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(Baghdad, October 31, 1950 - Miami, March 31, 2016) was a naturalized British Iraqi architect, designer and academic.

She received the Pritzker Prize in 2004 (first woman to get it) and the Stirling Prize in 2010 and 2011. She was one of the leaders and leading exponents of the deconstructivist current. In 2010, TIME included her in the list of the 100 most influential personalities in the world. In 2013, Zaha Hadid Architects with 246 employed architects ranks 45th in the list of the most important architectural firms in the world according to BD Insurance Bureau.

Winner of many international competitions, several of her winning projects were never built, such as the Peak Club in Hong Kong (1983) and the Cardiff Bay Opera House in Wales (1994). In 1999 she was the designer for the stage and scenography of the Nightlife Tour of the Pet Shop Boys, an event with a strong visual impact, and in 2002 Hadid won the international competition to design the one-north Singapore masterplan. In 2005, his project won the competition for the new Casino of the city of Basel in Switzerland.

In 2004 Hadid became the first woman to win the Pritzker Architecture Prize, which in architecture is equivalent to a Nobel Prize. He is a member of the editorial board of the Encyclopedia Britannica. In 2006, she was honored with a retrospective that spans all of her work at the Guggenheim Museum in New York, again this year she received an honorary degree from the American University of Beirut. He sets up his own architectural design studio, Zaha Hadid Architects, which employs more than 400 people and is based in a former Victorian school building in Clerkenwell, London.

In 2008, she was ranked 69th in Forbes magazine's "100 Most Powerful Women in the World". On January 2, 2009, she was the guest editor of the BBC's morning program, Today.

In 2010, she was named by TIME as an Influential Thinker in TIME issue 100. In September 2010, British magazine New Statesman ranked Zaha Hadid 42nd in its annual survey of the "50 Most Influential Figures in the World of 2010". She was listed as one of the 50 best dressed over 50 by The Guardian in March 2013.

Hadid was the designer of the Dongdaemun Design Plaza in Seoul, South Korea, which is expected to be the centerpiece of the celebrations for the designation of the city as the 2010 World Design Capital.

Hadid was named Commander of the Order of the British Empire in 2002 and Dame Commander of the Order of the British Empire in 2012, her birthday with honors for services to architecture.