

OMER GOK

Senior Architect & Project Manager | AI Deployment & Data Strategy | Multilingual Author & Human–AI Collaboration Researcher

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EDUCATION

Bachelor of Architecture – Middle East Technical University, Ankara, Turkey

LANGUAGES

Turkish (Native), English (Fluent), Russian (Conversational), German (Intermediate), Spanish (Beginner)

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Multidisciplinary Project Manager and Architect with over 25 years of international experience delivering complex, high-value infrastructure, commercial, and technology-driven projects across the U.S., Kazakhstan, Russia, and Turkey. Proven record in managing full project lifecycles, leading cross-functional teams, and coordinating global vendors to deliver high-impact results on time and within budget. Skilled at customer discovery, process mapping, and bridging the gap between technical teams and executive stakeholders.

Over the past three years, developed a unique applied-AI portfolio, collaborating with large language models to co-author books and design epistemological systems for human–AI interaction. This work has provided hands-on insight into how AI can augment cognition, creativity, and workflow — experience now complemented by formal training in Python, data analysis, large language models, and data management. Founder of *Deconslectics: The Taxonomic Machine*, an initiative creating a new ontology for AI and philosophy.

Fluent in English and Turkish, with working knowledge of Russian, German, and Spanish. Combines practical delivery expertise with visionary thinking to translate complex challenges into actionable strategies, whether in the built environment, AI deployment, or knowledge systems design.

CORE COMPETENCIES

- GenAI Program & Project Management (0–1 Execution)
- Data Annotation Project Design & Vendor Oversight
- AI–Human Collaboration & Ontology Development
- Customer Discovery, Process Mapping & Solution Deployment
- Capital Project Planning & Execution
- Architectural & Infrastructure Design Leadership
- BIM (Revit, ArchiCAD), CAD, Primavera P6, Procore, Bluebeam, MS Project, MS Office
- Contract Negotiation, Cost Control & Value Engineering
- Regulatory Compliance (IBC, CBC, ADA, Title 24)
- Design Oversight & Interdisciplinary Consultant Coordination
- Construction Administration, QA/QC & Site Supervision
- Sustainable Design Strategies & LEED-Informed Practices
- Strategic Risk Mitigation & Stakeholder Communication
- Multilingual Cross-Cultural Team Leadership
- **Successfully delivered 4 major projects (\$50M+ each) from concept through design, contracting, construction, handover, and early operation**

COURSES & CERTIFICATIONS

AI & Data Courses

University of Pennsylvania – AI For Business

- AI Fundamentals for Non-Data Scientists
- AI Strategy and Governance

IBM – Applied Software Engineering Fundamentals

- Getting Started with Git and GitHub
- Python for Data Science, AI & Development

Pearson – Quick Start Guide to Large Language Models (LLMs)

- Unit 1
- Unit 2
- Unit 3

IBM – Data Management Professional Certificate

- Introduction to Data Engineering
- SQL: A Practical Introduction for Querying Databases
- Data Warehouse Fundamentals
- Data Integration, Data Storage, & Data Migration
- Data Privacy, Security, Governance, Risk and Compliance

Microsoft Learn

- Azure Fundamentals (Cloud Concepts, Architecture, Governance)
- Azure AI Services: Vision, Language, Search, AI Studio

Specializations & Professional Certificates

- BIM Author Certificate – Graphisoft
- Construction Management Specialization – Columbia University
- Business Foundations Specialization – University of Pennsylvania
- Career Success Specialization – University of California, Irvine
- Project Management Principles and Practices Specialization – University of California, Irvine
- Six Sigma Yellow Belt Specialization – University System of Georgia

Individual Courses & Certificates

- Cities and the Challenge of Sustainable Development – SDGAcademyX
- Sustainable Cities – SDGAcademyX
- The Next Generation of Infrastructure – DelftX
- AP® Microeconomics – MITx
- Rethink the City: New Approaches to Global and Local Urban Challenges – DelftX
- The Architectural Imagination – HarvardX

Professional Experience

EARL Anderson Architects – Denver, CO

Architect | *Jan 2025 – May 2025*

- Lead architectural and technical design on commercial and residential projects with integrated BIM workflows.

