­­Nuqta Team Bios

**Soraya Syed**

Soraya Syed came up with the idea of Nuqta and has been leading the project. She spent seven years training as a calligrapher. In 2005, she was awarded the sought-after *icazetname* (the authoritative Islamic calligraphy qualification) from Istanbul, Turkey.

Soraya read Arabic and History of Art & Archaeology at The School of Oriental and African Studies, and in 2001 graduated with a Masters from The Prince’s School of Traditional Arts, London where HRH The Prince of Wales presented Soraya with her graduation diploma.

She takes pleasure in finding new solutions to unusual commissions and her client portfolio ranges from the British Museum to the Saudi Royal Family. Soraya’s work has been published and exhibited around the world.

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**Mukhtar Sanders**

Mukhtar Sanders is the Creative Director of Nuqta. He is a graphic designer passionate about type and all things beautiful. Born in London, he grew up fascinated by letterforms and calligraphy. In 1997 – 2000, he was apprentice to the renowned calligraphic artist Dr. Ahmed Moustafa.

He established his own company Inspiral Design Limited that has been trading for over 10 years. His work specialises in the Islamic world and multi-lingual design. His clients range from the Foreign and Commonwealth Office to 1001 Inventions.

He runs his award winning graphic design studio in West London. He is married to Soraya with whom he has two children.

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**Atif Qureshi**

Atif Qureshi is the key programmer behind Nuqta. He is a multi-disciplinary developer and has over 8 years experience in the field. Atif is currently working with Inspiral Design Ltd to provide new and groundbreaking web solutions to their clients. He loves to code and plays an active role in solving tech problems within the online developing community.