

Gia Zapattini, AIA NCARD LEED BD+C

Senior Architect / Design Manager

Born in Paraguay to Italian parents, and having lived in Brazil, New York, Chicago and Miami, Gia brings a global perspective to her practice. She speaks four languages and understands the diversity of cultures which influences her design and enhances her ability to practice locally and internationally. Gia earned a Master of Architecture from University of Kansas, and a Master of Interior Architecture and Product Design from Kansas State University. By practicing as an architect and an interior designer, Gia brings over fifteen years of multidisciplinary, human-centered design thinking to her work. Gia has collaborated with award-winning global design companies like IDEO, Stanford d. school, Bruce Mau Design, The Third Teacher Team, Rockwell Group, Perkins and Will and Antonio Citterio and Patricial Viel team to create Architecture that evokes emotion, stimulates intellect, elevates the qualities of life. Gia has been actively engaged in the Miami AIA Chapter, and as leader in the A & D community, was President in 2018 and 2019 and is currently serving in the Executive Board. Gia is currently a member of the Urban Design Review Board of the City of Miami. The Board's purpose is to review and recommend to the Director of Planning and Zoning based on Miami 21 Code, urban quality, compatibility and contribution to the architectural and social fabric of the City of Miami. This board has a direct impact in the urban fabric of the city of Miami.



EDUCATION

Master of Architecture
University of Kansas /
Magna Cum Laude
Studio 804 Design Build Studio

Master of Interior Architecture
and Product Design
Kansas State University /
Summa Cum Laude

Fellow Graduate Student
Kansas City Design Center

Registrations

Registered Architect

Florida
Illinois

Accreditations

LEED Accredited Professional

Professional Affiliations

City of Miami Urban Design
Review Board / 2022
AIA Miami Board President / 2019
Certified Yoga Instructor / 500 HR

WORK EXPERIENCE

G. Alvarez Studio

Miami 2021-2022

Perkins and Will

Miami 2013-2021

Cannon Design

Chicago 2011-2013

Helix Architecture

Kansas City 2010-2011

Populous (HOK Sports)

Kansas City 2010-2011

Rockwell Group

Kansas City 2007-2009

PROJECT EXPERIENCE

HOSPITALITY

RPC Health and Wellness Center Spa
Miami, Florida

American Express Centurion
Lounges Worldwide
Seattle, Philadelphia, New York,
Washington, Miami, Denver, San
Francisco, Hong Kong

Disney Cruise Line
Animators Palate Restaurant
and main public spaces
International

1450 Brickell Ave Sales Center

Miami, Florida

MedSpa Coral Gables

Coral Gables, Florida

RETAIL

Watchbox

Miami, Florida

Mystic Wine Store
Coral Gables, Florida

Janus et Cie Showroom
Coral Gables, Florida

City of Sunny Isles Beach Gateway Park
Center Retail Store

Sunny Isles Beach, Florida

CIVIC

City of Sunny Isles Beach Gateway Park
Center

Sunny Isles Beach, Florida

CORPORATE/WORKPLACE

Florida Power and Lighting
West Palm Beach, Florida

Ponte Gadea Miami Headquarters
Miami, Florida

David The Agency
Miami, Florida

City of Miami New Administrative
Center
Miami, Florida

American Express Headquarters
Mexico City, Mexico

Perkins + Will Miami Studio
Coral Gables, Florida

Confidential Client
Corporate Headquarters
Palm Beach Gardens, Florida

Cisneros Headquarters
Miami Central
Miami, Florida

Florida East Coast Industries
Headquarters, 2 Miami Central
Miami, Florida

FTAI Aviation HQ
Miami, Florida

American Express Sunrise Headquarters
Sunrise, Florida

1450 Brickell Lobby and Elevator
Landings
Sunrise, Florida

HEALTHCARE

Jackson Health Hospital
Miami, Florida

RPC 360 Health Center
Miami, Florida

Medical Collective Concept
Miami, Florida

Nicklaus Children's Hospital Lobby
Design, Healing Gardens and Family
Center
Miami, Florida

HIGHER EDUCATION

Florida International University
PC-1 Primera Casa Renovation
Miami, Florida

Princess Nora University Preparatory
College Riyadh, South Arabia

Broward College Southwest Center
Miramar, Florida

School of the Art Institute of Chicago
Campus Master Plan
Chicago, Illinois

City Colleges of Chicago Malcolm X
College, Health Science Campus
Chicago, Illinois

LUXURY RESIDENTIAL

Big Rock Partners
Senior Living Residential Tower
Columbus, Ohio

Artman Residency
Halandale Beach, Florida

Massi Residency
Miami Beach, Florida

1450 Brickell Ave Sales Center
Miami, Florida

AWARDS AND HONORS

Graduate Honoree of the Year Kansas
State University, 2019

40 Under 40 BD+C Award, 2019

AIA Miami Architect of the Year,
2016-2017

AIA Miami Young Architect of the Year
Award, 2015

Merit Award of Excellence
Interior Architecture, Nicklaus Children's
Hospital Lobby, Miami, Florida, AIA
Miami Chapter, 2019

Honor Award of Excellence
Interior Architecture, Perkins and
Will Studio, Coral Gables, AIA Miami
Chapter, 2019

BRAGG Award, Best Corporate Design
(Small SF), Perkins and Will Studio, Coral
Gables, Florida, IIDA South Florida, 2019

Merit Award of Excellence for Interiors,
Nicklaus Children's Hospital Lobby,
Miami, Florida, AIA Florida/Caribbean,
2019.

BRAGG Award, Best Large Healthcare
Project, Nicklaus Children's Hospital
Lobby, Miami, Florida, IIDA South
Florida, 2019

Honor Award of Excellence, Greater
than 50,000 SF, Global Financial
Institution Sunrise Headquarters, AIA
Miami Chapter, 2017

Firm of the Year, American Institute of
Architects, Miami Chapter, 2015

Chicago Biennale Competition, Honor
2015

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Urban Design Review Board of the
City of Miami 2022

AIA Miami Board

President 2019
President - Elect 2018

Vice - President 2017

Director 2016
Associate Director 2016

NCH Hospital Pet Therapy Volunteer
2014-current

ACE, Board of Directors,
2013-2015

AIA, YAF Committee Chair,
2014-2015

AIA, ARE Committee Chair,
2014-2015

Spark Mentor Program, 2014-2015

Head Mentor
2011-2013

NOMAS Committee Chair,
2005-2007

Sunrise Headquarters, AIA Miami
Chapter, 2017

Firm of the Year, American Institute of
Architects, Miami Chapter, 2015

Chicago Biennale Competition, Honor
2015

PUBLICATIONS

Building Design and Construction 40
under 40, 2019

AIA Florida & The Caribbean Magazine,
Focus on Nicklaus Children's Hospital,
2018

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

Artist, Architects and Makers
in the age of algorithmic
change Perez Art Museum
January 21, 2020

Diversity Panel Discussion AIA Miami,
IIDASF and NEWH
August 8, 2019

Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce,
"Environmental Sustainability in
Architecture"

February 2, 2019

Miami Next Gen of Designers
October 5, 2018

Think.Practice.Lead Innovation in
Healthcare

June 24, 2018

AIA Miami Design Awards
October 26, 2018

ARE Panel Discussion
September 14, 2017

ARE Panel Discussion
April 27, 2016

Unconventional Talks. Unexpected and
uncertain excursions: Everything is
subject to change. Perez Art Museum
December 15, 2015

Think. Practice. Lead Innovation
in Learning Environments
May 11, 2015

AIA Florida Convention 8x8x2
"Diversity in Architecture"
July 20, 2014