"Architecture should speak of its time and place, but yearn for timelessness."

- Frank Gehry

The ARENA

INDIA SPORTING METAMORPHOSIS

TOWARDS A MULTI-SPORT NATION

Over the last decade, India's sports landscape has undergone a dramatic transformation. While cricket continues to dominate the national consciousness, a new era of athletic diversity is emerging.

The rise of leagues such as the Indian Super League (football), Pro Kabaddi League, Hockey India League, and the Women's Premier League (cricket) has provided platforms for athletes beyond the traditional cricketing sphere.



CHALLENGES

LACK OF INFRASTRUCTURE

Challenges remain—sports infrastructure in many regions is still inadequate, and investment in non-cricketing sports lags. But with increased corporate sponsorships, media coverage, and government initiatives, India is steadily evolving from a cricket-centric nation into a true multi-sport powerhouse.

RESOURCE

GENDER

Damaged tracks, poor infrastructure

create hurdles for athletes at Vellore district sports complex





repair work. Some goes for Khallikole College ground, which was damaged during cyclose Phailin that bit Orbita court in Octobe

Pune: Neglect in Sports Infrastructure -

Municipal Schools Grapple with Lack of Facilities and Personnel

Women athletes complain of gender bias at



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India's Olympic body chief misused hock funds, CBI begins probe

Corruption, nepotism and fraud in sele process hamper sports and sportspers our country: HC



"Bias And Corruption": ICC Match. Referee's Scathing Remarks On Concussion Substitute Row

Gender inequality in sports: Challenges and the path to equality

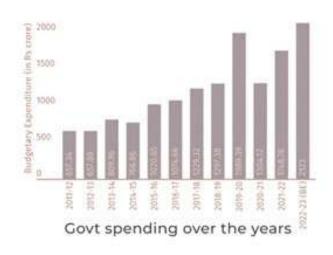


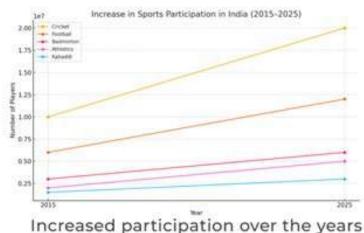
Blame the batters, not the pitch, as India surrender on spinning Pune track

Massive Financial Scandal Rocks India's Heritage Sports Club NSCI

WAY FORWARD...

The future of Indian sports envisions a landscape where athletes have access to cutting-edge resources and facilities. Technology will play a pivotal role in refining training techniques and enhancing performance.





KHELEGA INDIA



icreased participation over the year

INITIATIVES TAKEN:

Sports Authority of India (SAI)

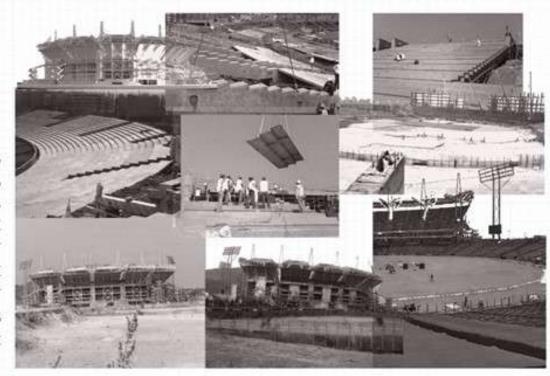
Khelo India Programme

Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS)

JEETEGA INDIA



The Maharashtra Cricket Association Stadium, located in Gahunje village near Pune, Maharashtra, stands as a premier international cricket venue. Owned and operated by the Maharashtra Cricket Association (MCA), it serves as the home ground for both the Maharashtra men's and women's cricket teams. The Stadium boasts an impressive outdoor cricket field encircled by elliptical-shaped bleachers providing seating for up to 45,000 enthusiastic spectators.



EVOLUTION OF MCA

INAUGURATION in 2012, open for domestic matches

IPL MATCH IMPACT caused a lot of traction

EVOLUTION OF STADIUM ROLE.....Hosted test matches

INFRASTRUCTURE due to exceeding crowd capacity, lack of other CHALLENGES......amenities

VISION FOR THE A self sustaining venue to promote FUTURE..... culture of sports in India

The Project

MCA aims to go far beyond upgrading a cricket ground — it represents a strategic reimagining of the stadium as a high-performance sports ecosystem.

HIGH PERFORMANCE

SPORTS ECOSYSTEM

STATE OF ART FACILITIES

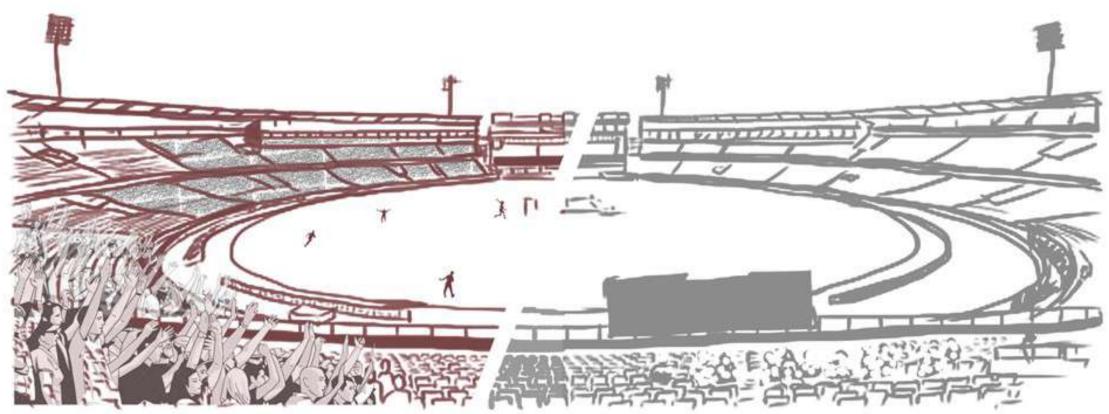
SELF SUFFICIENT

ATHELETE DEVELOPMENT



"Built for Glory, Left in Silence"

Most cricket stadiums remain dormant 90% of the year — vast architectural spaces waiting to be reimagined. This proposal introduces a visionary clubhouse that repositions cricket as a global cultural force, while transforming the stadium into a vibrant, multi-functional precinct.



Why are stadiums underutilised?

Outdated infrastructure

Inflexible spaces

Limited seating

INTEGRATED PRECINCT

"More than just sports "

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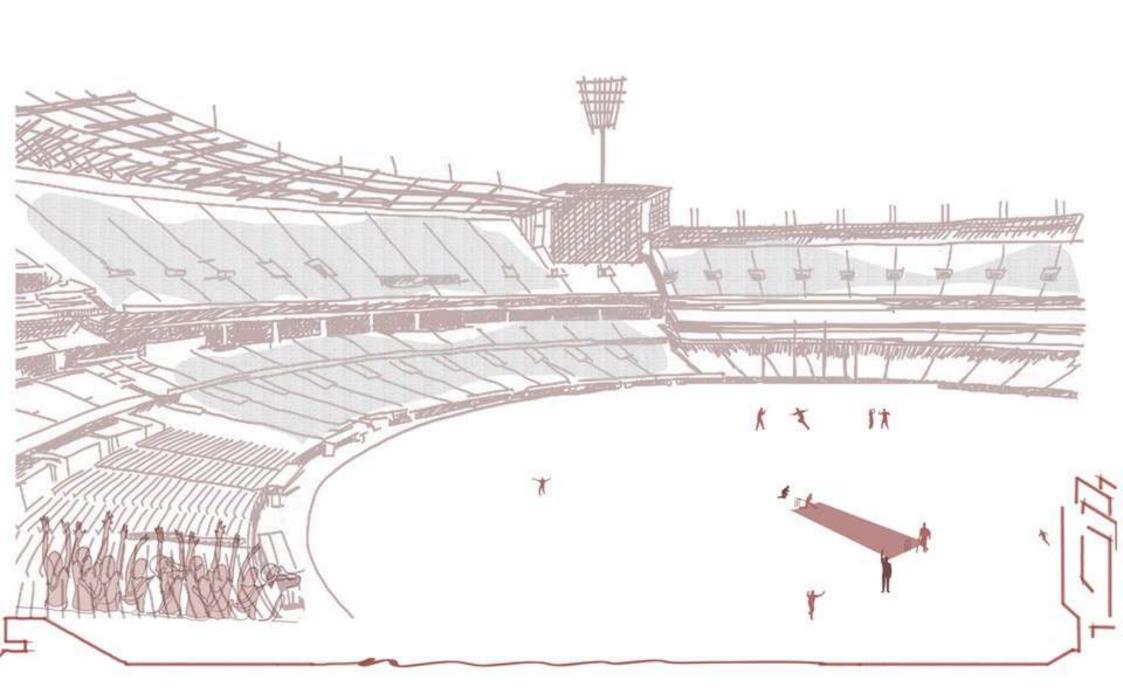
By integrating training zones, fitness facilities, public engagement areas, restaurants, and a hotel, the design fosters year-round activity and connectivity.

More than just a venue for matches, it becomes an **architectural catalyst**— sustaining sport, community, and international identity every day of the year.









THE STADIUM EXPERIENCE STARTS OUTSIDE



The excited arrival......



THE STADIUM EXPERIENCE STARTS OUTSIDE



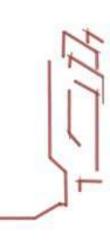
Queue nightmare.....



THE STADIUM EXPERIENCE STARTS OUTSIDE



Confusing signage struggle



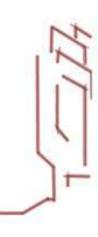
BEYOND THE GAME

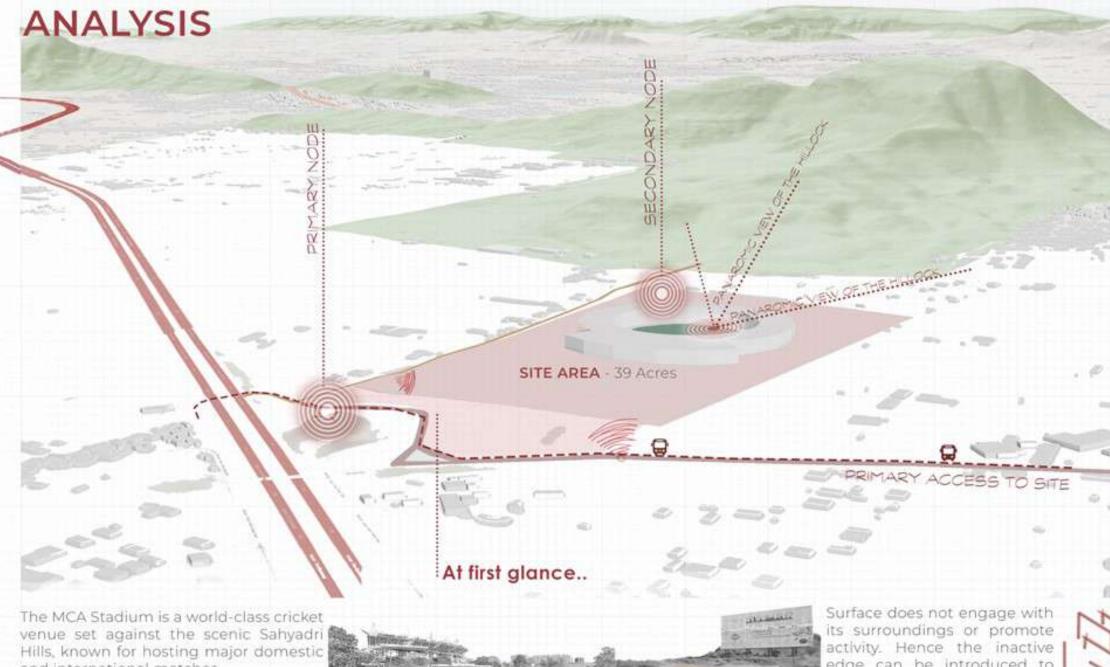
REAL

THE STADIUM EXPERIENCE STARTS OUTSIDE



Last minute PANIC





and international matches.

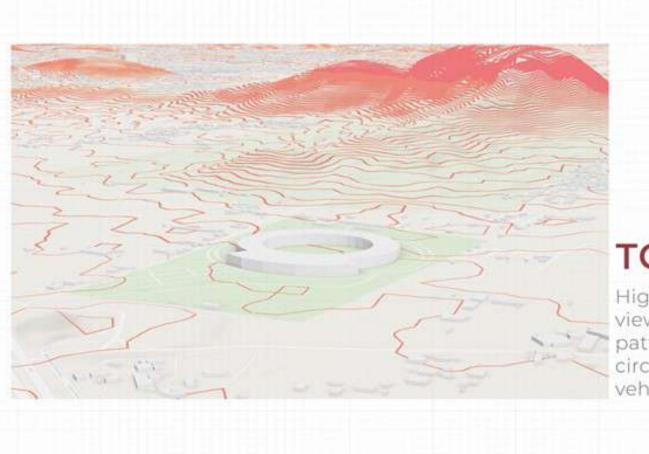
LOCATION - Located at Gahunje, Pune, Maharashtra.

ACCESIBILITY: Pune-Mumbai Expressway, Pune city



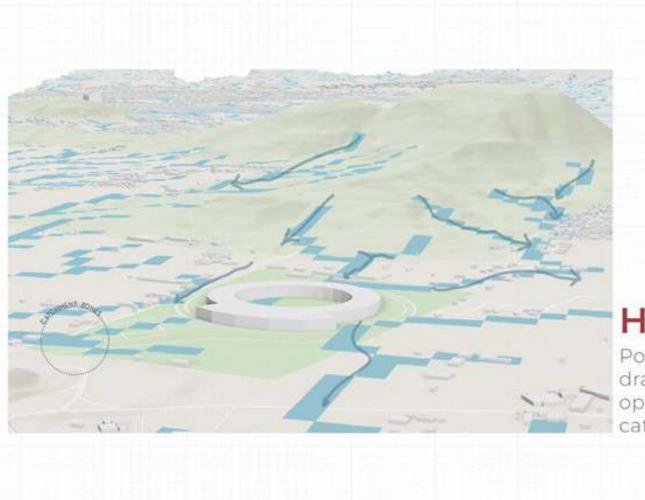
edge can be introduced to active uses, creating visual connections, improving accessibility, and incorporating landscaping

Inactive edge conditions



TOPOGRAPHY

High elevation zones of site could offer better views. This topography defines the drainage patterns and zoning of the site in terms of circulation and access for pedestrians and vehicles



HYDROLOGY

Potential run off flow would require effective drainage patterns while also providing opportuinities for rainwater harvesting at catchement zones.

TRAFFIC OVERVIEW



MATCH DAYS

The primary access to site is through Gahunje road and through an underpass. The pointy of convergence of these two becomes a potential chokepoint during match days.



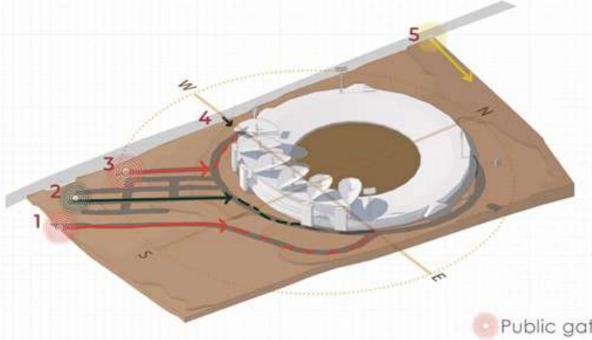
NON MATCH DAYS

Fast

Slow

Non match days on an average has moderate traffic flow and minimal choke points.

EXISTING INFRASTRUCTURE



GATE 1 ENTRY : For General Public GATE 2 ENTRY : For VVIPs, VIPs

and Players/Officials

GATE 3 ENTRY: For General Public GATE 4 ENTRY: For Ground Equipment

and Ground Staff

GATE 5 ENTRY : For Broadcasting Personnel

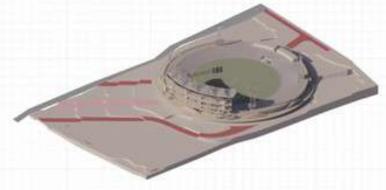
and General Public

Public gates 🕟 VIP entry



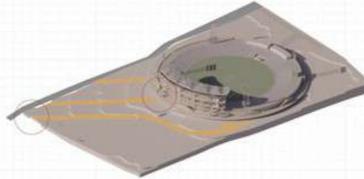


INFERENCES



Extended wait time

Match days results in long queues and tired pedestrains due to existing circulation patterns



Lack of pause points

Long distances without any rest zones or pause points leave the fans tired



Insufficient shade from trees

Existing vegetation on site is ground cover and short trees with small foliage that dont provide much shade for the users



CLIMATE STUDY

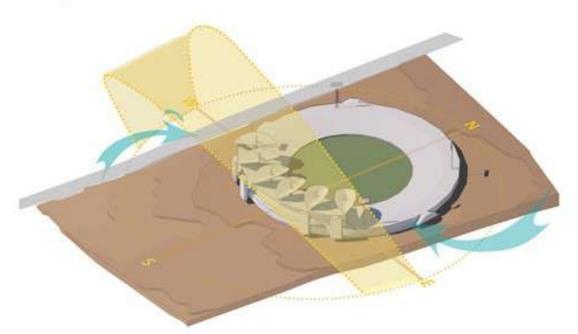
Warm and Humid Climate

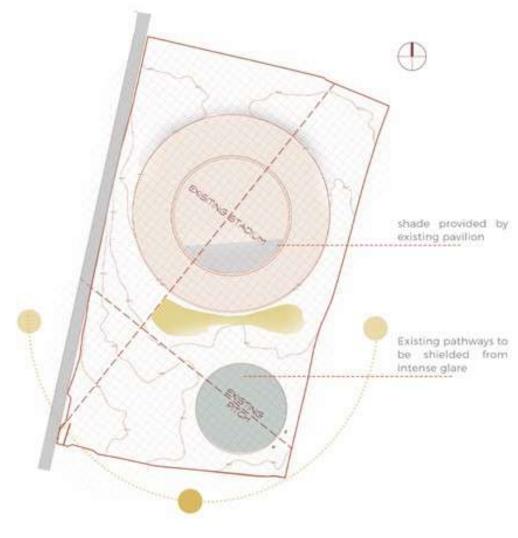
Pune experiences a moderate climate, with warm summers and mild winters, offering a pleasant environment year-round.

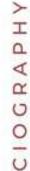
Average Temperature: Ranges from 20°C to 35°C, with mild variation between day and night.

