim a minute after I hung up, when he started to make fun of Mr. Elie thinking it was me. I ran to show him that it wasn't me and I remember his pale face as soon as he saw me standing next to him. It was hilarious!

After 8 years, I returned to a more expanded erga. I always expected the success of erga but what amazed me was that the children I used to carry on my shoulders were working there.

As time went by, I realized that I feel comfortable at erga. I love the fact that everybody participates in social events. I recall that the first event I attended was Mrs. Marie Assaad's wedding and the latest wedding was Mr. Elio Gebrayel's, one of the kids I mentioned above.

I am so proud to be part erga and I'm also thankful to be appreciated for the role I played in its growth. Two years ago, I won an award that made me feel rewarded for my commitment. Having been in the company for so long, I would like to advise all the new members to have patience especially the first few years. In order to know your true capabilities, you must start from zero to climb higher.

When I reevaluate my life, I would do it all over again. One thing I have always wanted to be is a stand-up comedian but never had the opportunity. Luckily, one dream did come true, which is having 2 families: erga and the Saad Family. Mr. Elie has proven himself to be the best big brother I never had. As for Mrs Randa, she is a really special lady to which my admiration and respect are indescribable. Thank You Erga!



MR. GEBRAYEL WITH H.E SHEIKH
EYAD DEGHEITHER



MR. FRANCOIS GAUTHIER



MR. ELIE & MR. GABY GEBRAYEL WITH
CARDINAL MAR NASRALLAH BOUTROS SFEIR



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FADI ANTONIOS, MR. MASSAAD FARES, & MR.
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MR. GEBRAYEL WITH MR. ROGER NASNAS



MR. GEBRAYEL WITH
MR. & MRS. ELIAS BOU SAAB

ERGA'S TRUE FAMILY SPIRIT

ERGA HAS ALWAYS BEEN KNOWN FOR ITS WARM FAMILY SPIRIT,
A MAJOR FACTOR IN THE COMPANY'S SUCCESS.

> It all started with a friendship, the friendship of a young man and a young woman that turned into love. A love that led to the creation of a small family and to building a much bigger family: "erga". First they were 2, then their friendship bound with others started to pay off. Many of their college and personal friends took part in the growth of erga to make of it what it is today.



Meeting on the Rooftop 1980



Lunch Gathering 1987



Gathering 1988



Christmas 1993

> Erga has always been up to date with the latest trends in architecture and the latest technologies. But one thing remained the same, the value that is the major factor in the success of erga, its family spirit. Through the good times and the bad, that is what helped erga make it through all these years. We wish this spirit could be filled in bottles for us to share with each and every one of you. The pictures above, whether they are recent or old, strongly reflect this warm spirit we live in...



Christmas 1994



Christmas 1999

COUPLES MADE IN ERGA...

- 01.** ELIE GEBRAYEL & RANDA FADDOUL **02.** AABED SIMON & LINA KFOURY **03.** RAYMOND KREIDY & ELIANE WAKED
04. FADI ABOU JAOUDEH & MONA GEBRAYEL **05.** NAJI ABOU JAOUDEH & CHADIA JANDAH **06.** ELIE ABOU
GHAZALEH & SANA EL KHOURY **07.** FADI ACHKAR & RANIA ASMAR **08.** JOSEPH DAMIEN & LAYLA KHALIL **09.**
ANTOINE SEMARANI & MAGUY ANIS **10.** FIRAS KOSSAIFI & JOELLE SEMAAN **11.** JOSEPH TABET & CAROLE GOCHE
12. EDWARD WAKIM & DUNIA GHAZI **13.** ANTOINE HASROUNI & JOSEPHINE ZAYYAT **14.** MICHEL GERMANY &
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MAYA EL ACHKAR **20.** ZIAD EL HELOU & MARIE-ROSE HOBEIKA **21.** IBRAHIM HADDA & JOYCE CHAKER **22.** JOSEPH
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