GOK Consulting & Project Management – Denver, CO

Founder & CEO | *Jan 2023 – Present*

- Advise clients on design development, cost estimation, construction oversight, and project scheduling.

A-STROY – Astana, Kazakhstan

Senior Consultant | *Jun 2020 – Dec 2021*

- Oversaw full design and construction of the Aristan Multi-Family Complex (500 units, 50,000 m²).
- Conducted QA/QC, coordinated with city officials, and led construction performance evaluations.

STROI CONTRACT LLP – Astana, Kazakhstan

Managing Director, Technical Operations | *Oct 2015 – Dec 2019*

- Managed design consultants, subcontractors, and municipal engagement throughout all phases. Also led the in-house design office, producing concept and schematic designs—primarily for boutique hotels and club buildings within golf resort developments.

- Directed major infrastructure and commercial developments, including:

- Palace of Martial Arts (45,000 m², Design-Build)
- ADP Plaza Sheraton Hotel (300-room interior fit-out)
- Borovoy Golf Club & Presidential Residence (103-hectare site)

ARTYS Art & Architecture – Almaty, Kazakhstan

Founder & Director | *Jan 2013 – Sep 2015*

- Led a creative architectural practice focused on merging art and infrastructure design.
- Delivered bespoke project management services for commercial and cultural properties.
- Provided construction and tenant improvement (TI) project management services for **Colliers Kazakhstan**, specifically for shopping mall developments.

AKYAPI Construction – Istanbul, Turkey

Project Manager | *May 2010 – Dec 2012*

- Managed planning, scheduling, and budgeting of the Aquacity 2010 Multi-Family Development (100,000 m²).

CAPITAL Partners Kazakhstan – Almaty, Kazakhstan

Project Leader | *Apr 2007 – Dec 2009*

- Marriott Executive Apartments, Atyrau – 25 floors (reinforced concrete + fit-out) – *Completed all phases*
- Astana Shopping Mall, Astana – *Completed all phases (RC + fit-out)*
- Esentai School Haileybury, Almaty – *Completed all phases (RC + fit-out)*
- JW Marriott Hotel, Almaty – 50 floors – *Tender & sample rooms completed*
- Astana Ritz Carlton – *Schematic design phase*

- Marriott Executive Apartments, Aktau – *Design development phase completed*
- Atyrau Office Tower – *Design phases and pile foundation completed (RC)*

BUREAU Veritas Kazakhstan LLP – Almaty, Kazakhstan

Design Coordinator / Project Manager | *Dec 2005 – Apr 2007*

- Marriott Executive Apartments, Atyrau – *Construction phase (RC)*
- Astana Shopping Mall, Astana – *Construction phase (RC)*

