

Urban Confluence Silicon Valley Competition

Project Statement

San Jose is the city which has the biggest influence on human being lifestyle across the universe. Entrepreneurs and tech geniuses are working hard to develop products and solutions to ease human's lifestyle and bring more values to their life. An endeavor which started more than 50 years ago and will continue for years to come. There is always a big question, that how successful these practices are. Of course, there were tones of inventions that makes human life's a lot easier and faster but at the same time, one of the biggest disadvantage of this progressive technology is that human's are getting more isolated and lonely and more attached to their digital gadgets. Many things can contribute to loneliness in an age of technology. There is so much we can do from home and easier ways to keep in touch. Technology in small amounts can be a useful tool. Overusing this tool causes our minds to grow bored and lonely, and also leads to bad coping skills and social skills.

What matters these days is to be up to date in terms of what kind of cellphone we are using, or which brand our laptop is but the real matter is actually lack of conversation and human interaction. And this one fact was the idea of this design.

San José is America's tenth largest city (population 1,035,000) and the largest urban center in Silicon Valley, fueling the imagination of the world as the global center of innovation and technology.

Project is near downtown San Jose across the street from SAP center one of the biggest venues in south bay and home of San Jose shark.

Project concept is based on global village and world without the border idea. Our approach was to develop 4 individual buildings at each corner of the site. Each building, symbolically is representing one continent which are tied together at the top, which all the together is the representation of global village and also in a symbolic way, it is representing that we will be successful when we are all together and connected.

Another main concept of this project is transparency which was the biggest promise that technology brings to our life that everything will be transparent and there won't be anything hidden.

Our design responsible about site and nature surrounding it. As result it has minimum impact on the site and development is mainly happening over the site with the focus of having transparent shells to allow light to easily penetrate over the covered area.

Each tower consist of an essential need for the city of San Jose, like public library, Art shops, museum of modern art, museum of technology, and the bridge connecting four towers together is a massive ballrooms and amphitheater to be used during surrounding companies events.

Project design intent is to be operated independently from infrastructural support services such as the electric power grid, gas grid, municipal water systems, sewage treatment systems, storm drains, communication services, and in some cases, public roads