Average Rainfall: Approximately 1,200 mm annually, with the majority falling during the monsoon season (June-September).

Average Humidity: Stays around 70% annually, with higher humidity during the monsoon months.

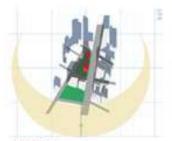








0900hrs W. N-W areas of the stadium would be shaded



1200hrs Shorter shadows in N direction



1800hrs E. N-E directions will experience shade

INFERENCES:

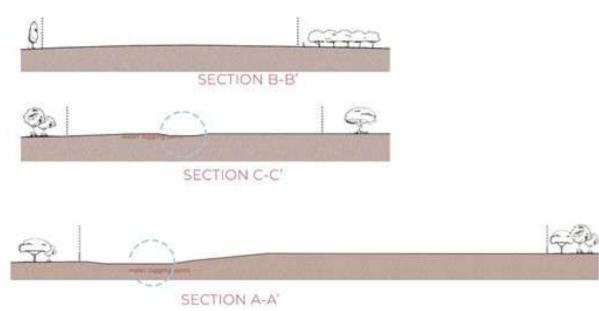
Optimize user comfort by placing plazas on the northern side to reduce the impact of heat and glare.

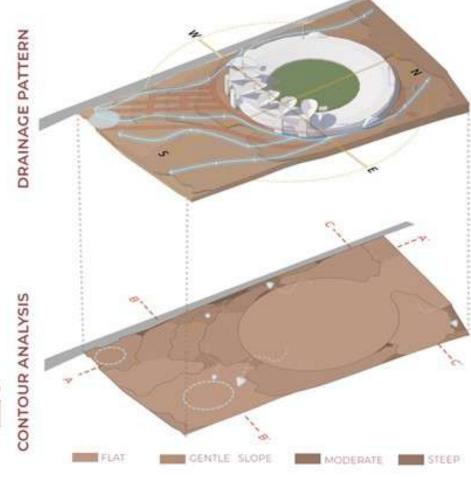
Enhance the energy efficiency of the stadium by utilizing natural lighting and solar energy.

SLOPE

The site has a gradual slope with the difference from highest point to lowest being 12m.

The lowest point of the site is the entry plaza. Therefore treating this with adequate drainage solutions can help to mitigate risks of waterlogging during peak rainfall season.







- -Prime location with a view of the hillock.
- -Corner site
- Climate can help designing open air spaces.
- -Good connectivity located on the outskirts
- Climate provides advantage to harness wind and solar energy.



- -Height Limitations Due to View Corridors
- -Constraints of Existing Stadium Layout
- -Traffic Congestion During Events

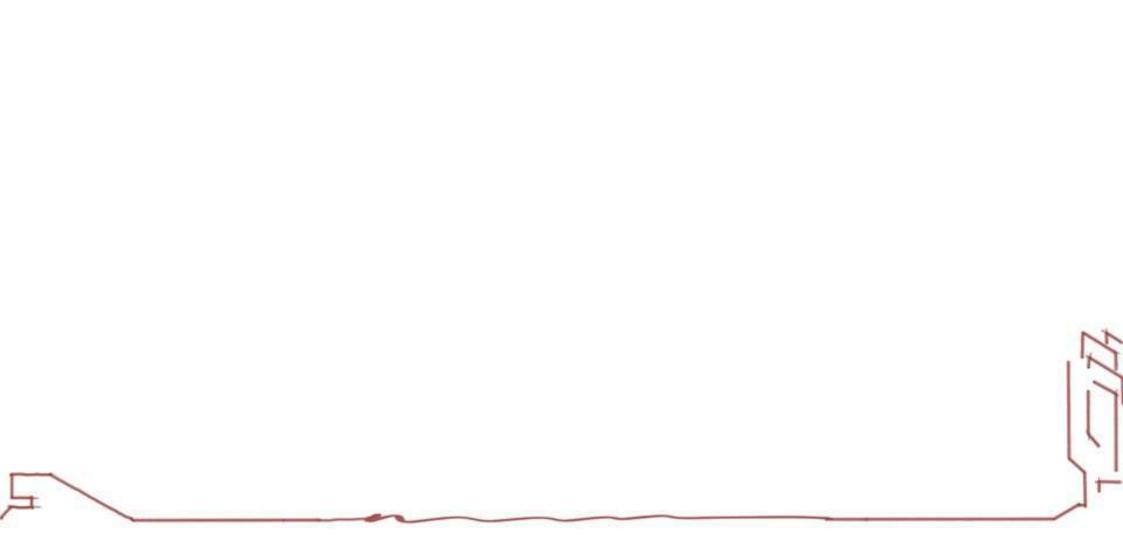


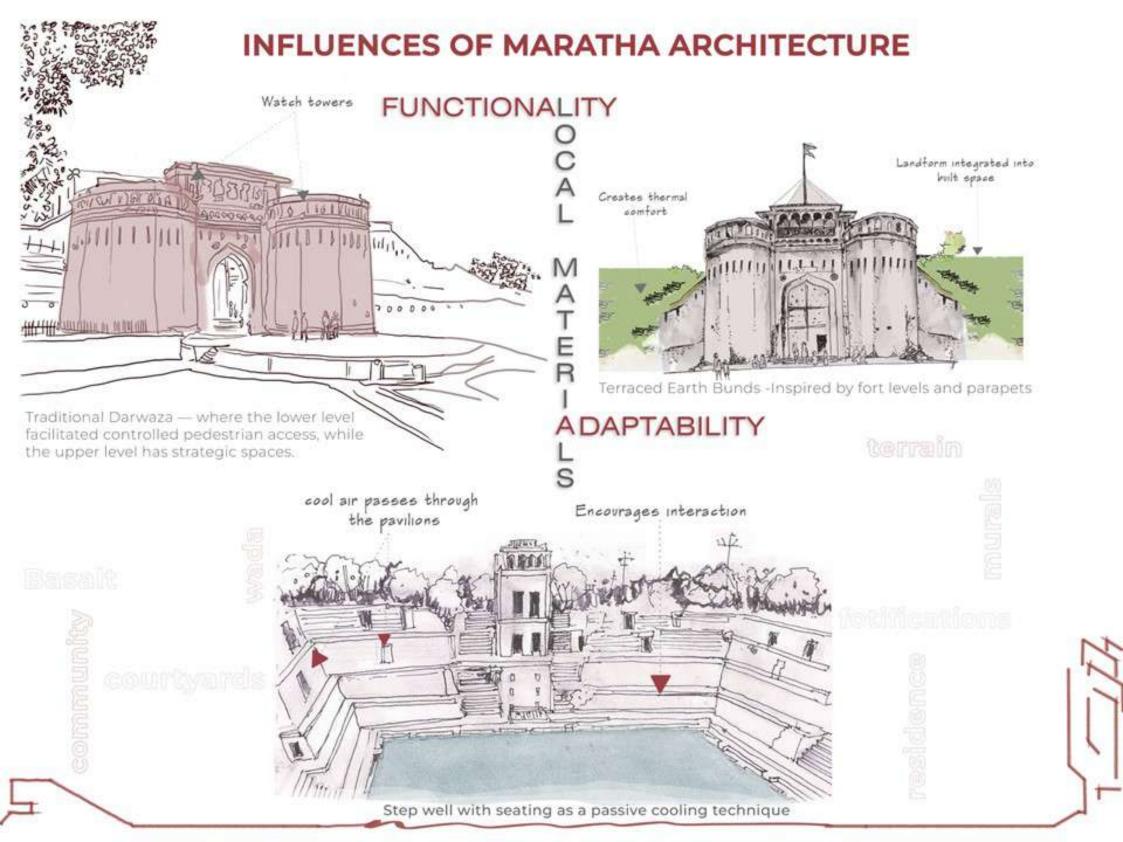
- -Multi-level circulation pedestrian zones above, vehicular movement below, with
- -Sustainable & Energy-Positive Design
- -Improve edge conditions around the site
- -Smart features with energy-harvesting flooring
- -Ensure visual harmony without overpowering the existing elements.

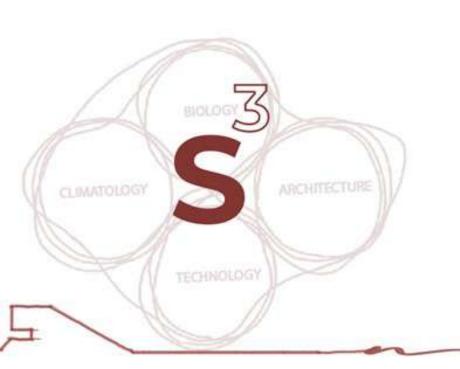


- Designing around the existing infrastructure on the site.
- -Blend new typologies with the existing stadium using similar materials but modern forms.





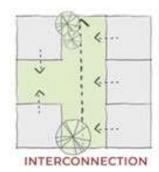




SYNERGIZE

Creating seamless between connections athletes, spectators, and urban infrastructure for a dynamic, multi-use environment.







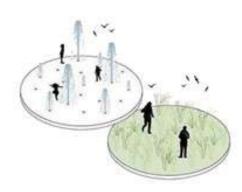


ENCOURAGE INTERACTION



STIMULATE

designed to ignite passion, performance, and engagement through dynamic spaces, immersive experiences, state-of-the-art and training facilities.





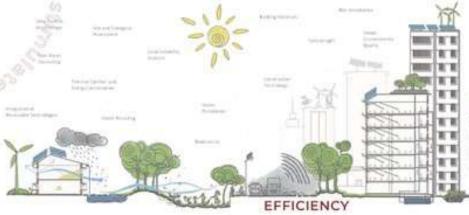




SUSTAIN

Ensuring long-term environmental, structural, and community resilience through green design, renewable energy, and adaptive infrastructure.

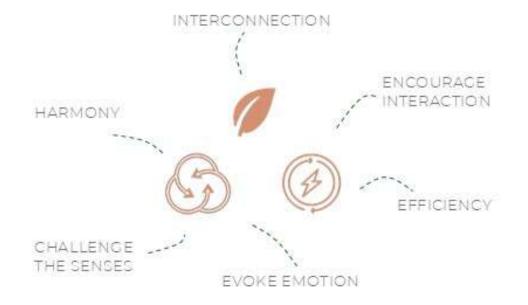




isn't just about sports-it's about creating a future-ready, eco-conscious, and high-performance sports ecosystem"

DESIGN DEVELOPMENT

The design envisions an integrated urban campus where movement, architecture, and landscape converge along defined axes. By activating dormant edges, elevating built forms, and layering open spaces, the project fosters a seamless dialogue between structure and nature. It transforms the stadium into a dynamic civic anchor — a holistic environment where sports, community, and culture interlace through a choreography of circulation, serial visions, and spatial generosity.



VISION

The project envisions a **vibrant space** that connects sports and enthusiasts through world-class facilities. Additionally to **maximize the stadium's potential** by transforming it into a multi-functional hub that extends beyond sporting events. Through the integration of diverse facilities and **adaptive spaces**, the stadium will serve as a year-round destination, hosting a variety of events, cultural activities etc

AIM

Design aims to provide a dynamic platform that unites the world of sports with enthusiasts from across the globe.

The project reimagines the stadium as a multi-functional **urban anchor**—extending beyond sport to become a dynamic civic destination.

The project aspires to create an **environmentally** responsive and iconic architectural identity — one that is deeply integrated with nature, context, and symbolically resonant

The design aims to **foster a seamless dialogue** between built form, landscape, and community.



OBJECTIVES

Establish Urban Connectivity

Promote Environmental Responsiveness

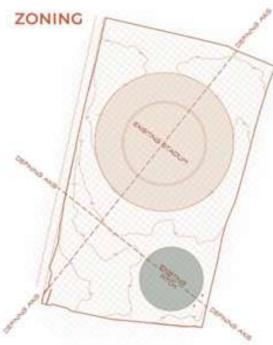
Celebrate Cultural Identity through Contemporary Architectural Expression

