

CĂTĂLIN PODARU

Cătălin Podaru is the founder and acting CEO of Leviatan Design, one of the leading civil engineering companies in Romania, with an impressive portfolio of both civil as well as defense-oriented projects.

Prior to devoting his work to Leviatan, he served in the Romanian Army as an officer. His educational background evolves around the complex domain of military and security area. He has graduated from the National Military College "Dimitrie Cantemir" in Breaza, followed by the Technical Military Academy "Ferdinand I" of Bucharest. Cătălin further carried on his higher education with a specialized post-university course, the NATO STAFF ORIENTATION COURSE – Crisis Management in Multinational Operation, provided by The National College of Defense, an institution that is considered to offer the highest form of political and military education in Romania.

The founding of Leviatan is rooted in Cătălin's vision of creating a strong system that provides high-quality civil engineering services that, in the end, contribute to having a stronger, more reliable, and safer society. And this vision has been embodied, over the years, into each project - through professionalism, responsibility, and innovation.

Some of the projects that Cătălin has coordinated include:

- ◆ Management of the first project financed through structural European Funds for the Ministry of Defense - The Rehabilitation of the Guinness Book Monument "Crucea Caraiman"
- ◆ Design of the Military College "Tudor Vladimirescu" (Entire New Facilities for the Military College)
- ◆ Design of a Complex Maintenance Hangar - Otopeni (Complex Maintenance Facility for Military Airplane and Helicopters)
- ◆ Design & Build Classified Project "Multifunctional pavilion within a military facility, Bucharest" (Underground Shooting Range and training facility for special troops)
- ◆ Build NATO Project "Provide Main APOD Reception Capability in Romania" (Reception, staging an Onward Movement - Reception operation Center, Cargo Handling Area, Holding Area, Storage of ground support equipment)
- ◆ Build Project "F16- Flight Simulator"
- ◆ Design & Build Project "HQ MND SE" - Subcontractor (Headquarter for the Multinational Division SE – Heliport, Physical Training area, Military Accommodations, Military Technical Maintenance, facilities, PX)

Continuously guided by his innovative strive and driven by his curiosity towards high-technology discoveries, he encouraged his team to tackle engineering issues through technology. By implementing the use of the newest software tools available, he succeeded to position Leviatan Design among the most digitalized and automated companies in the country.

2021 has proven to be an excellent year for Cătălin's team securing two strategic projects in the defense area: The Multinational Headquarters for SE- Sibiu and The Operational Infrastructure for Câmpia Turzii AirBase. These are significant and crucial contract awards that further establish Leviatan as an industry leader both within Romania and internationally.



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