

From the early years, San Jose was an innovative city. At the beginning of the 20th century, this city was known by the Light Tower that was an invention of that time. A very unique, unimaginable and unrepeatable structure surprised everyone who had seen it. For today San Jose is a hub of innovation that grasps attention from the whole world and surprises everyone with its booming ideas. In the present this city is a central point of Silicone Valley, vibrant urban knot what full of beautiful buildings and combination for ages. But among this wide variety of houses, there is not one that could be a face. The city needs something that will grasp attention of all neighborhoods, all citizens and all countries. The building that will give visitors an unrepeatable experience and unforgettable emotion. This is what we want to include in our proposal. The simple, approachable building that will serve the whole Valley as a landmark.

The main idea of this design consists of two elements: a regular tall building shape and the old Light Tower silhouette. And as a result of combination, we received an unexpected proportioned building that contains history and novelty. The simple building with bold, a bit irrational cutout, represents Silicone Valley with all its upside-down thoughts and world turning innovations.

The facade is glass elements and perforated grilles with solar films for the energy production and micro-LED for a multimedia facade. Perforated grilles are more closed at the bottom and more open on the top. Depending on this, the higher you go the more transparent and pure view you get. It is an interesting experience to lift from the shaded bottom to brighter top (quickly by elevator or slowly by feet) and to the totally transparent open-air roof-top. By day and night, this building looks interesting and different. A night illumination highlights this building in surrounding and present it a solid shape, which becomes a symbol of San Jose. Together, the façade gradient reduces the light pollution at the bottom levels what is good for wildlife species inside the park. The structure of this building is quite easy and familiar: the main vertical core structure (with lifts, staircases, colons) and a hinged shall to it.

The combination of the past with the newest contemporary possibilities in the bravest way - that what is future and Silicone Valley about.