A "SELF SUSTAINING" venue



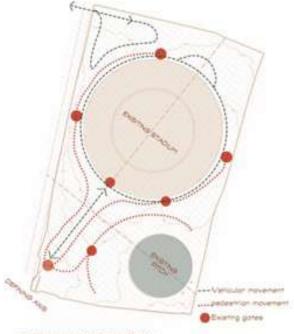






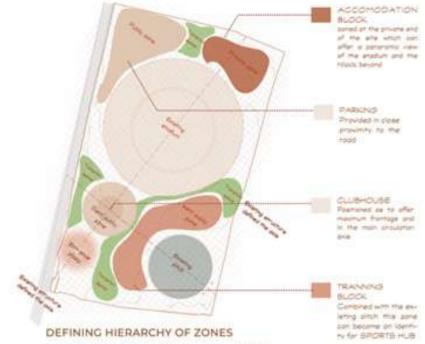
DEFINING AXIS & GRIDS

Identifying major axes using existing structures without disturbing them

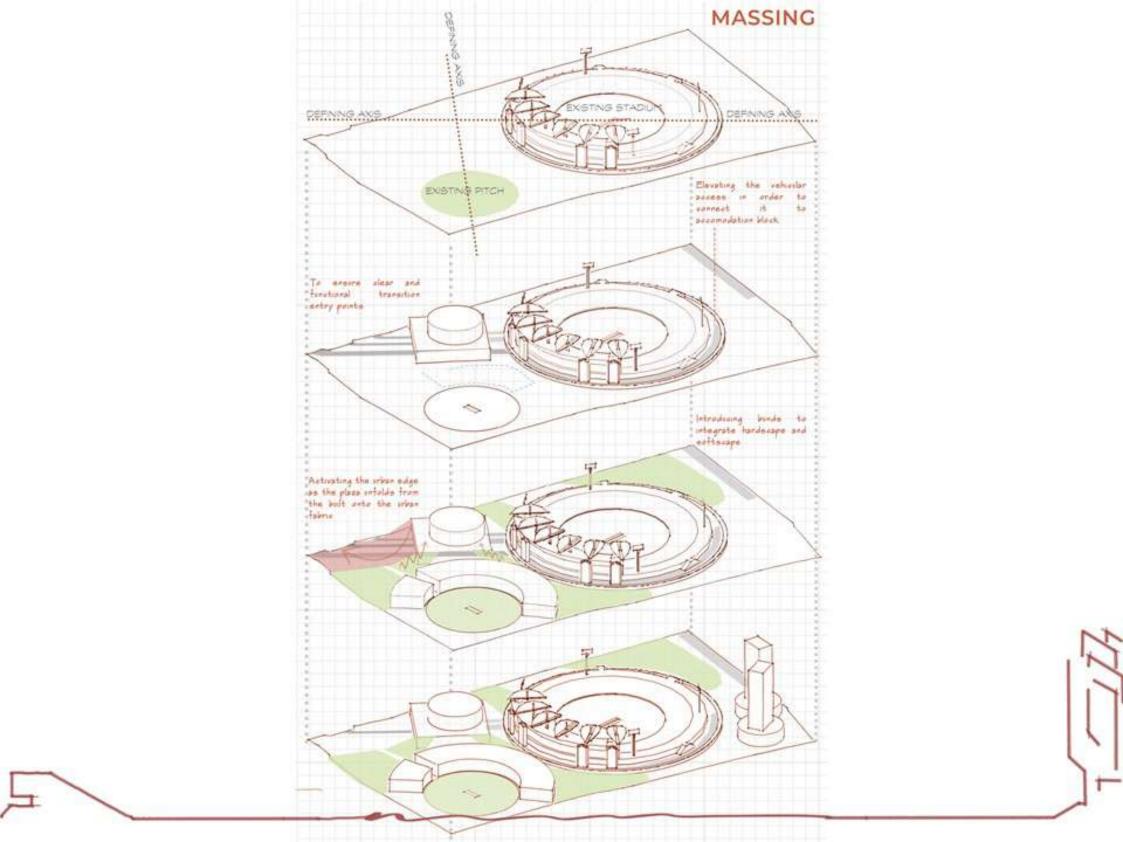


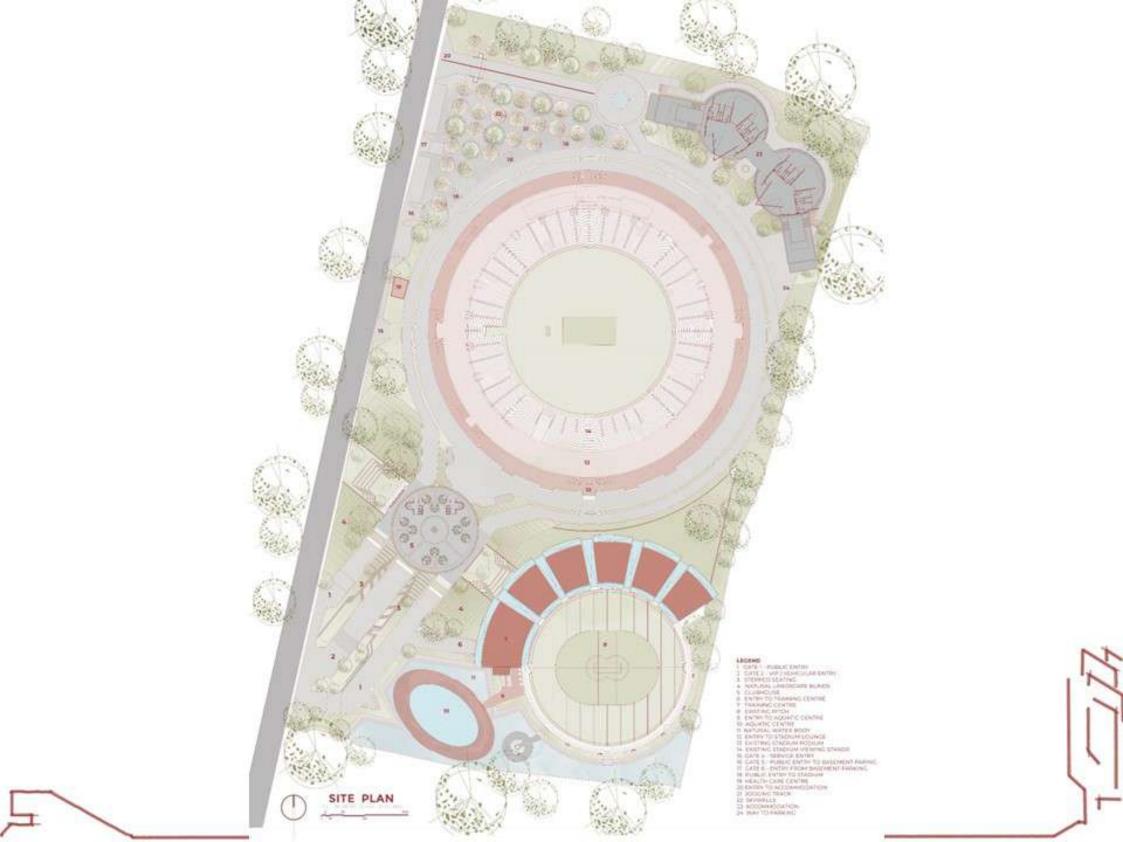
DEFINING CIRCULATION

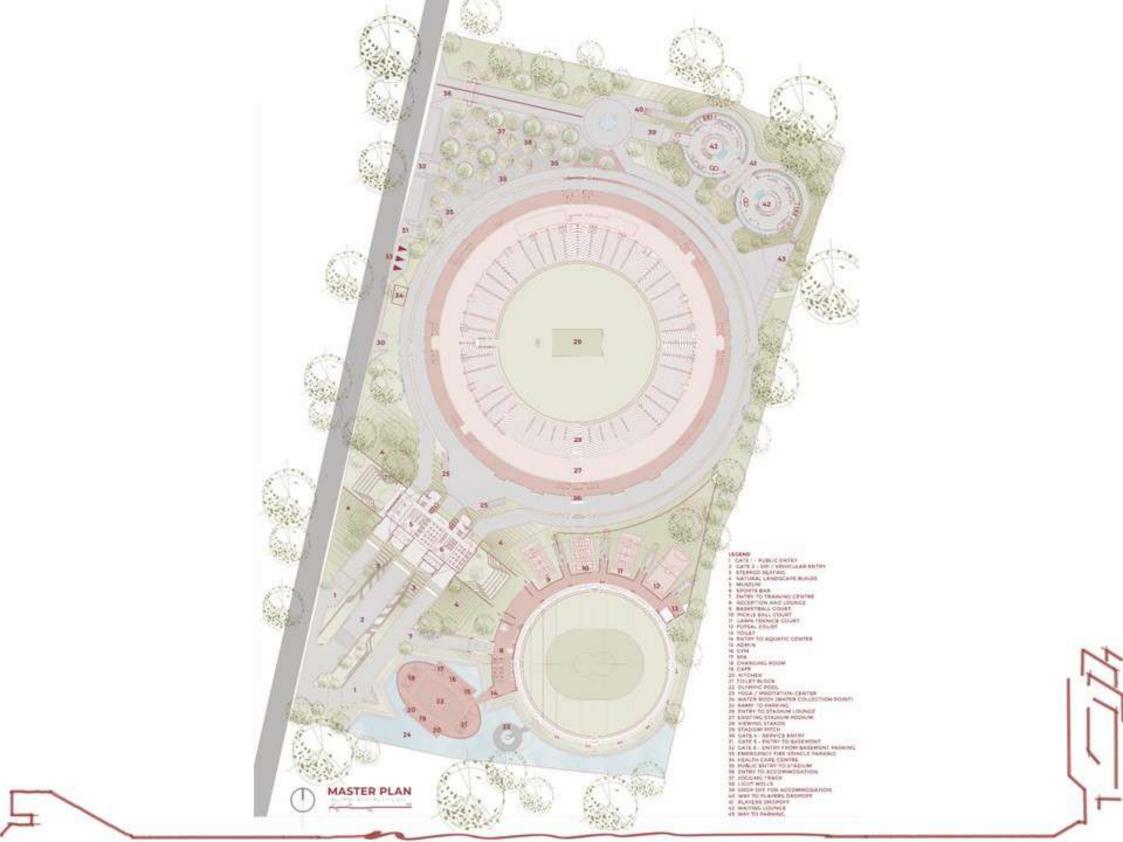
Diverging pedestrian circulation from a point connecting it to various existing gates. Vehicular movement defined along the periphery and the major axis.

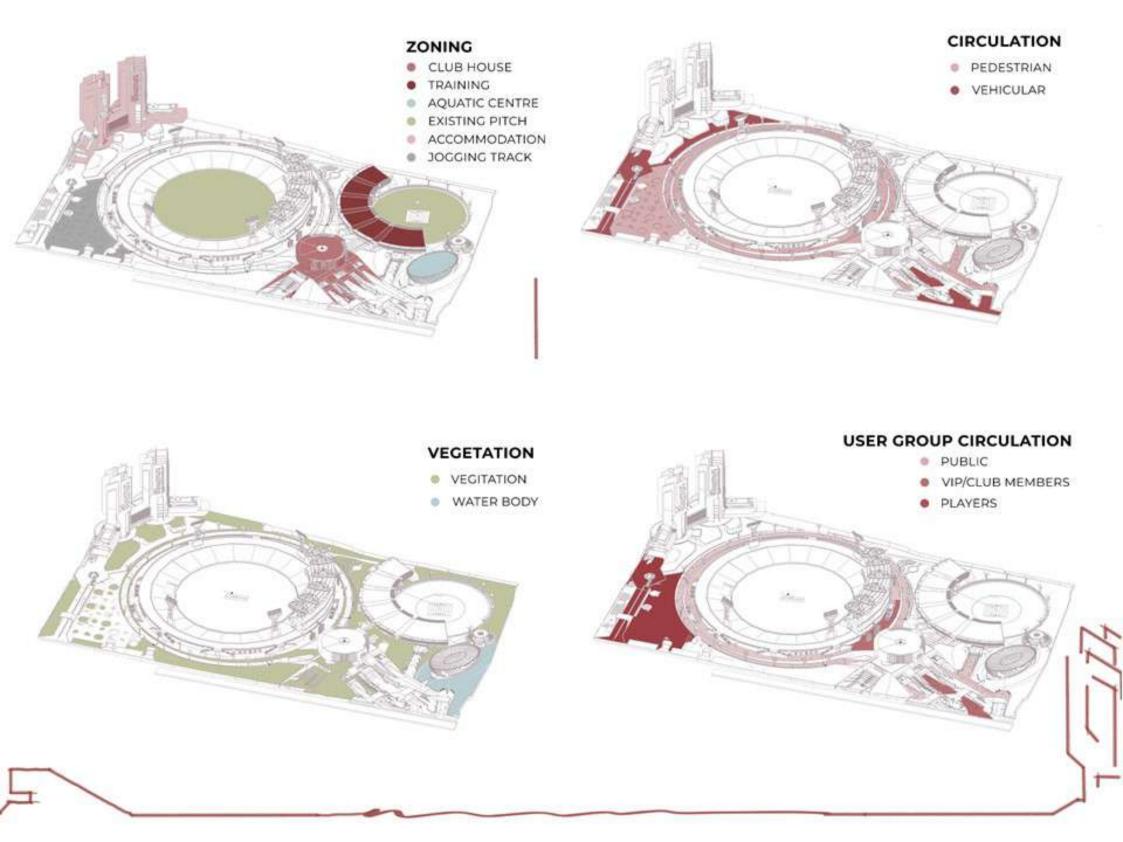


public and semi-public zones placed along the primary frontage, for easy accessibility, private zonesas are located towards a corner of the site, capitalizing on panoramic views of the adjacent hillside













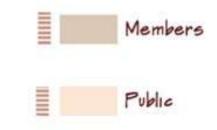


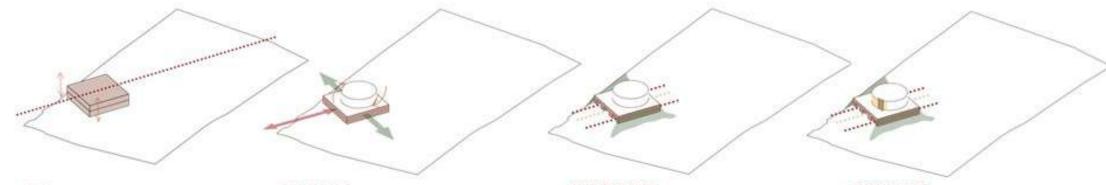


THE CREST PAVILION

"Elevated design for Elevated living"

The Clubhouse is a multi-layered spatial experience, where history, urban continuity, and elite hospitality converge. Architecturally, it is conceived as a fluid extension of the site, responding to its immediate stadium context, circulation dynamics, and panoramic views while transitioning seamlessly from a public, open lower level to a private, exclusive upper realm.





AXIS

Axis defined with the existing stadium and clubhouse placed in close proximity to the entry plaza

BALANCE

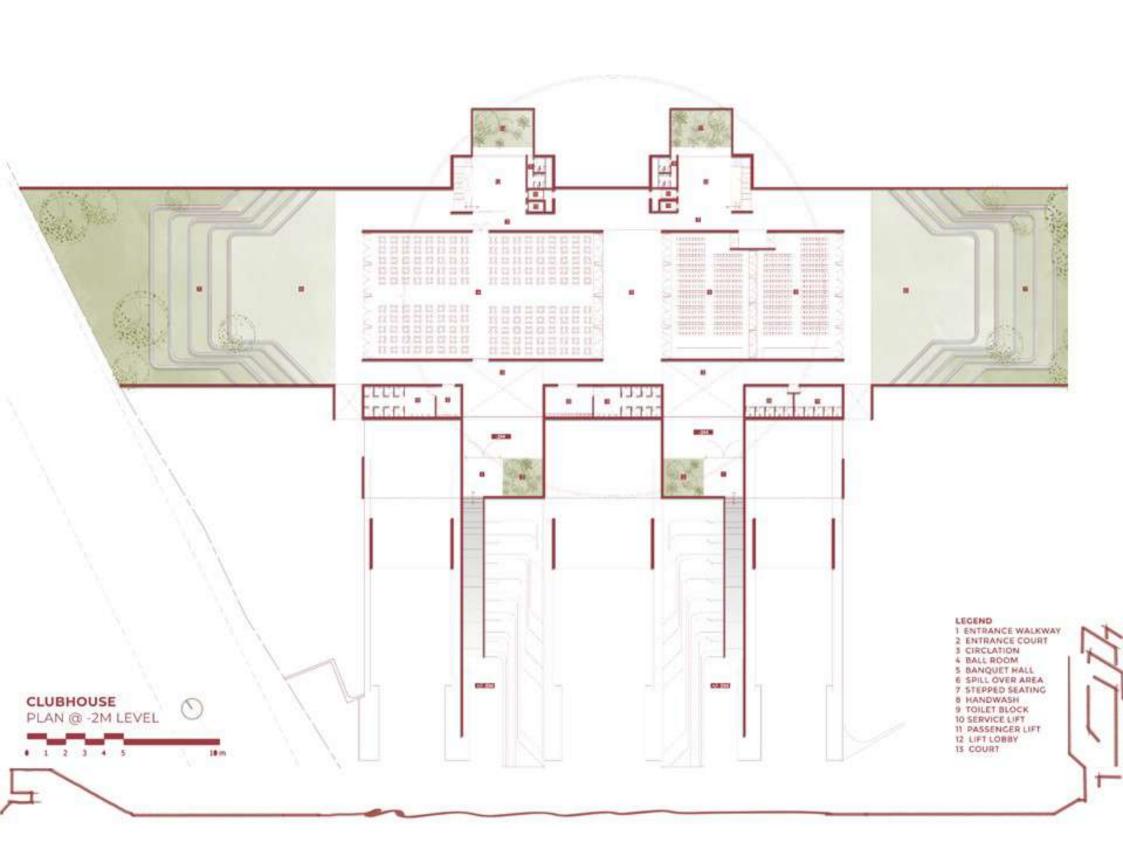
Axis is complimented by introducing landscape on either sides to soften the mass

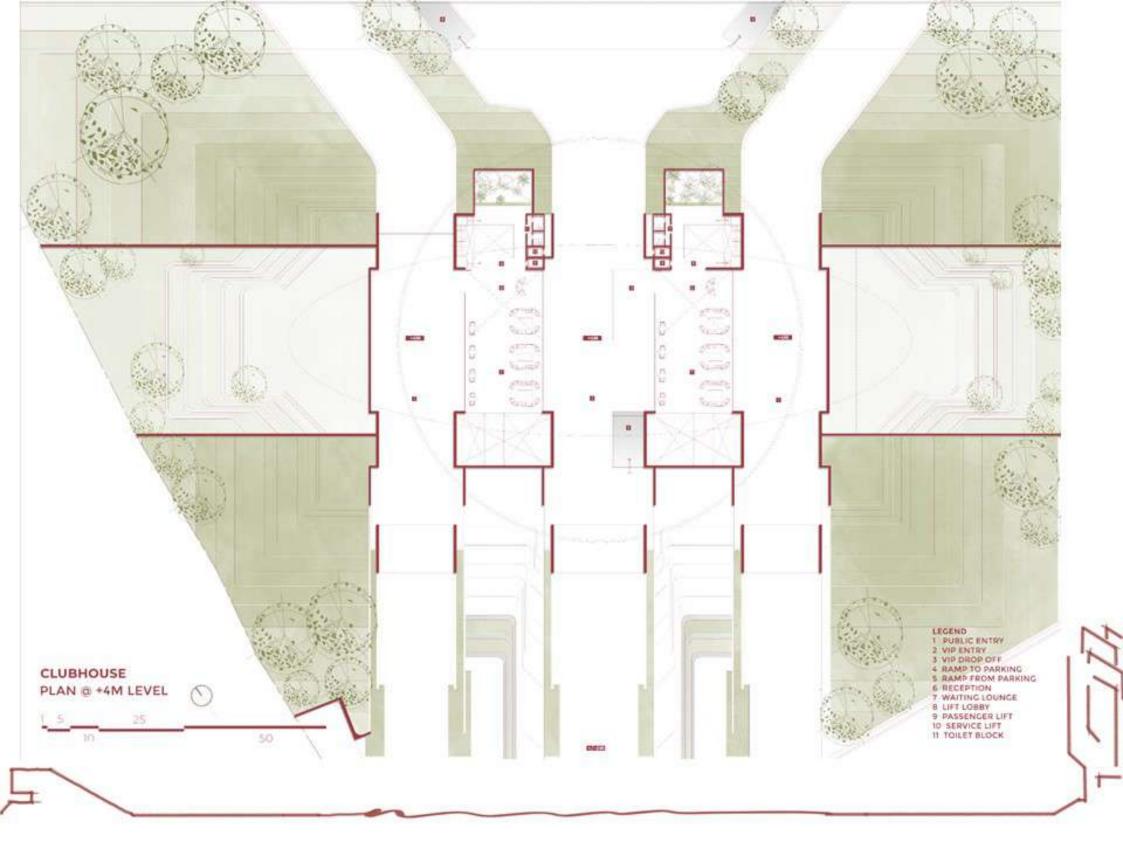
INTEGRATE

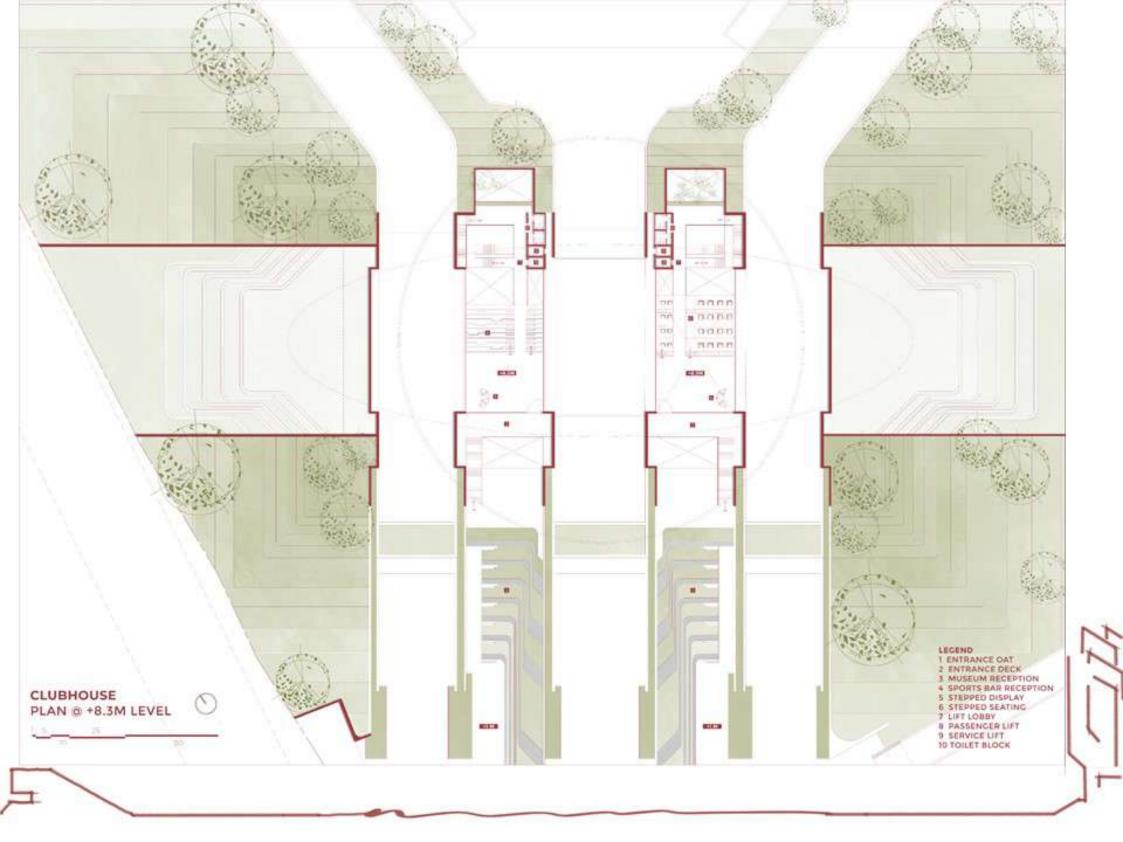
Intoducing different typologies of circulation, which blends the hardscape into softscape seamlessly.

