

Yasemin Kologlu, RIBA, LEED AP BD+C, Director

Yasemin Kologlu is a design director in SOM's New York office. Kologlu adopts a forward-thinking and holistic approach to design that integrates wellbeing, environmental design, and technology. She is a strong advocate for equality, diversity, and innovation in the design industry.

Kologlu joined the firm in 2004 and has since worked at SOM's New York and London offices. Her portfolio of completed projects is diverse – it includes innovative headquarters, near-zero-energy adaptive reuse projects, and zero-carbon mixed-use developments. She has extensive experience working on projects in North America and Europe, including the Hive, JTI Headquarters, the United Nations campus in Geneva, and the Karlatornet, which is the tallest residential tower in Scandinavia.

Kologlu is an industry recognized leader and mentor in sustainable design and construction. She is co-leader of SOM's global Climate Action Group, which promotes stronger sustainable practices in our built environment. She is part of AIA New York's Committee on the Environment (COTE) and the Building Energy Exchange (BE-Ex) Architect Advisory Council, and has contributed to multiple industry advisory groups to help shape New York City and State policies on carbon and energy. She continues to spearhead numerous environmental design research initiatives at SOM, and is committed to pluralism in design in practice.