

LIQUID LIGHT

The project is based on the consideration of the meaning of the «icon» in the present and future perception of the city.

An “icon” as a symbolic element represents a special moment in history, reflecting the spirit of the times, such as the Eiffel Tower or the Statue of Liberty.

The San Jose Light Tower as a «local icon» recalls the structure that sought to illuminate the city with a bright dot of high light, just as Silicon Valley represents an exaltation of knowledge for the benefit and illumination of mankind due to technological advances.

The green park arena is a strategic visual point in the access to the city due its proximity to the airport, an important part of the city with extensive historical and natural content.

More than an icon, our proposal seeks to bring to life the spirit of the green park arena and the meaning of Silicon Valley through a fifth dimensional experience, a symbiosis between architecture-nature-technology-history as a statement in the future of architecture.

Light towers rise from the park to create an artificial elevated topography distributed on the site programmatically, creating an experience of continuous circulation through sky gardens and connections that open the view to the city and underground connections to create an inner and outer loop..

This topography in height generates a sequence of arched structures that frame the views of the city and works as a gateway structure.

Architecture and light shape the space as liquid, creating a new urban profile for San Jose that blends into the nearby mountains.

Indoor experience: Temporary and permanent exhibitions, auditoriums, a Sci fi Lab, restaurants, Sky gardens.

Exterior experience: holographic projections, lighting effects that interact with architecture, using it as a canvas and scenography.

These components will become a living element where the visitor will have an immersive experience through augmented reality integrated with nature.

Solar panels will be integrated into the facade system and landscape acting as an intelligent skin that adapts to climate and light changes seeking to enhance nature and create a new paradigm in the man-nature and technology relationship.