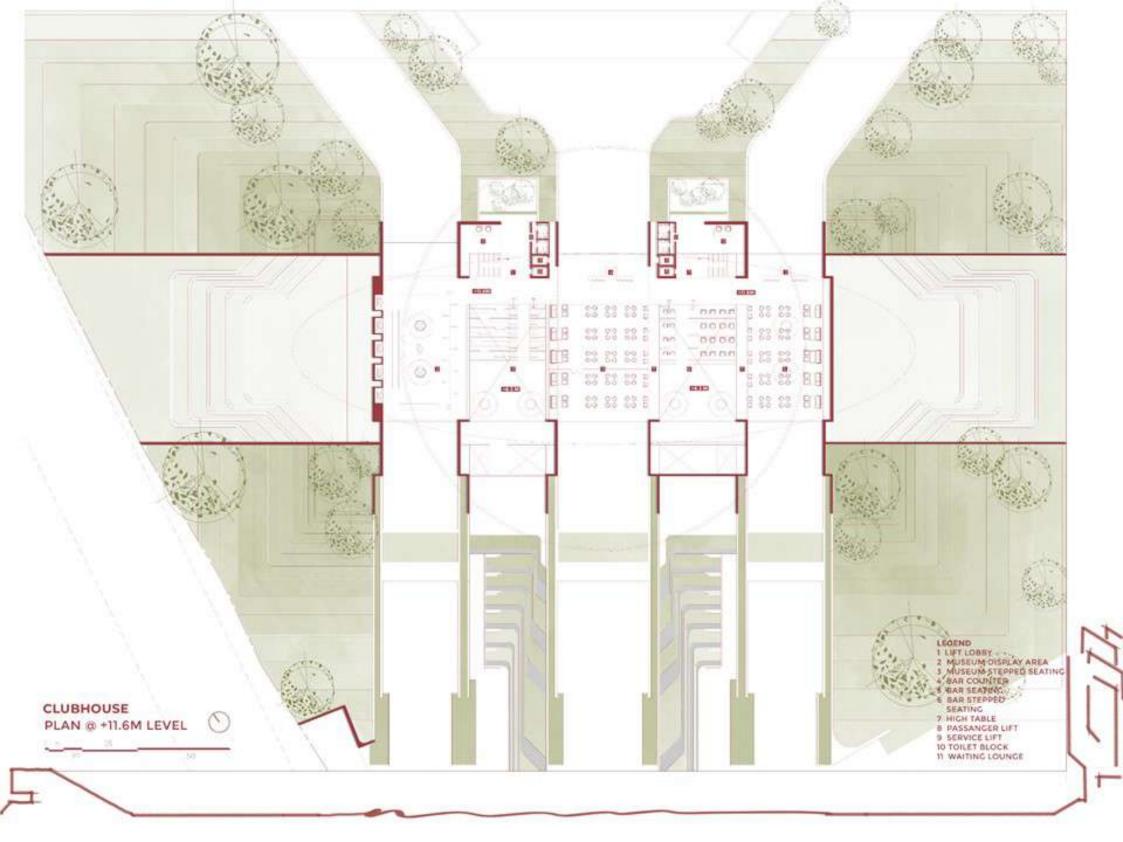
OPTIMIZE

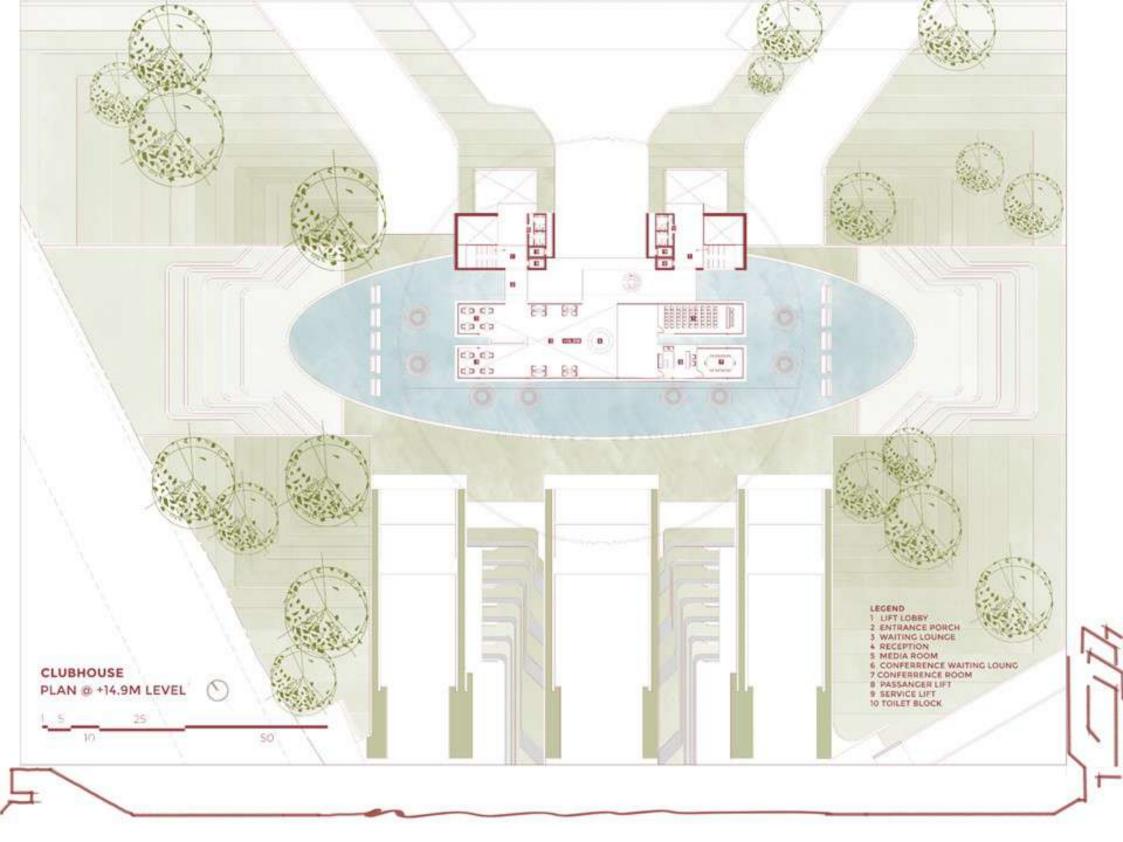
Incorporate vertical fins to reduce heat gain while maximising daylighting to enhance energy efficiency in a space

