

The project engages the seemingly contradictory themes of technology and nature; high tech and ancient ritual within one site. A cultural icon soon to be recognized as a testimony to Silicon Valley, the world-leading force in all things technology: *Disruption, Tec Tower*.

The Tower:

Tec Tower, a monument of glass, absorbs and reflects light energy throughout the day. It then softly glows as a beacon into the night, reminiscent of the San Jose Light Tower.

- More than a viewing tower, Tec Tower will house a variety of experiences from reading nooks and small group cafes to a 2-story open event room.
- The Zero Net Energy strategy starts with using less energy. With a small footprint and great height, the Tec Tower utilizes passive evaporative cooling. The tower has photovoltaics integrated into the glazing as well.

The Site

The sundial is the guiding form which organizes and engages the site by creating zones. Visitors will become familiar with the hour markers, developing a short hand such as, “meet me at the 3 O’clock Bridge”, “coffee at the 9 O’Clock arch”, or “lawn chess near the 12 O’clock runway”.

The Experience

Entering through the Five Skater Pillars, you ascend the inclined plaza. Depending on the day of the week, you may encounter a farmers market or an exclusive evening product-drop along the plaza. There is live music resonating from the Reflective Pool Amphitheater- do you stop and listen with feet dangling over the Reflective Pool, or continue on to Tec Tower? Realizing it’s almost 3 O’Clock, you head to the 3 O’Clock Bridge to catch the dramatic shadows before heading up to Tec Tower for a sunset glass of wine.