

## **Architect Biographies**

Fowler Bauld & Mitchell Ltd. Company Profile

Fowler Bauld & Mitchell Ltd. (FBM) is a well-established and widely respected architectural firm which has been in practice since 1917.

Based in Halifax, FBM is an ISO 9001 registered company and member of the Canada Green Building Council. The focus of the practice is primarily in Atlantic Canada; however, the firm has also been responsible for significant buildings in Alberta, British Columbia, New Brunswick, Ontario, the Caribbean and the USA.

FBM is owned by four architects and the company's accountant, all of whom are active in the practice.

FBM offers its clients specialized backgrounds in design, space planning, building restoration, building science, construction technology and project management and has been responsible for the design of many public, institutional and private sector commissions. These include recreational and health care facilities, office buildings, banks, hotels, shopping malls, residential projects, interior renovations and fit-ups, historic restoration, industrial facilities and specialized training facilities.



George Cotaras
Vice President & General
Manager
Fowler Bauld &
Mitchell Ltd.

**George Cotaras** Project Director

Canadian

Professional Bodies and Education MNSAA, AAA, OAA, MRAIC Graduate Research Student, Tokyo Institute of Technology Bachelor of Architecture, TUNS (now Dalhousie University) Bachelor of Environmental Design Studies, NSTC Bachelor of Science, Dalhousie University

George Cotaras is a graduate of Dalhousie University and completed his studies in architecture at the Technical University of Nova Scotia in 1981 (now Dalhousie University). He did graduate studies in architecture at Tokyo Institute of Technology and returned to join Fowler Bauld & Mitchell in 1983 where he is currently Vice President and General Manager of the firm. He has over 26 years of experience in the design of buildings, document production, construction administration and project management in a broad array of building types ranging from new institutional, residential and commercial construction, to high-tech computer and industrial facilities and specialized training facilities. He has received several design awards in Canada and Japan.

George directed the firm's initial ISO 9001 quality management initiative in 2001. He regularly teaches design in the first year Master's program at Dalhousie University's School of Architecture and also lectures to students and professionals in continuing education seminars related to the practice of architecture and related construction administration.



Susan Fitzgerald
Partner
Fowler Bauld &
Mitchell Ltd.

## **Susan Fitzgerald**Project Architect / Interior Designer

British / Canadian

Professional Bodies and Education MNSAA, IDNS, LEED®AP National Council for Interior Design, NCIDQ Leadership in Energy and Design accredited (LEED®) Master of Architecture, Dalhousie, NS Bachelor of Environmental Design Studies, TUNS, NS

Susan joined Fowler Bauld & Mitchell Ltd. in 2003. Originally from England, she is both a registered architect and an interior designer. As the design and principal architect for many projects at FBM including educational, institutional and health care facilities, she has been involved in every stage of the design and construction process. Her current projects include the multi-departmental 100,000 sq. ft. New Academic Building at Dalhousie and the Medical Examiners Facility for Nova Scotia.

Susan began her architectural career in Vancouver working for Arthur Erickson. Her work focuses on specifics of place, community and a sustainable, integrated approach to design. She is LEED® AP and currently has several buildings going through LEED® certification, with Sir John A. Macdonald High School recently achieving LEED® Silver and several projects targeting Gold.

Susan has won several awards for completed projects and her work is currently part of a national exhibition Twenty + Change. Susan teaches professional practice and design studios at Dalhousie University's Faculty of Architecture.