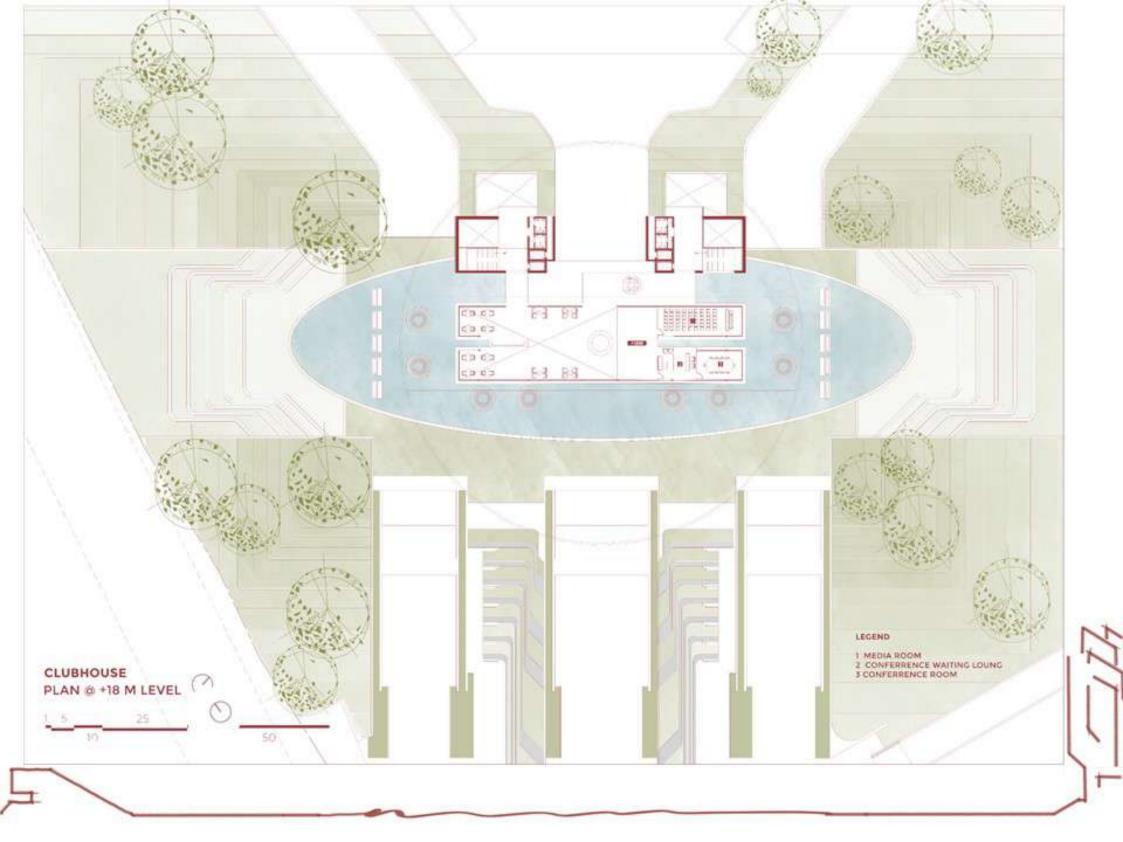


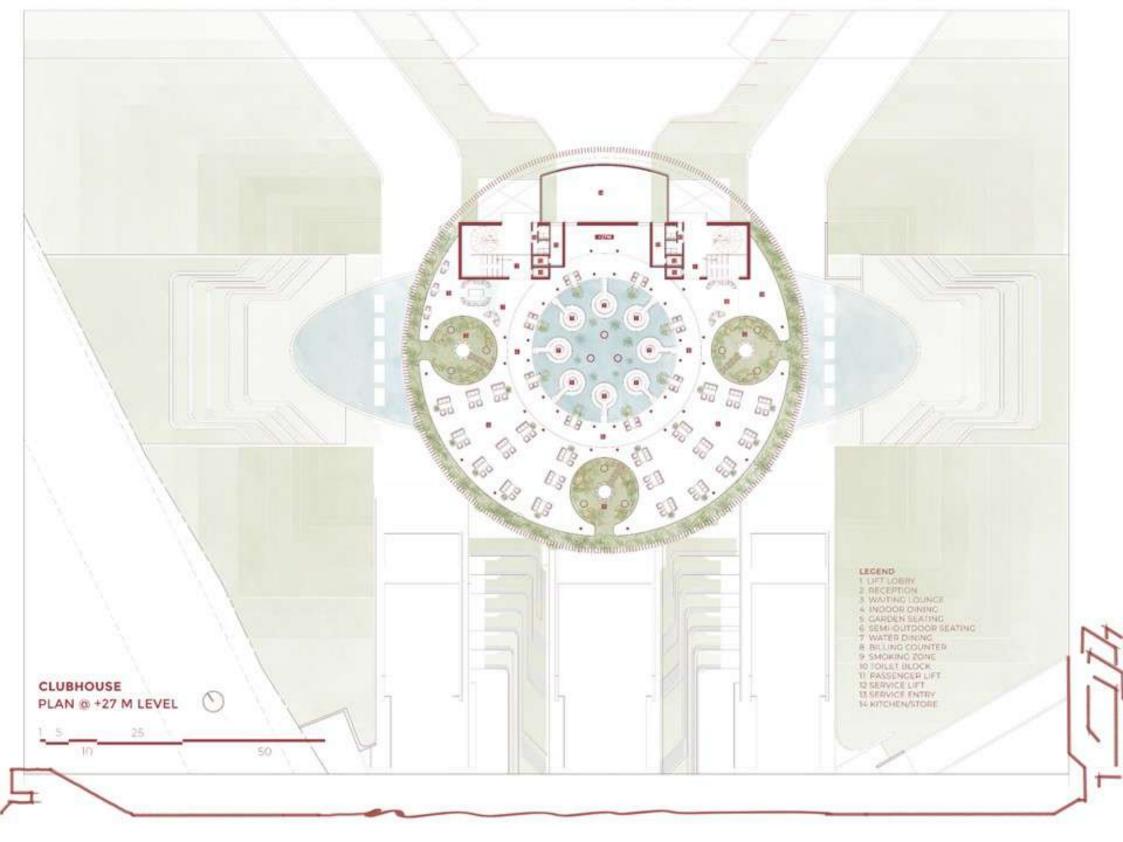


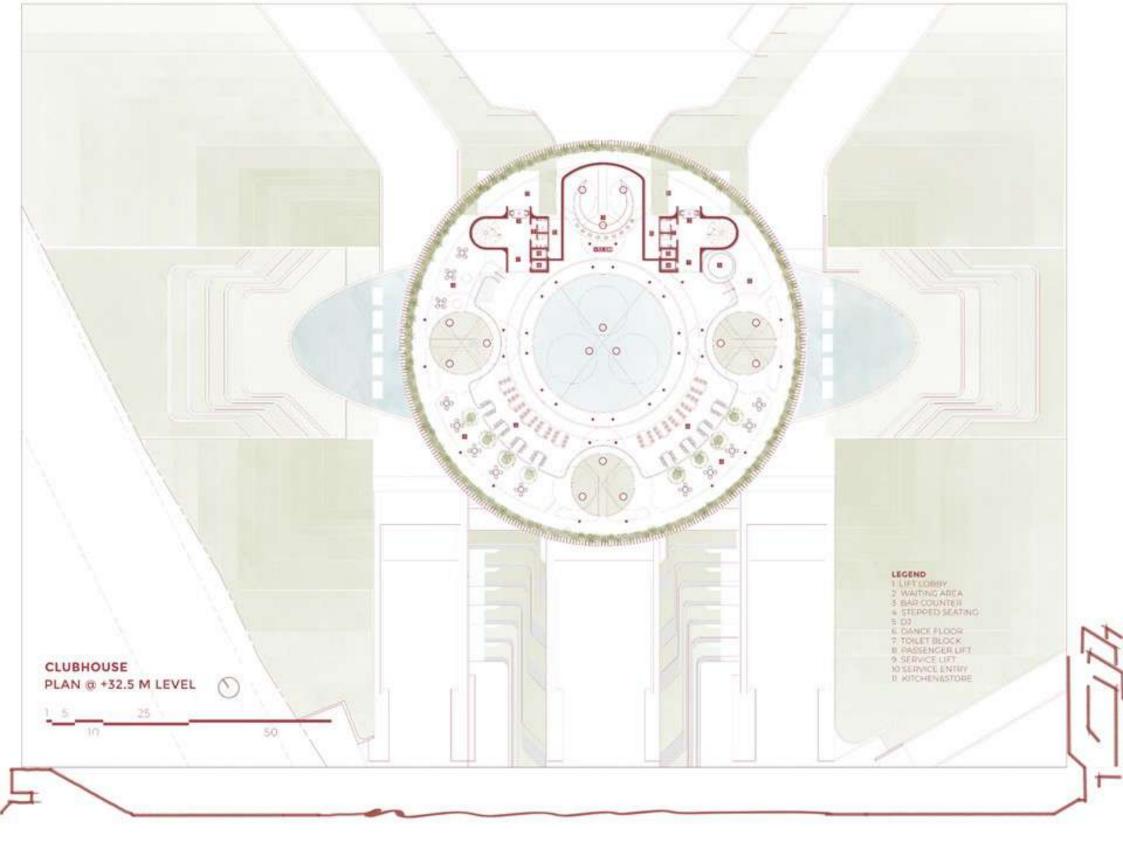


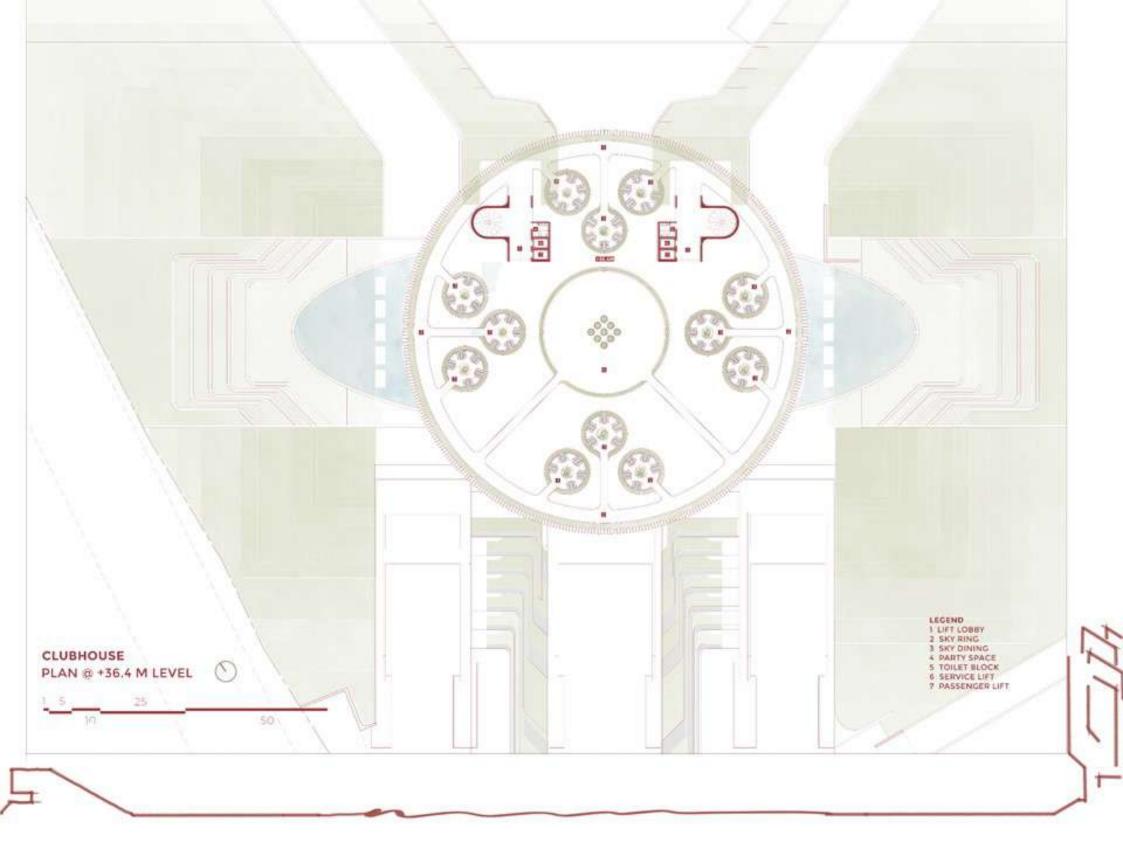






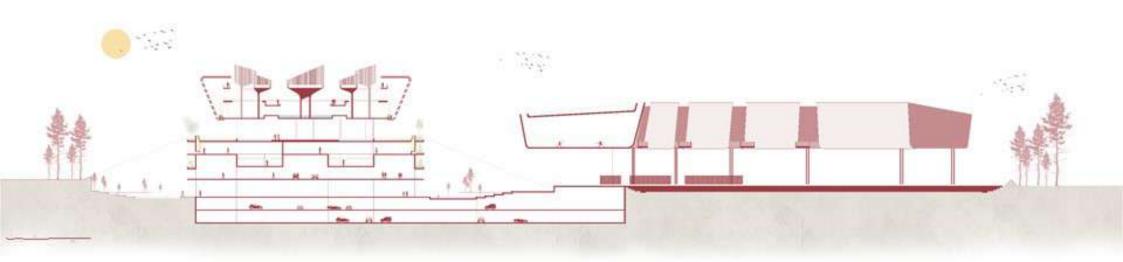








Front Elevation



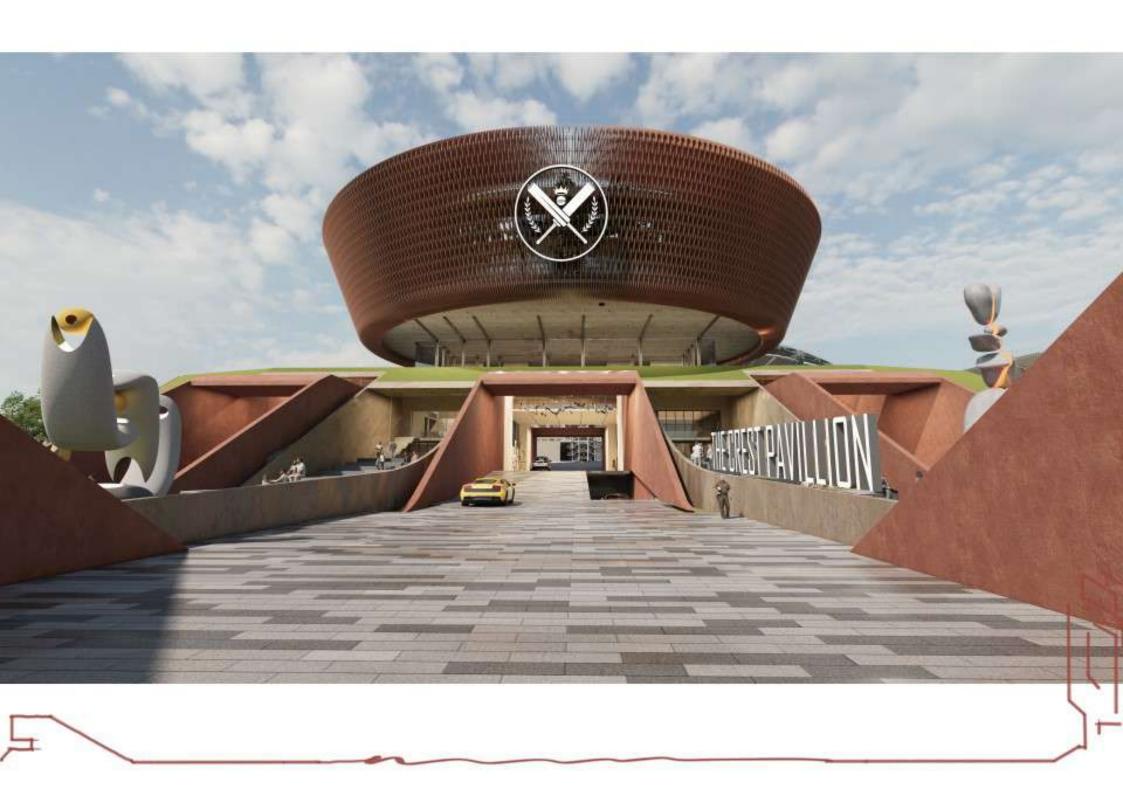
Section across E-W axis

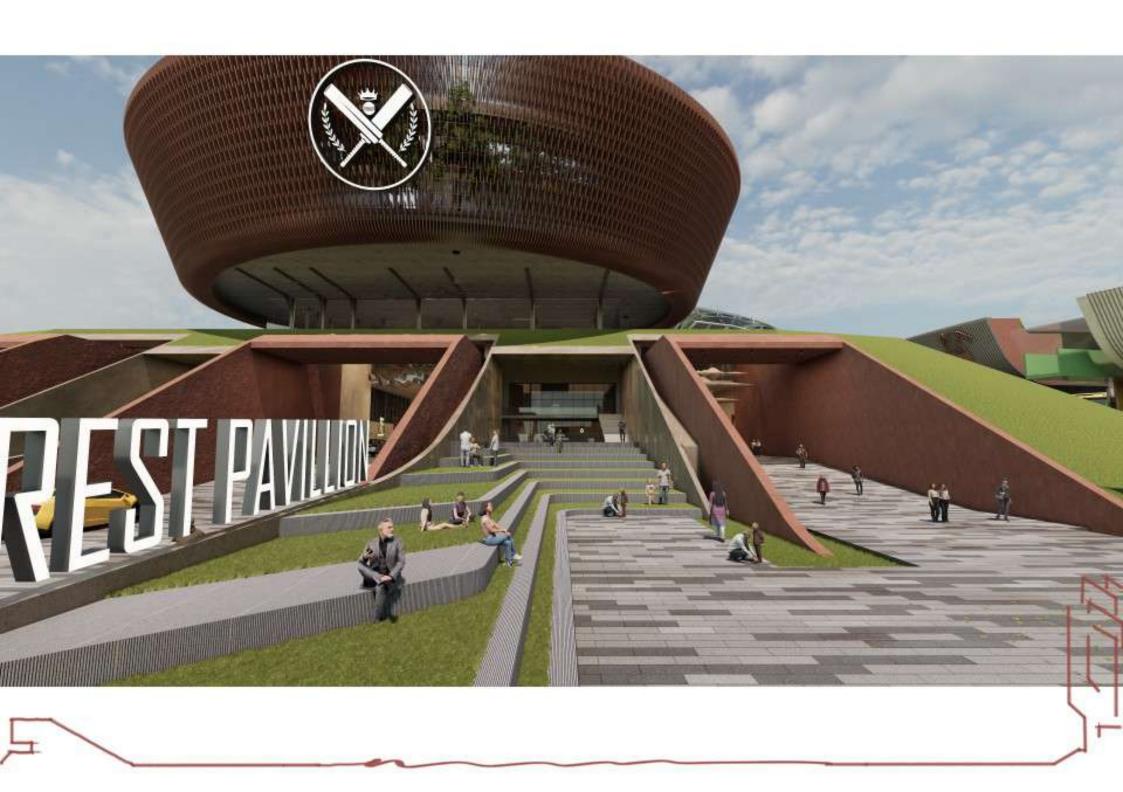














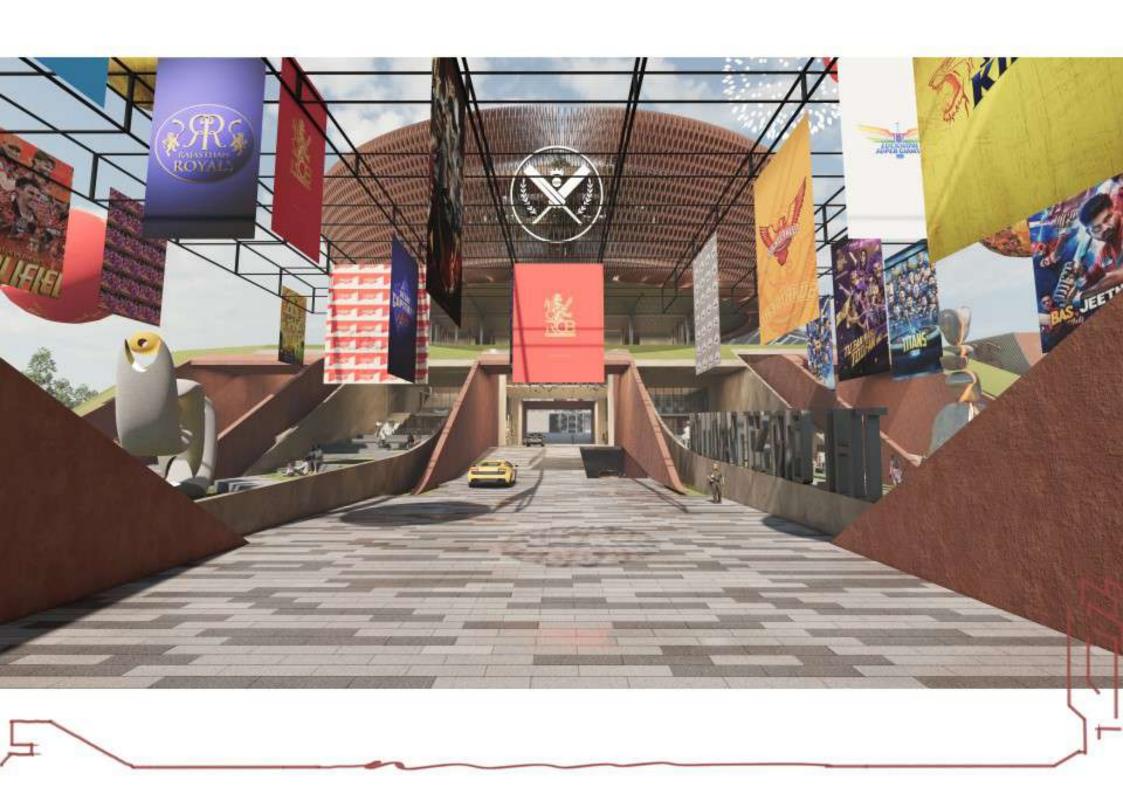
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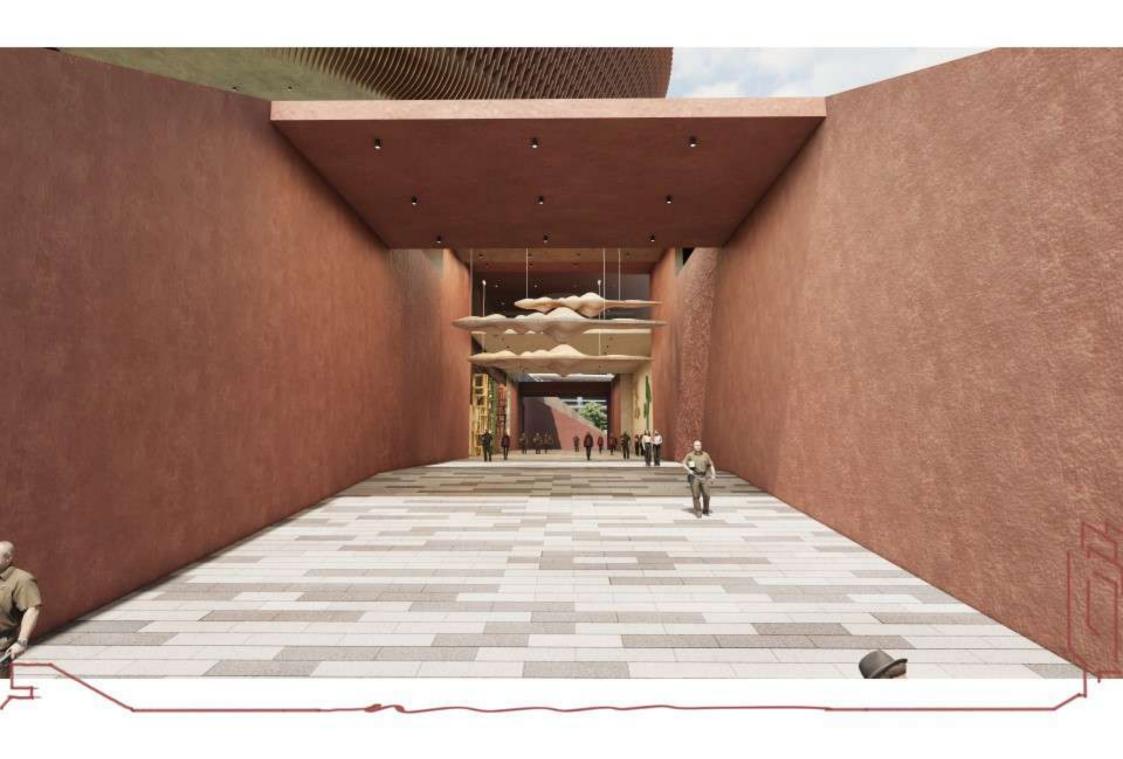


