

MAURICIO J ORTIZ Civil and Environmental Engineer

Born in the United States to Costa Rican parents, Mauricio began his formal education by attending Law School at the Universidad de Costa Rica. Three years later and after a short stint KPMG Legal Services, he changed majors and received his structural engineering degree from Purdue University. After graduation, he returned to Costa Rica and joined Constructura Proycon as a site engineer only to return a year later to pursue a graduate degree in Civil and Environmental Engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Degree in hand, he joined Turner Construction Company where he held various posts ranging from project engineer and superintendent to project and preconstruction manager. Towards the end of his career at Turner, he took an expatriate assignment in Costa Rica where he led the construction of Boston Scientific's medical device manufacturing plant in Coyol de Alajuela. At the same time, he reestablished Turner's operations in Mexico where he participated in managing projects for Becton Dickinson, Procter and Gamble, BBVA Bancomer and Intel.

In 2010, he was asked to join Walmart's expansion team in México and Central America where he led the development of over 600 stores in six countries within a decade. He had the privilege of leading the Design and Construction department in Central America and during a four-year expatriate assignment, he led the team in México.

Having operated in seven countries in various positions, programs and teams gives Mauricio a unique perspective that helps him build diverse and motivated work teams, focused on common objectives and full of passion to meet and exceed challenges and reach lofty goals.

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