



# SUSHMA PATEL

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**Since 1 Sep 2018**

Partner @ FEAT.

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**Most recent practice experience**

Director of Sushma Patel Architect 2008-2011

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**Qualifications**

BAS (Wits),  
BArch (Wits),  
MUD (Wits),  
Pr Arch (SACAP)

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**Specialisation**

Urban Design,  
Architecture

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**Years in Industry**

21 years

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**Memberships**

SACAP Registered  
Professional  
Architect: **6876**

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Sushma Patel is currently a practicing professional architect, professional urban designer and academic at the Tshwane University of technology. She has 21 years of architectural experience, mainly in practice work. She recently joined Marguerite Pienaar in the practice, FEAT. as a director.

As a student, Sushma participated in an exchange programme between the University of the Witwatersrand and the Academie van Bouwkunst in Rotterdam, the Netherlands. She has experience in working at several Dutch architectural practices as a stagiaire, including briefly at the office of Rem Koolhaas, OMA in 1996.

Since graduating as an architect, she acquired 16 years of practice experience mainly in Cape Town, South Africa, during the period 1998-2012. She has worked with prominent architects Jo Noero, Heinrich Wolff, Aaron Wegmann and Luyanda Mpahlwa on socially significant buildings. During her time at ACG Architects, she worked on many social housing projects. She has contributed to the winning and built design of an architectural competition '10x10', a low cost housing scheme in Mitchell's Plain by MMA Architects. Sushma has extensive experience in both small as well as large, complex buildings. She also has many years of experience in working with urban design projects.

Sushma has gained insight into the policies and workings of state institutions while working at the National Department of Public Works as Chief Architect during the period 2013-2015. She was nominated by the Minister to be a member of the National Bid Adjudication Committee at the National Department of Public Works in 2014.

Sushma is a past board member of the South African Council for the Architectural Profession (SACAP) which is the regulation authority of the profession during the period 2015-2017.

She taught 3rd year architectural design part-time for 2 years at the University of Cape Town in 2010 and 2011. She has since been involved with teaching and examining at many Universities around South Africa. Sushma has been teaching at the Tshwane University of Technology for almost 3 years from 2015. She was an invited adjudicator of the Fuchs Award for best overall undergraduate student in the country in 2016 hosted by the University of the Witwatersrand.

Sushma has a particular interest in the spatial fragmentation of South African cities and the need for increased density and integration close to the inner city. Her Masters dissertation and current PhD proposal centres around these themes. She is also a published researcher in the field of the 'urban laboratory', a research field identified within the Department of Architecture at the Tshwane University of Technology. She is the head of Architectural Design 5, teaches Principles of Urban Design 4 and currently is the head of post graduate studies in the Department of Architecture at Tshwane University of Technology. She has been involved with conferences; presented a paper at the University of Derby, UK in June 2017 and chaired a session at the AZA18 conference in Pretoria in 2018. Sushma is currently a reviewer for the editorial board of the academic journal AMPS (Architecture, Media, Politics and Society).

## Awards

**2001** Project Award for "House Sapieka" by Noero Wolff Architects\_Project Architect from the South African Institute of Architecture.

**2001** Project Award for "Usazazo School" by Noero Wolff Architects\_Project Architect from the South African Institute of Architecture.

**2008** Curry Stone Design Prize, Humanitarian Award for Design Indaba 10x10 Competition\_Design Architect at MMA Architects.

## Competitions

**2004** Freedom Tower, Nelson Mandela Bay Competition.

**2008** 10x10 Design Indaba Competition

## Publications

**2018** Laubscher, Jacques & Patel, Sushma. "FUTURE Boom Street, Pretoria South Africa: The space between the temporal and permanent home." In: E. Tracada & G. Cairns (ed.s), *AMPS Proceedings Series 10. Cities, Communities Homes – Is the Urban Future Livable?* University of Derby, Derby, UK. 22 – 23 June (2017). pp.612-622

## External Examiner / External Moderator / Adjudication Panels / Part-time lecturer / Voluntary Board

**2010-2011** Part-time lecturer, 3rd year BAS, UCT

**2013-2014** External moderator, Construction V, TUT

**2014-2017** Councillor at the South African Council for the Architectural Profession (SACAP)

**2015** External Examiner, Honours Design, UP

**2016** Adjudicator for Fuchs Award, WITS

**2016-2017** External Examiner, Masters Technical, UP

## Selection of Projects

**2011** Apartment Mapumulo, Tamboerskloof, Sushma Patel Architect

**2010** Apartment Glenwood, Durban, Sushma Patel Architect

**2009** Apartment Reddy, Fresnaye, Sushma Patel Architect

**2008** Design Indaba 10x10 Housing competition, Consulting Architect, MMA Architects (1st place)

**2008** Apartment Reddy, Rondebosch, Sushma Patel Architect

**2008** House Kara, Rosebank, Project Architect, Sushma Patel Architect

**2008** Belmonte Terraces Housing Project, Bellville South, Consulting Architect, MMA Architects

**2008** Parliament New National Assembly Madame Speaker Suite, Consulting Architect, MMA Architects

**2006** New Cape Town International Multi-Storey Parkade 2, Consulting Architect, MMA Architects

**2005** Retail Building, Old Mutual Pinelands, Consulting Architect, Perry + Anderson Architecture in association with Glen Loudon Architect

**2005** Etafeni Aids Centre, Workshop Building, Nyanga, Consulting Architect, Aaron Weggmann Architect

**2004** Freedom Tower, Port Elizabeth, Competition, Architect, ACG Architects

**2004** Storms River Bridge, Community Development Project, Project Architect, ACG Architects

**2004** Qwa Qwa Shopping Centre, Project Architect, ACG Architects

**2004** Salt River Market, Urban Renewal, Project Architect, ACG

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Architects

- 2004** Andalusia Housing, Athlone, Project Architect, ACG Architects
- 2004** Casablanca Housing, Athlone, Project Architect, ACG Architects (Associate at ACG Architects)
- 2003** New VIP Lounge, Cape Town International, Project Architect, Blueprint Architects, (project only)
- 2003** New Cape Town International Domestic Terminal, Cape Town, Project Architect, Blueprint Architects (Associate at Jonker + Barnes Architects)
- 2002** Interim Domestic Departures "Silver Train", Project Architect, Blueprint Architects
- 2001** House Noero Sapieka, Hout Bay, Architect, Noero Wolff Architects
- 2001** Usazazo Secondary School, Khayelitsha, Architect, Noero Wolff Architects
- 2000** Grandwest Casino Ice Rink, Cape Town, Project Architect, Jonker + Barnes Architects
- 1998** Delft Municipal Depot, Delft, Project Architect, Jonker + Barnes Architects