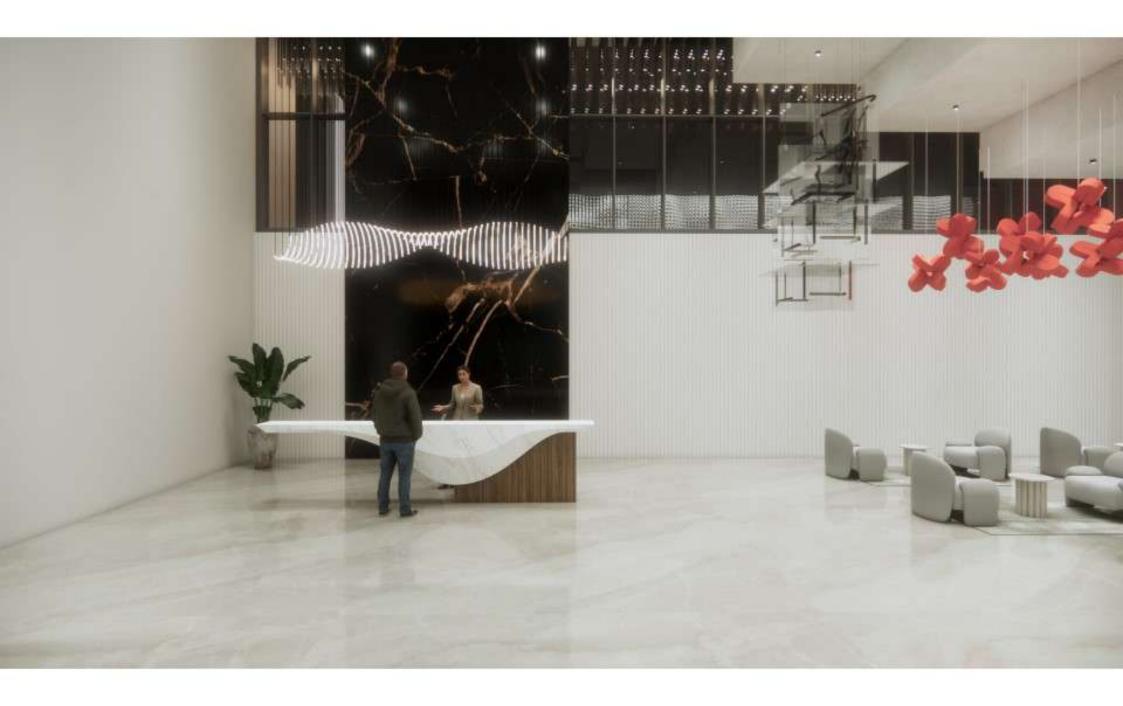


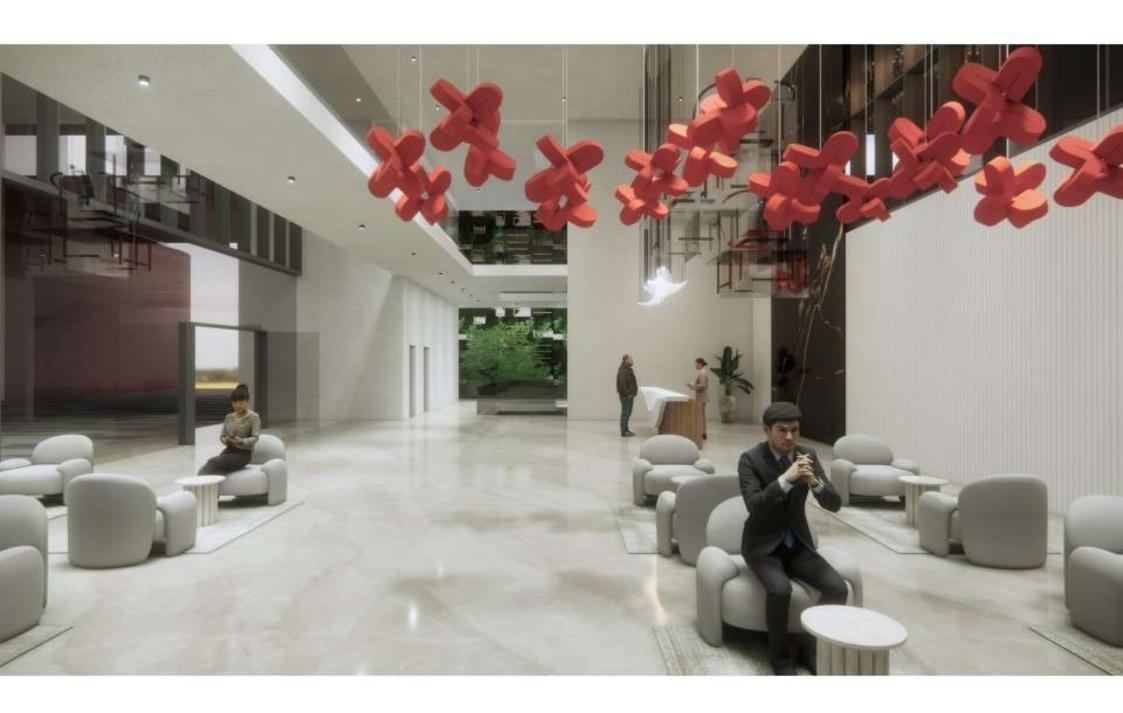




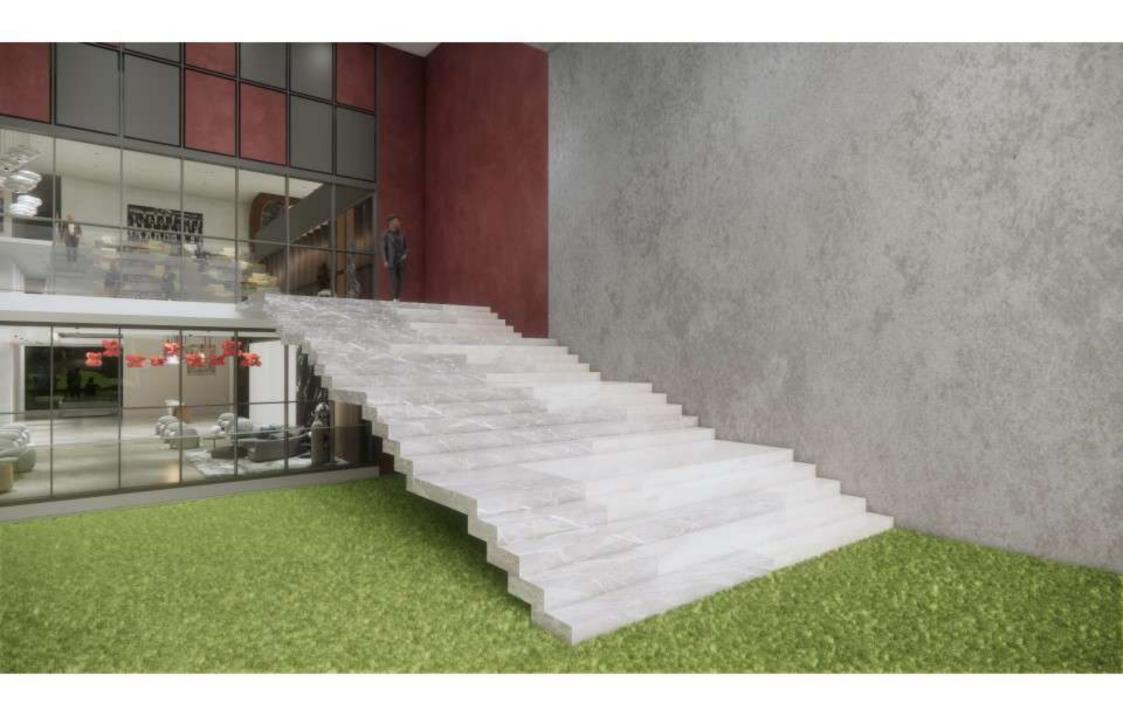


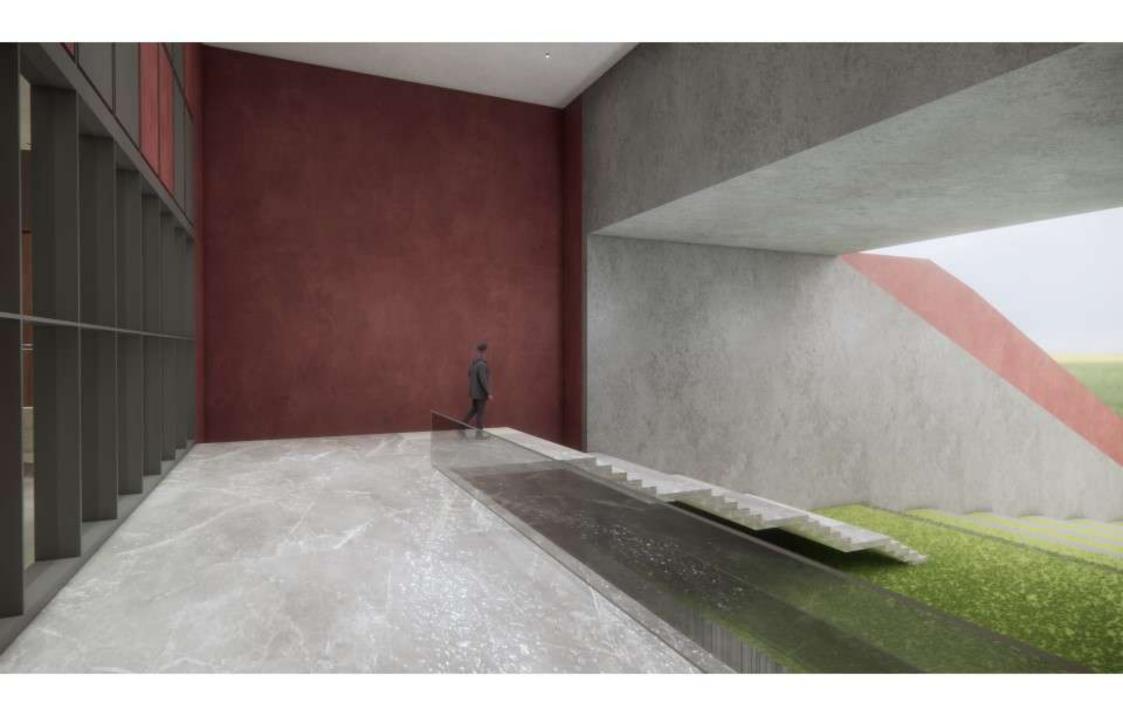




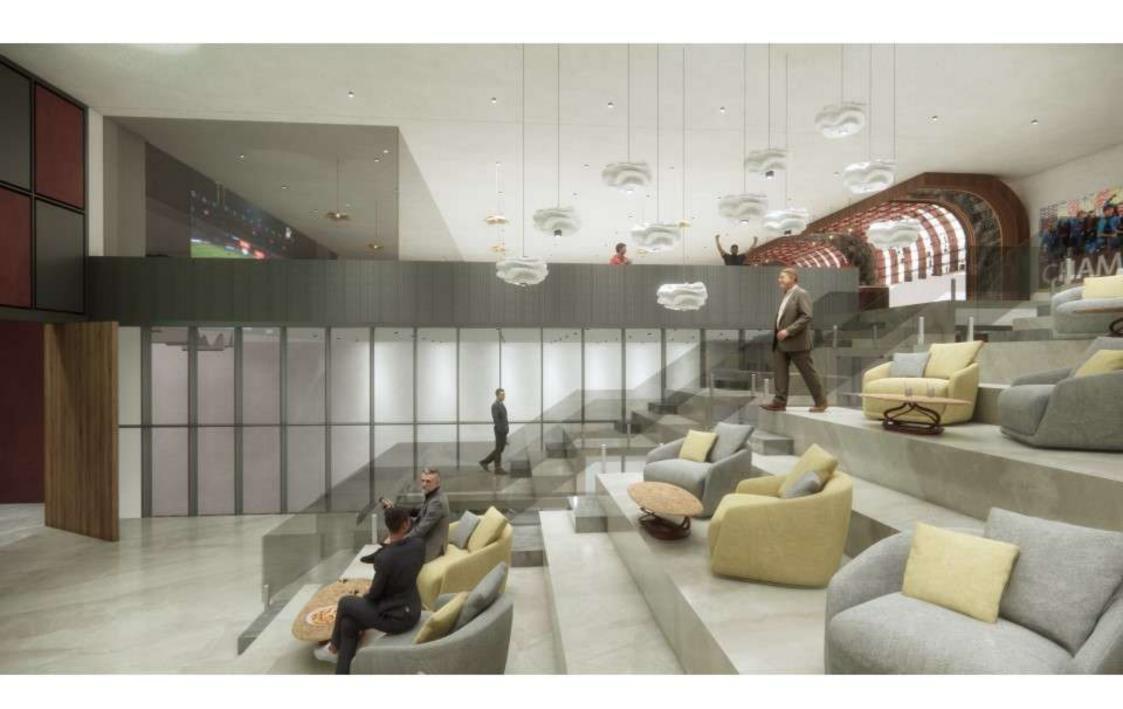




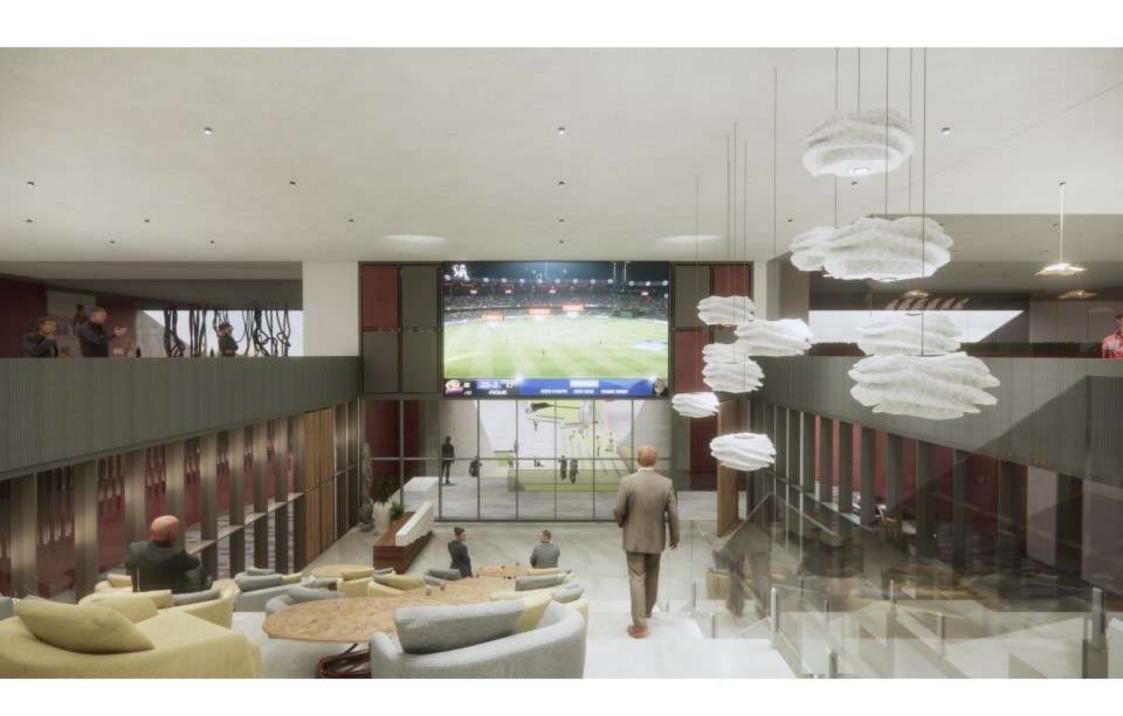




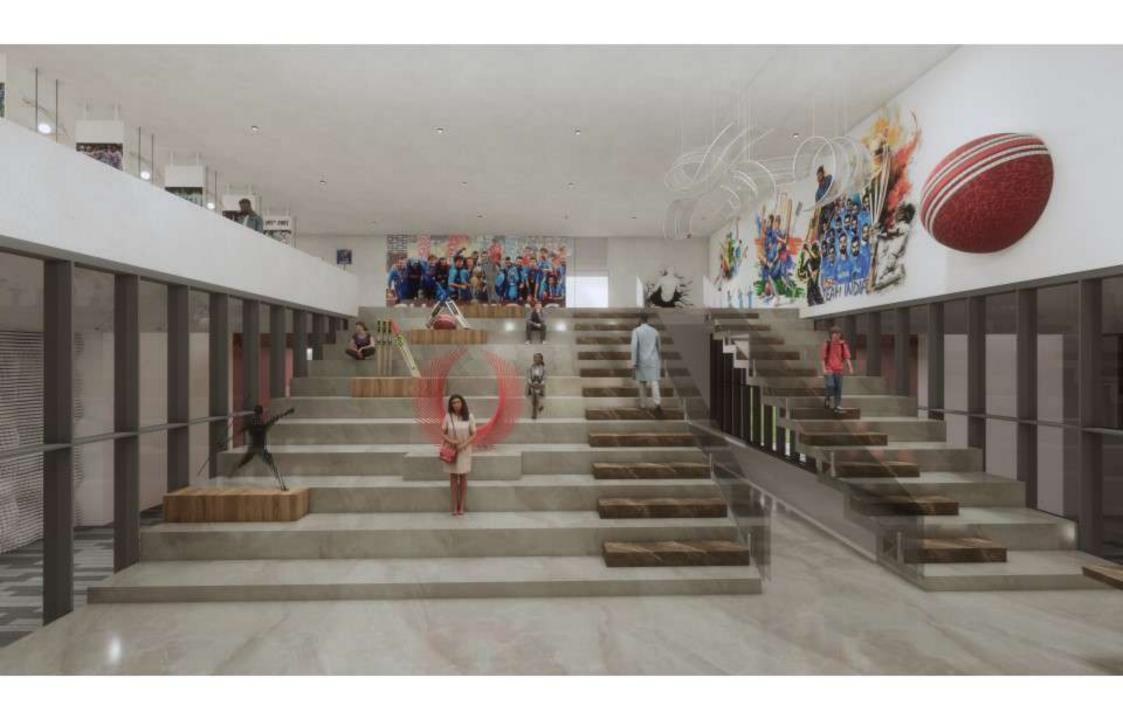


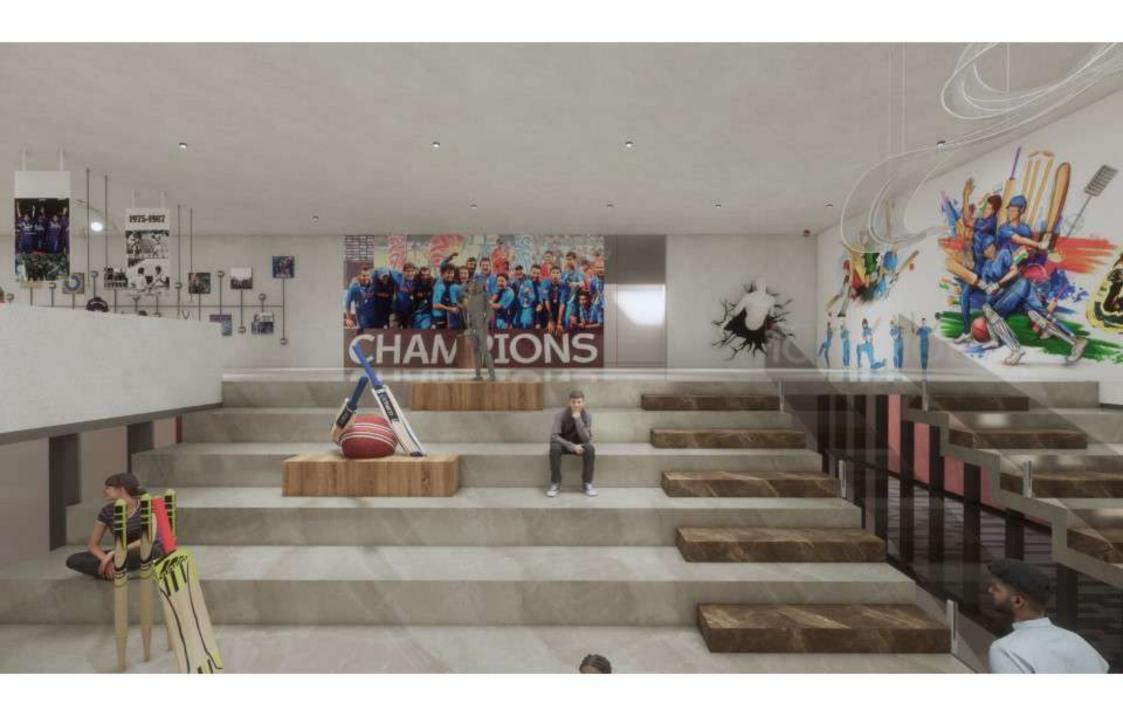


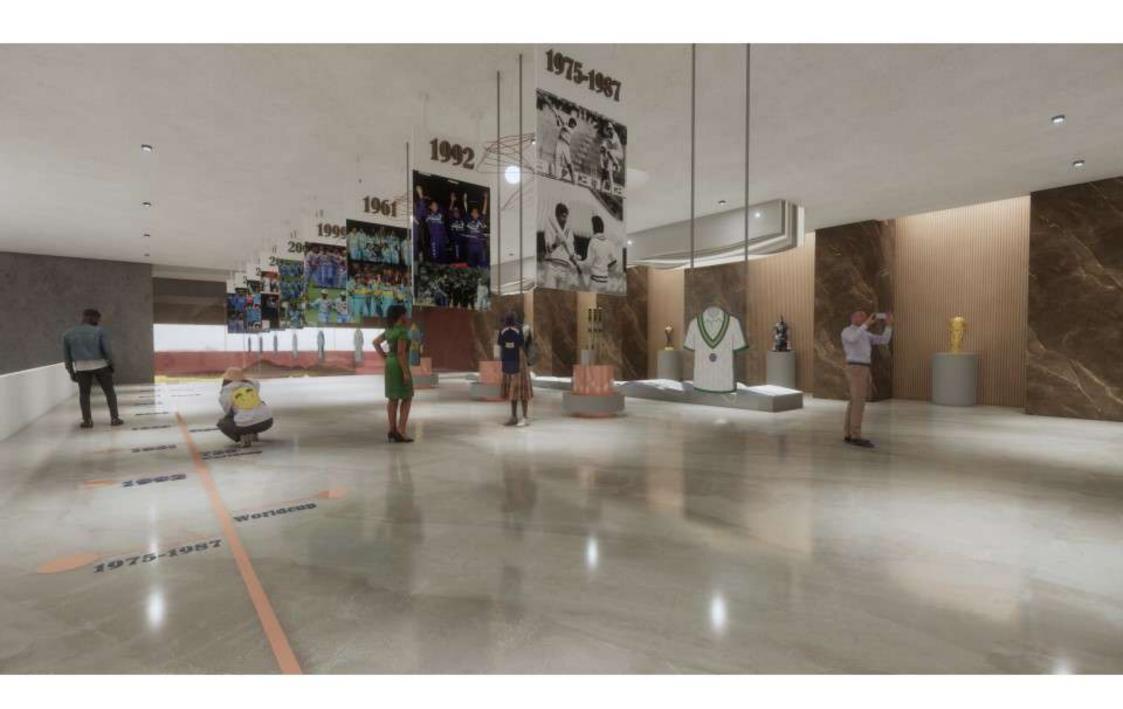


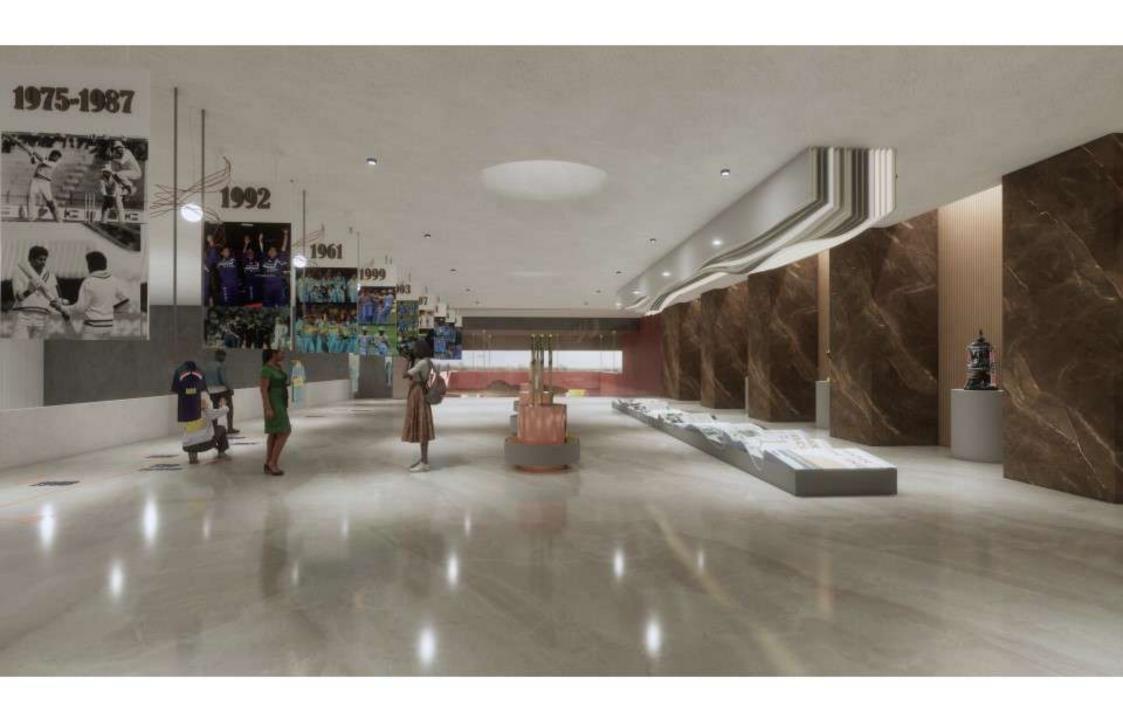




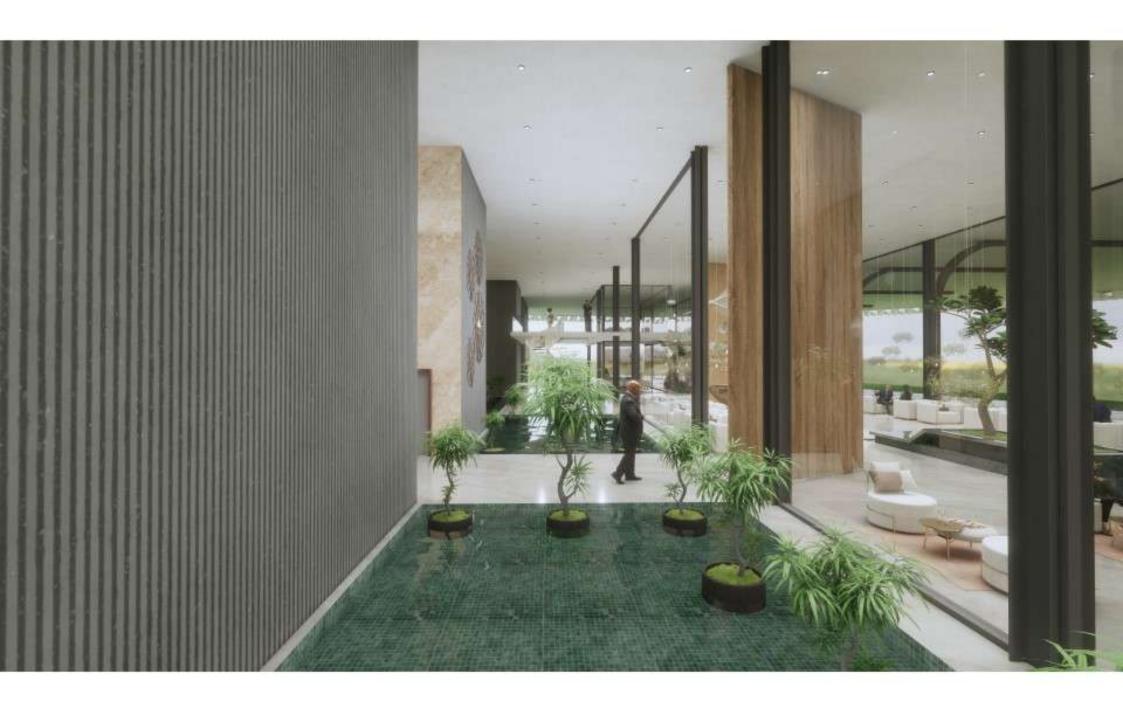








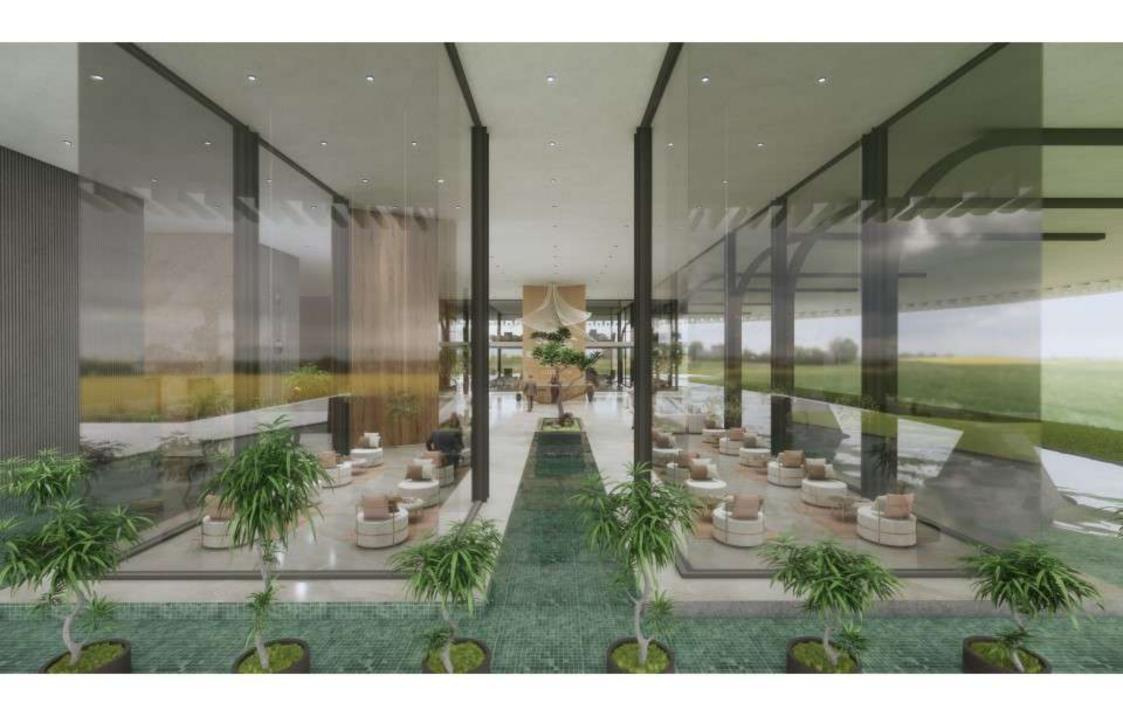








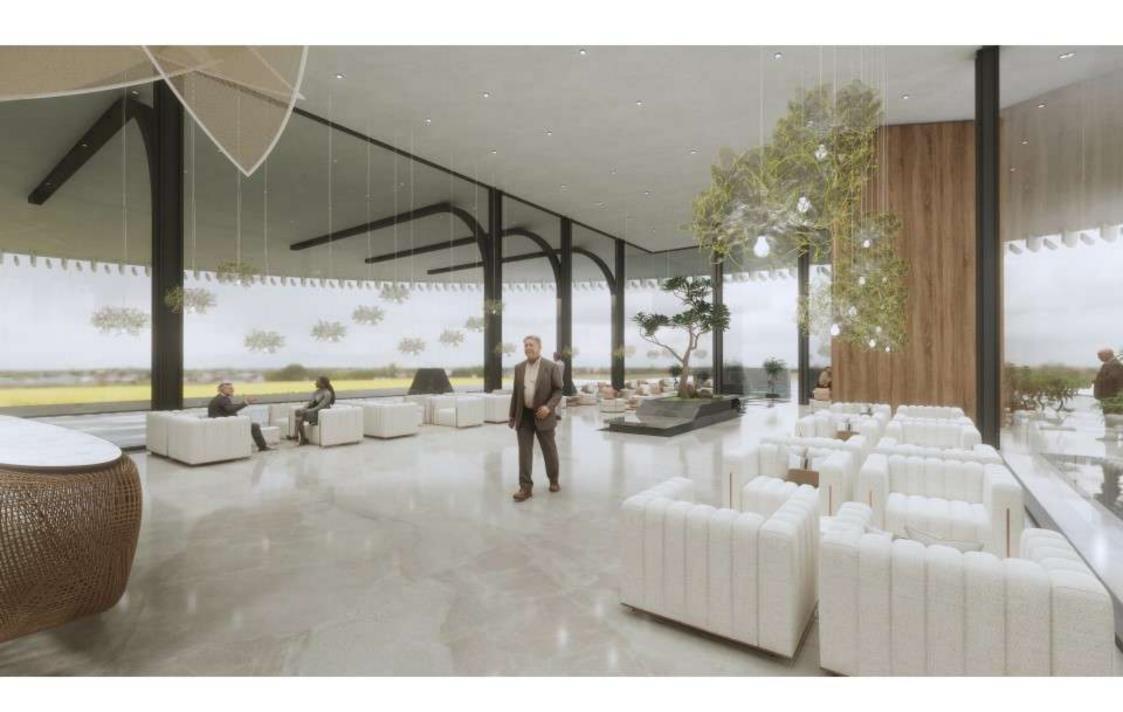


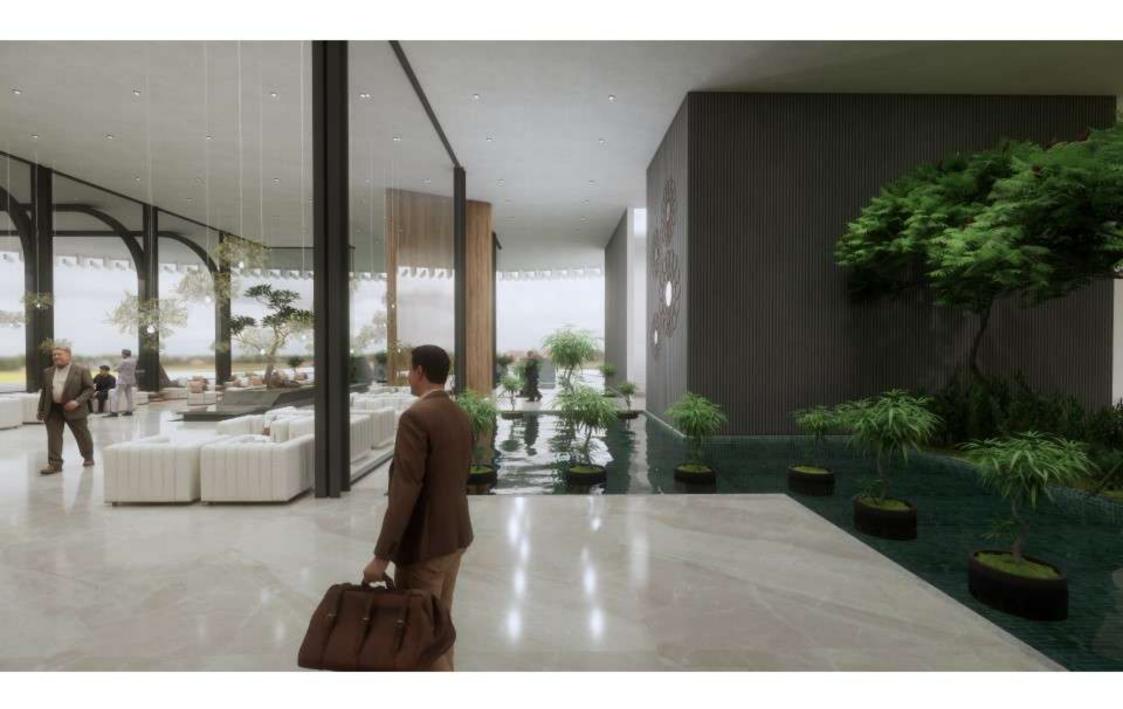








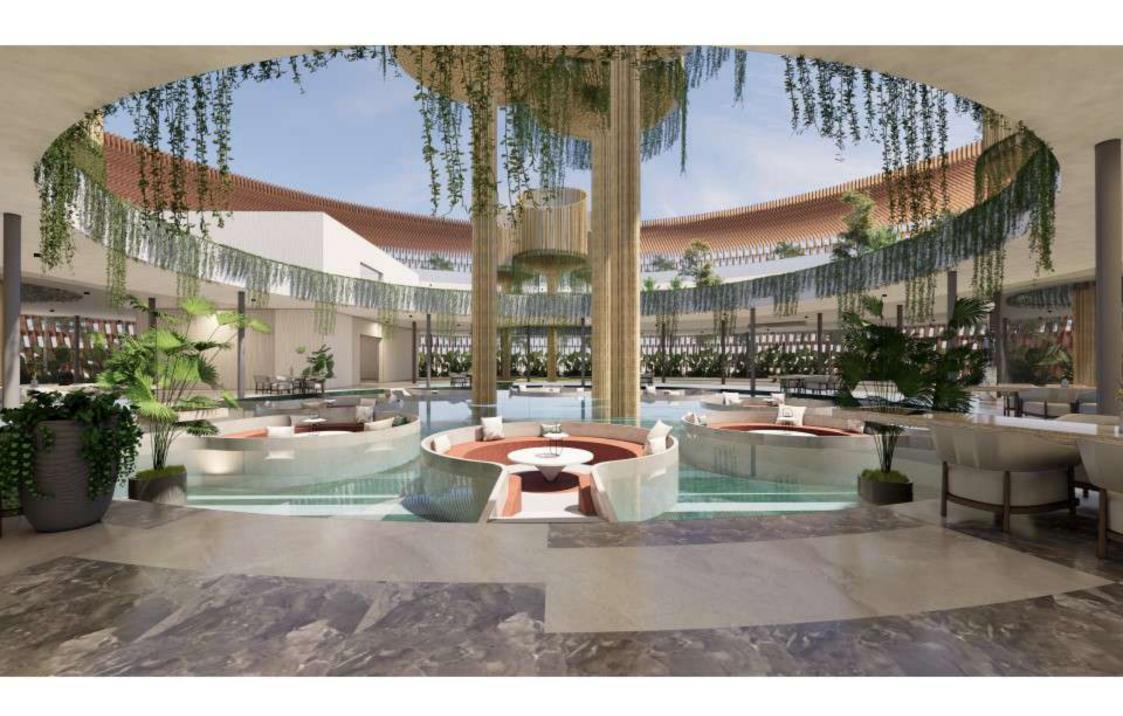


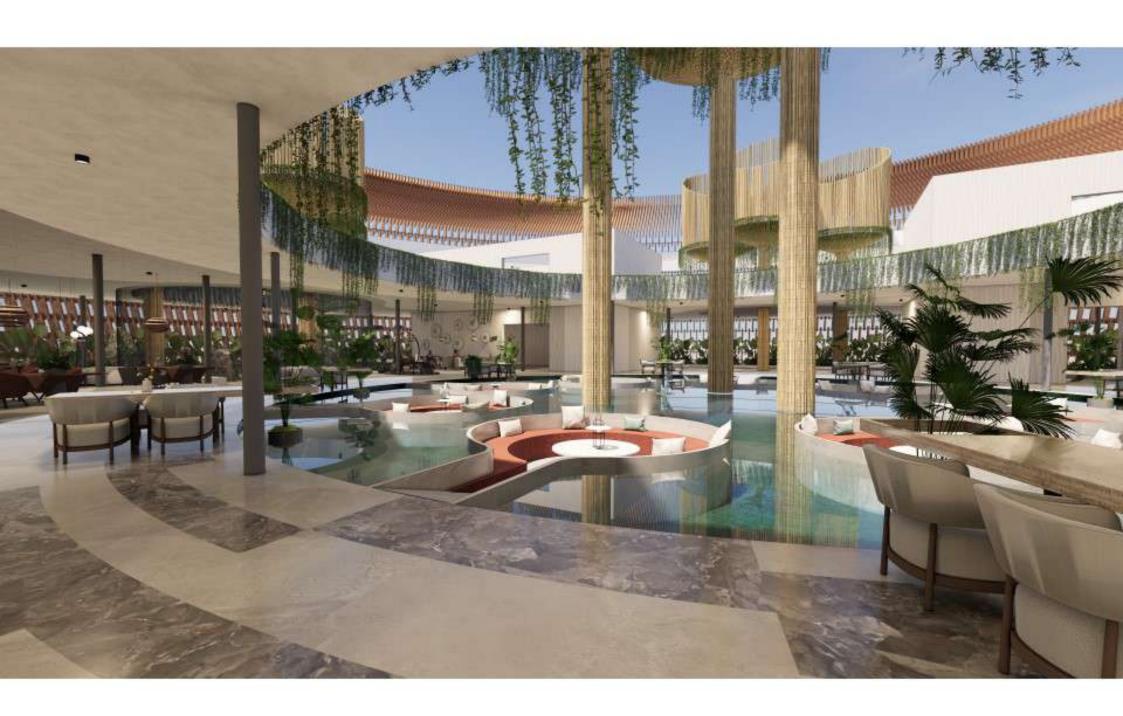


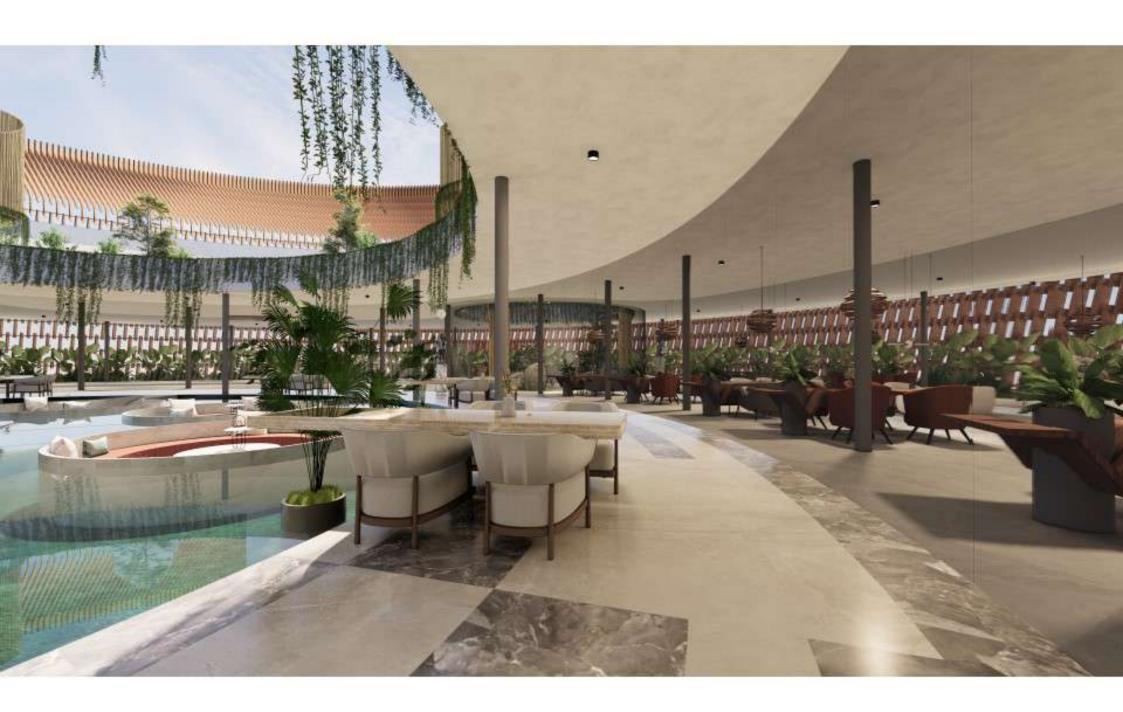




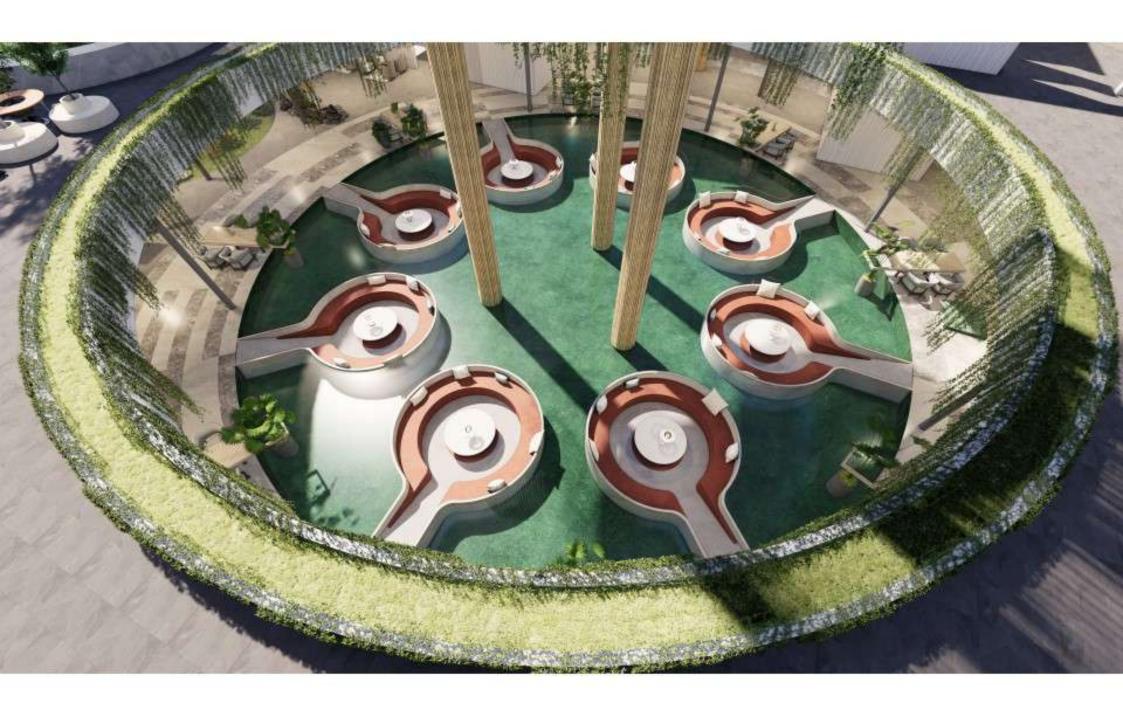








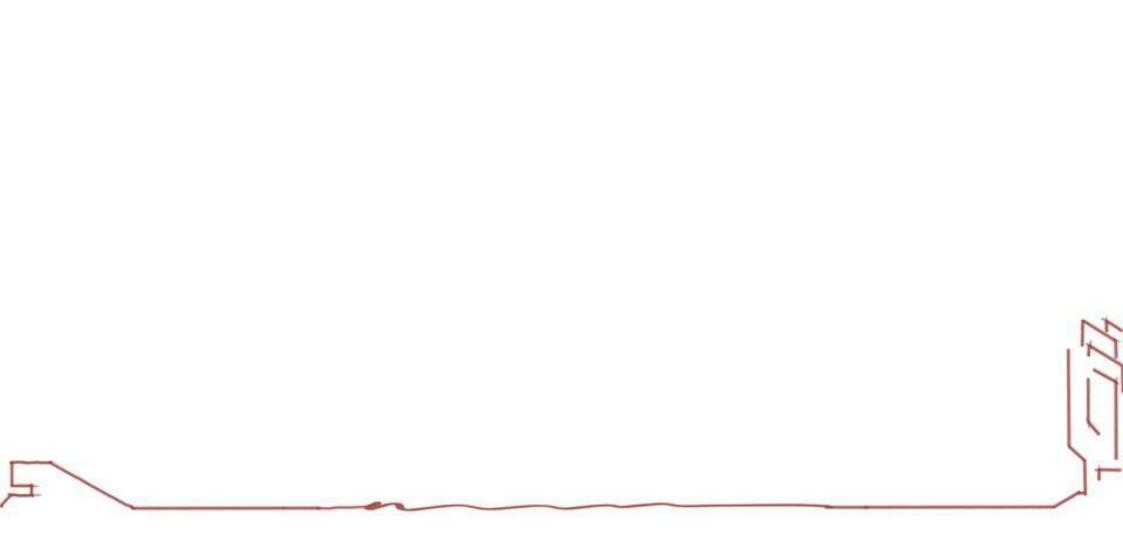


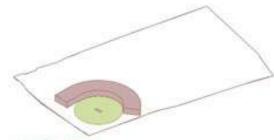


