



**ASSOC. AIA & IIDA  
CEO + Founder**

**Years of Experience in  
Construction Industry**  
16 years

**Years in Current Role**  
11 out of 16

**Education**

University of Pennsylvania,  
Wharton Business Financial  
Program, 2012

Catholic University, Master of  
Architecture, 2010

Catholic University, Bachelor of  
Science, 2007

**PAOLA MOYA, ASSOC. AIA & IIDA  
CEO + Founder**

Paola Moya is a visionary leader driven by innovative designs, collaborative environments, and thoughtful placemaking. As the founder and chief executive officer of Moya Design Partners, Paola is the company’s creative director in charge of setting the firm’s strategy, direction, culture and brand. She oversees the studio’s operations and enjoys building teams. Paola is active in the design, evolution, and life of every project. She is a multifaceted designer with expertise in the fields of architecture, interiors, product, and visual design.

Paola’s client-centered and methodical approach has not only earned the trust and loyalty of clients, but also contributed to her esteemed reputation in the industry. She brings over 16 years of business leadership and design experience to Moya Design Partners, which she founded in 2017. Before forming her own company, Paola led her previous firm, Marshall Moya Design, towards a successful expansion into new architectural markets outside the D.C. Metropolitan region, diversified the firm’s portfolio, cultivated strategic relationships, and elevated its profile in the architecture and design world. Under Paola’s leadership, the firm won some of the most influential and renowned projects in the city.

**Awards**

The Washington Business Journal has recognized Paola as one of the region’s “Power 100 Playmakers”; a top “40 Under 40” professional; and a “Minority Business Leader of the Year.” In 2019, the WBJ honored Paola among seven top immigrant business leaders for her firm’s contributions to the architectural landscape of the city. She was named “Young Entrepreneur of the Year” by the D.C. and Hispanic Chambers of Commerce, and her work has been recognized with design excellence awards from AIA, the National Organization of Minority Architects, Graphic Design USA, the International Design Awards, and Built by Women. Paola is a frequently sought speaker at local and national AIA chapters, the Urban Land Institute, and the National Building Museum. She has served on the boards of the Montgomery Housing Partnership and the District of Columbia Building Industry Association.