

## Convergence Point

The ambition of this structure is to become a reflection of not only the diverse character of San Jose and Bay Area at large, but of the way these characters converge and coexist. On a conceptual level, this project brings together the established, the emerging and the future cultures, ideas and practices that make this region a force on the world stage.

The 'established' wing of this structure is the most fully developed. It would be 2 stories and house smaller businesses and organizations that have built reputations, both in San Jose and beyond. The exterior façade would be a storefront window system throughout. The roof would be finished with either concrete or metal paneling and provides visual interest as it twists upward from the 2-story structure, transitioning to a wall at the tower. This twisting of the roof creates an ideal south facing surface for solar panels, as well as a dramatic path for programmable night lighting.

The 'emerging' wing of the structure would provide space for businesses or organizations that are just getting started and looking to build their brand. This wing has the appearance of growing from the ground and making its presence known as it approaches the tower. It also has a twisting roof that transitions to a wall at the tower. Materials would consist of a storefront window system, a green roof with concrete walkways, allowing visitors to access the tower from the roof, and night lighting that runs from the ground level to the top of the tower.

The 'adaptive' wing represents the future. This section of the structure provides a minimally defined framework for future users to mold as they please to suit their needs. Primarily, it represents a space for exploration and growth, but it could also be a temporary space for pop-up shops, outdoor art galleries, food trucks, or a farmer's market.

At the convergence of these wings, a tower grows, joining all of these elements into one space, to coexist. In essence, the tower becomes a microcosm for the city of San Jose and Bay Area. The tower consists of 10 hexagon shaped floors, each slightly rotated from the one below, twisting on the way up, providing a dramatic visual when viewed from above and below. These spaces can be a combination of small business kiosks, galleries, gathering spots and city viewpoints.