

We have explored the possibility of achieving the iconicity of San Jose's new landmark through lightness and apparent simplicity. The sky forests achieve a carpet-like minimalism by their sharp tapered edges. Towards the center the section of the plate thickens in order to allow for trees to grow with sufficient earth for roots, yet the edges of the plates appear like slender lines against the sky and horizon. The new forest, mixing real tree trunks and stainless-steel pipes, intermixes subtle reflections of the context and surroundings, as well as creates a grand air purifying lung for San Jose and California.