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## How to work with us

We provide a-typical cross-disciplinary consultancy services for businesses and organizations. Our broad expertise and attention to detail bring great added value to any project, big or small.

There are different ways to work together: on a dedicated Project basis, a Retainer basis, or a flexible Hourly basis. We are also open to Joint Ventures and peer-to-peer collaboration deals.

A common scenario involves hiring us on a Project-based contract, and following up with Hourly based input for a couple of weeks after the end of the initial project period. Some project types may benefit from a couple of months standby support on a Retainer basis.

We would love to talk about your upcoming projects, and how we can give a hand or two, so get in touch soon.

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### **Project-based contract:**

We calculate a lump sum fee based on project scope and estimated time required. This is our preferred working mode as it allows a deeper and earlier involvement in the project. Our time is undivided and priority is exclusive for the whole period of contract.

Project-based contracts are the most cost-efficient to you in terms of work hours to fee ratio. You should choose this contract where your time or budget is limited or you are looking at turnkey solutions. Minimum contract value is £5,000.

### **Retainer contract:**

Retainer fees function as highly discounted pre-paid time slots. This is a great way to expand your access to multiple skills not present within your team, without the associated overheads of full-time recruitment.

Retainer hourly rates are up to 50% cheaper than simple hourly rates. They must be used within the month and unused time cannot roll over into the next month. Minimum contract period is 3 months and is automatically renewed monthly thereafter.

### **Hourly based work:**

This is a great way for you to use our services if you have intermittent needs. We prefer time blocks to be pre-agreed to better schedule our time and provide more efficient service, and can hence offer sizable discounts. This is particularly relevant when dealing with clients and teams in different time zones.

**Our rates are available upon written request to:  
[info@q-dar.com](mailto:info@q-dar.com)**

### **Joint Ventures and Partnerships:**

If you need our support in securing or delivering particular projects, we would be happy to discuss joint bids and shared risk projects on a peer-to-peer or sub-consultant basis.