

SA architect Sumayya Vally on 2021 Time100 Next list

Founder of [Counterspace](#), a Johannesburg-based collaborative architectural studio, Sumayya Vally has been named [among Time magazine's top 100 emerging leaders](#) who are shaping the future in its 2021 Time100 Next list. Vally was praised for her studio's design of the 2020/2021+ Serpentine Pavilion.



Sumayya Vally named in 2021 Time100 Next list. Image source: [Counterspace-studio.com](#)

Listed under the Innovators category, Vally features Kizzmekia Corbett, the scientific lead of the Vaccine Research Center's coronavirus team at the US National Institutes of Health; and Sarah Al Amiri, the UAE's minister for advanced sciences and the lead scientist on the project that recently sent the Hope spacecraft into orbit around Mars.

Counterspace was founded by Sumayya Vally, Sarah de Villiers and Amina Kaskar in 2015. Inspired by its location, it is committed to developing design expression particularly for Africa – through design research, publishing, pedagogy, built things, buildings and other forms of architecture.

The studio's philosophy is dedicated to finding expression for hybrid identities and contested territories.

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