

PROJECT STATEMENT

The Silicon Valley is already an icon for innovation and technology in the contemporary world. San José is a very plural city, where many cultures come together in the pursuit of this purpose.

An original idea can often lead to innovation. Ideas multiply. Ideas merge into each other. Ideas grow when the soil is fertile. The project begins symbolically with the multiplication of ideas: from the union of hundreds spheres of light ("bubbles"), composed in an amorphous way, the complete design takes shape.

Booming is a journey through this path: from the ground where ideas blossom, through the union of many of them (and the power of the collective), culminating in the explosion that leads to the transformation of the universe.

The visitor enters the building from the park level, going down a grand staircase. On the underground level, the project is organized into two main areas: The Cloud Square and The Water Square. In The Cloud Square, access is opened to all visitors of the park - making this a very versatile space for several public events. On The Water Square, the space is contemplative. There is the entrance to the Interlaced Staircase: as the energy that goes all the way up, the user is guided through this ascent surrounded by the atmosphere of the spheres of light (that covers the tower), absorbing and letting himself be carried away by the experience. On the way, through the gaps, the visitor can see the landscape of the city of San José in the distance. Reaching the top, a viewpoint allows for a 360 degree view.

The Cloud Square is covered with the "bubbles" shell and the The Water Square is covered with a water mirror. Both elements (the translucent material and the water) create a very unique light effect during the day and serve as a filter for the outside world. At night, the spheres will be illuminated with LED RGB lamps, changing the atmosphere and color as needed. The building will be an icon for the region. But it will have the least possible impact on the surrounding ecosystem based on net-zero energy design principles.

The long term plan is that the concept of these "spheres of ideas" exists symbolically throughout the entire park. Ideas multiply: they become cafes, comfortable sofas for sunbathing. The possibilities are endless and as big as your dreams.