ENKA Construction & Industry Co. – Moscow, Russia

Site Architect (Finishing Works Supervisor) | *Apr 2004 – Jun 2005*

- Swiss Hotel, Moscow – 50 floors – *Full interior and fit-out works*

AKTUG Construction Co. – Istanbul, Turkey

Managing Partner | *Aug 2002 – Jan 2004*

- **Halkalı SSK 400-Bed Hospital**, Istanbul – *Full Interior and TI Works (30,000 m²) – Aug 2003 – Jan 2004*
- **Ziraat Bank**, Lüleburgaz Branch – *Tenant Improvement (TI) – Sep 2003 – Dec 2003*
- **Oyakbank A.Ş.**, Siteler Branch, Ankara – *Tenant Improvement (TI) – May 2003 – Jul 2003*
- **Dedeman Hotel**, Building A, Ankara – *Tenant Improvement (TI) – Oct 2002 – Apr 2003*
- **Halk Bank Çubuk**, Warehouse – *Roof Insulation and Interior TI – Sep 2002 – Jan 2003*
- **Vakıf GYO**, Atakule Seance Offices – *Tenant Improvement (TI) – Sep 2002 – Jan 2003*
- **Halk Bank**, Köroğlu Branch – *Tenant Improvement (TI) – Sep 2002 – Jan 2003*
- **Ziraat Bank**, Ankara Branch – *Tenant Improvement (TI) – Sep 2002 – Jan 2003*
- **Military Land Forces HQ**, 1st & 5th Floors, Ankara – *Tenant Improvement (TI) – Sep 2002 – Jan 2003*

Military Duty – Construction Department, Turkish Army

Sep 2001 – Jul 2002

NTT Construction Ltd. – Ankara, Turkey

Site Manager | *Sep 2000 – Mar 2001*

- **İş Bank**, Kavaklıdere Branch Office A & B Buildings – *Tenant Improvement (TI) – Sep 2000 – Feb 2001*

BEGENDİK LLP – Ankara, Turkey

Construction Site Manager | *Oct 1998 – Jun 2000*

- **Beğendik Department Store**, Kayseri – *Tenant Improvement (TI), Full Interior Build-Out (7,000 m²) – Oct 1999 – Jan 2000*
- **Beğendik Department Store**, Mersin – *Tenant Improvement (TI), Full Interior Build-Out (28,000 m²) – Mar 1999 – Sep 1999*
- **Beğendik Department Store**, Gaziantep – *Tenant Improvement (TI), Full Interior Build-Out (26,000 m²) – Oct 1998 – Feb 1999*

MABA Construction Co. – Ankara, Turkey

Construction Site Manager | *Jun 1997 – Feb 1998*

- **U.S. Consulate General**, Istanbul – *Historic Building Expansion & Renovation Project*
Comprehensive renovation and secure additions to a historically significant consular complex. Scope included structural interventions, preservation of heritage elements, full interior upgrades, and high-security infrastructure integration in coordination with U.S. government standards.

FREELANCE / Early Career Work – Turkey *Jun 1994 – Jun 1997*

- Worked in various construction and architecture-related roles.

PUBLICATIONS

Omer Gok is the author of over 15 published books spanning architecture, philosophy, poetry, and fiction. His work blends professional insight with literary expression, exploring themes of identity, consciousness, urban life, and spiritual reflection.

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Philosophy & Architecture

- *Deconstructing Deleuze with Architecture & AI*
- *Restless Architecture: A Manifesto*
- *4C: Epistemology Through Architecture*

Fiction & Literary Prose

- *The Underground Book Club: A Novel*
- *The Nihil Diaries*
- *Prologue to Existence: Fragments of Pain*

Istanbul Trilogy

- *The Unmade*
- *Zero Point: A Memoir in the Mountains*
- *The Book Syndicate in Istanbul*

Poetry Collections – Wide Poems Series

- *Wide Poems 1: Invisible Revolutions*
- *Wide Poems 2: Self and Suffering Forms*
- *Wide Poems 3: Darkness Before Dying*
- *Wide Poems 4: Unsaid in Exile*

Anthologies & Spiritual Works

- *Sufi Fire: A Selected Anthology of Anatolian Sufi Poetry*
- *The Book of My Words: A Multilingual Reflection on Language, Culture, and Meaning*

VISUAL ART PRACTICE

In addition to his work in architecture and writing, Omer Gok has an active background as a visual artist working under the pseudonym **Thaless**. His paintings explore metaphysical themes, symbolic forms, and emotional abstraction, often echoing the philosophical currents in his literary work.

His body of work includes hundreds of oils and mixed-media paintings, exhibited digitally and shared through curated online collections:

Painting Portfolio: thalessart.wordpress.com

Works on Paper: thalessonpaper.wordpress.com