THE KINETIC RING

"Motion in Every Curve."

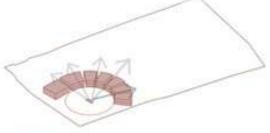
The Kinetic Ring is a high-energy hub for training, recreation, and competition. Its interconnected spaces enhance movement, agility, and performance, while modern facilities create an immersive environment for athletes to excel.





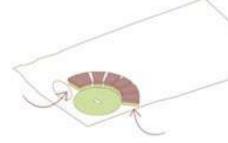
ENCLOSE

Enclosing the pitch to define the mass while maintaing connectivity



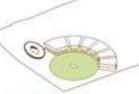
BREAK

Breaking the mass into multpile blocks as a zoning strategy where sports facilities are seamlessly integrated into a cohesive layout.



ELEVATE

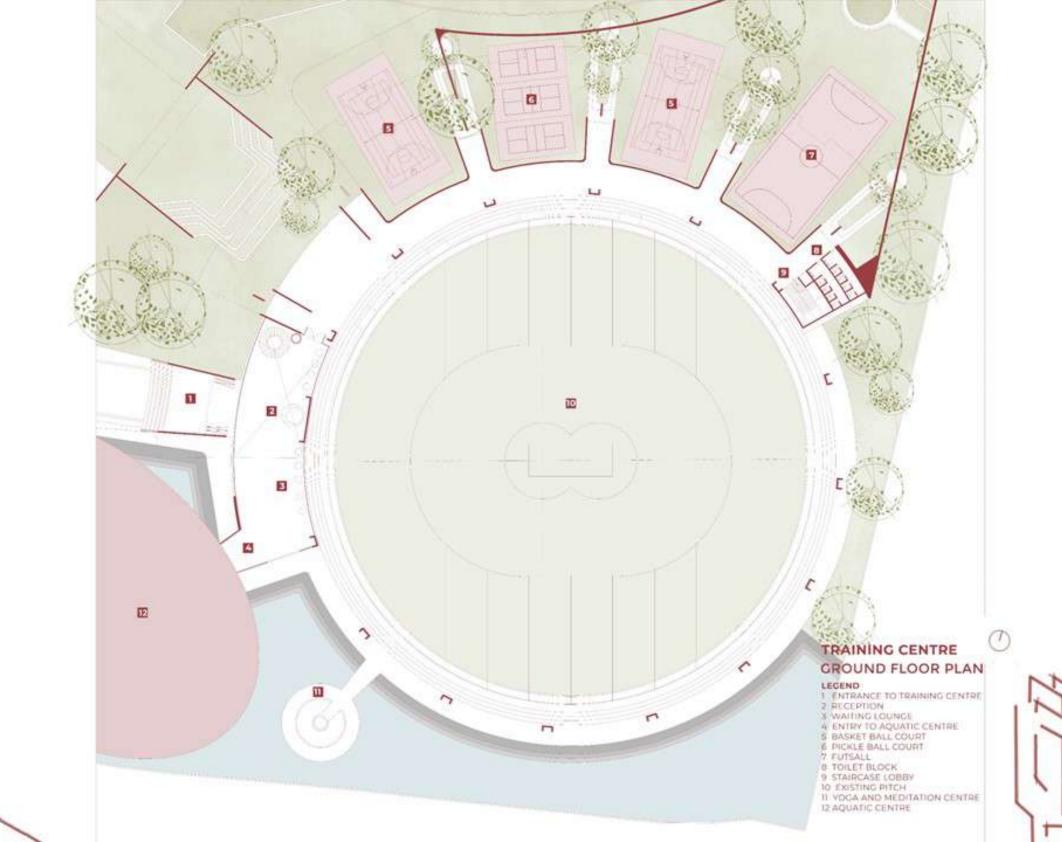
The Elevate Approach in radial massing separates the indoor sports complex from the outdoor , improving functional zoning and spatial organization.

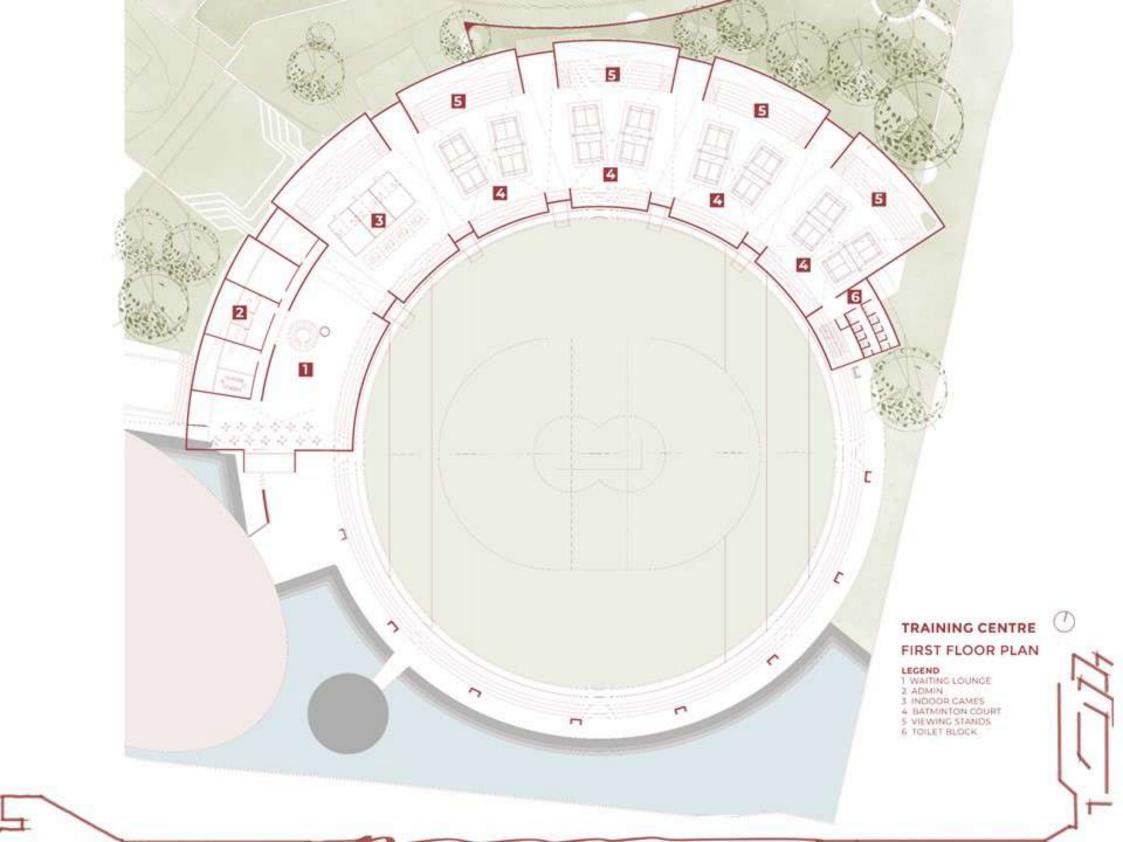


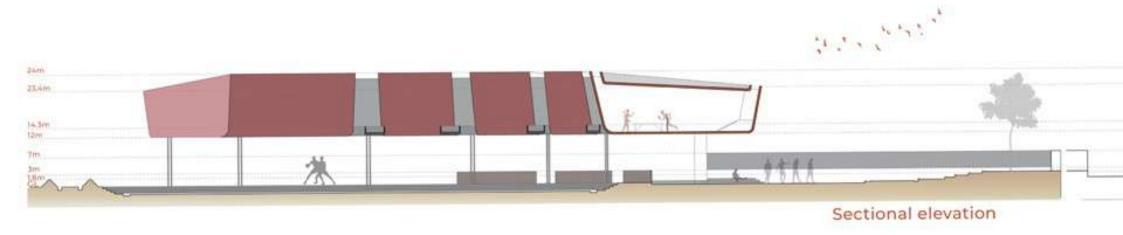
