

## ZAHA HADID



Zaha Hadid is an architect who consistently pushes the boundaries of architecture and urban design. Her work experiments with new spatial concepts intensifying existing urban landscapes in the pursuit of a visionary aesthetic that encompasses all fields of design, ranging from urban scale through to products, interiors and furniture. Best known for her seminal built works: Vitra Fire Station, Land Formation-One, Bergisel Ski-Jump, Strasbourg Tram Station, the Rosenthal Centre for Contemporary Art in Cincinnati, the BMW Central Building in Leipzig, the Hotel Puerta America (interior) in Madrid, the Ordrupgaard Museum Extension in Copenhagen, and the Phaeno Science Center in Wolfsburg, her central concerns involve a simultaneous engagement in practice, teaching and research.

Hadid studied architecture at the Architectural Association [AA] from 1972 and was awarded the Diploma Prize in 1977. She became a partner of the Office for Metropolitan Architecture [OMA], taught at the AA with OMA collaborators Rem Koolhaas and Elia Zenghelis, and later led her own studio at the AA until 1987. Hadid held the Kenzo Tange Chair at the Graduate School of Design, Harvard University; the Sullivan Chair at the University of Illinois, School of Architecture, Chicago; guest professorships at the Hochschule für Bildende Künste in Hamburg; the Knolton School of Architecture, Ohio and the Masters Studio at Columbia University, New York. In addition, she was made Honorary Member of the American Academy of Arts and Letters, Fellow of the American Institute of Architecture, Commander of the British Empire, Member of the Royal Academy of Arts and Laureate of the Pritzker Prize, 2004. She is currently Professor at the University of Applied Arts in Vienna, Austria and was the Eero Saarinen Visiting Professor of Architectural Design at Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut.

Zaha Hadid is working on a multitude of projects including: The Aquatic Centre for the London 2012 Olympic Games, The Signature Towers in Dubai, Opera Houses in Dubai and China, The Abu Dhabi Performing Arts Centre, private residences in Russia and the USA, as well as major master-planning projects in Bilbao, Istanbul, and the Middle East.

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