LUMINATE

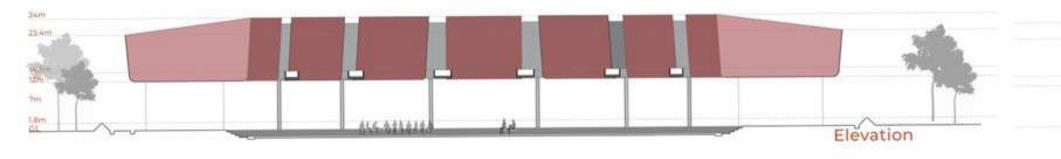
Adding skylights to bring the natural light into the mass ensuring optimized usage, circulation, and flexibility, creating a dynamic yet unified sports environment.





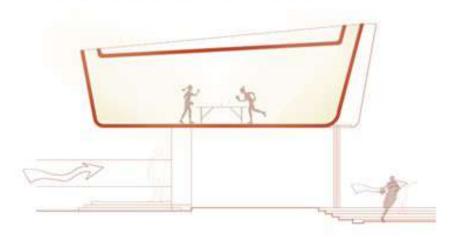




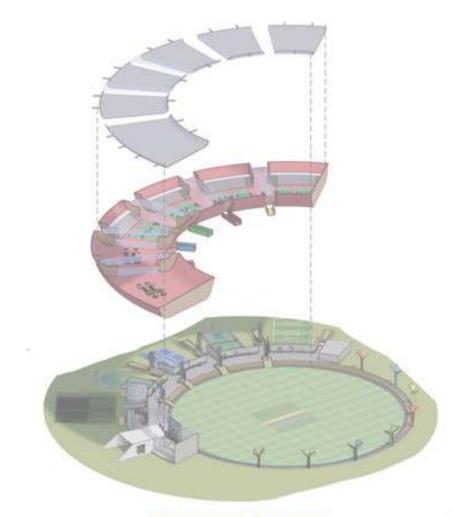


MODULAR UNIT

The modular blocks are designed with semi-open spaces at the ground level, allowing for a seamless visual and spatial connection to the outdoor courts.



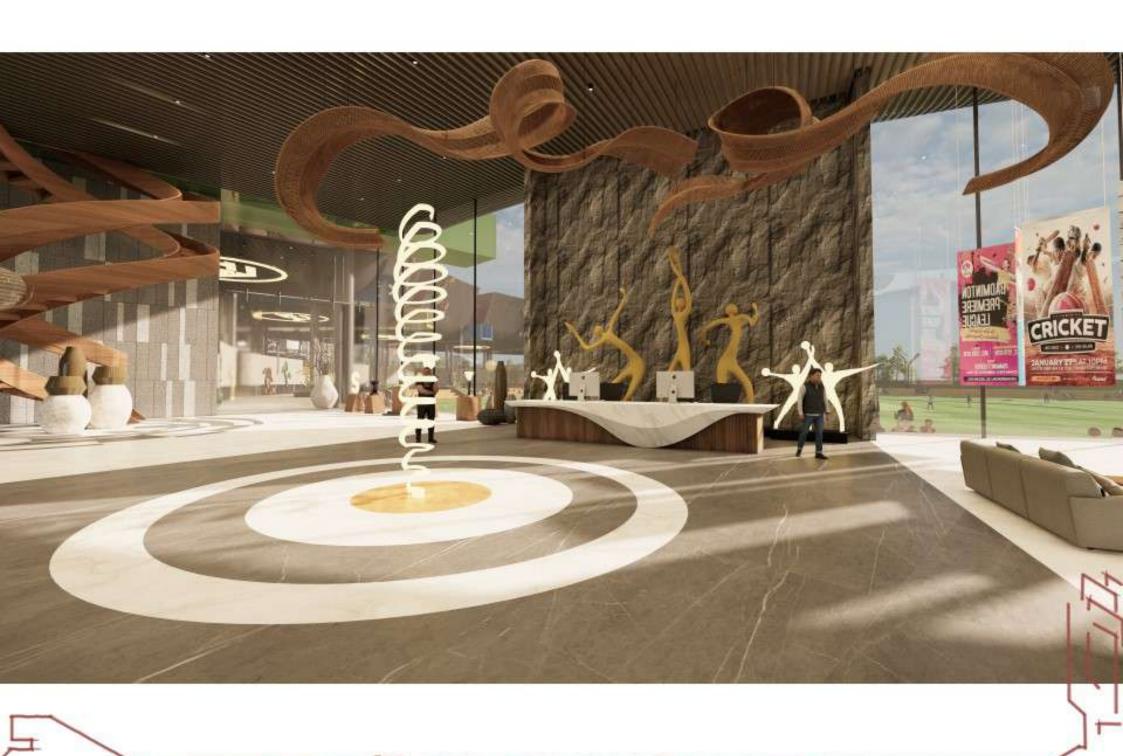
The design prioritizes permeability, allowing the building to feel more open and accessible. Skylights are strategically incorporated to flood the interior with natural light, enhancing the overall atmosphere. A single service corridor efficiently provides access to the top floor, optimizing circulation while maintaining a clean, functional design



EXPLODED VIEW

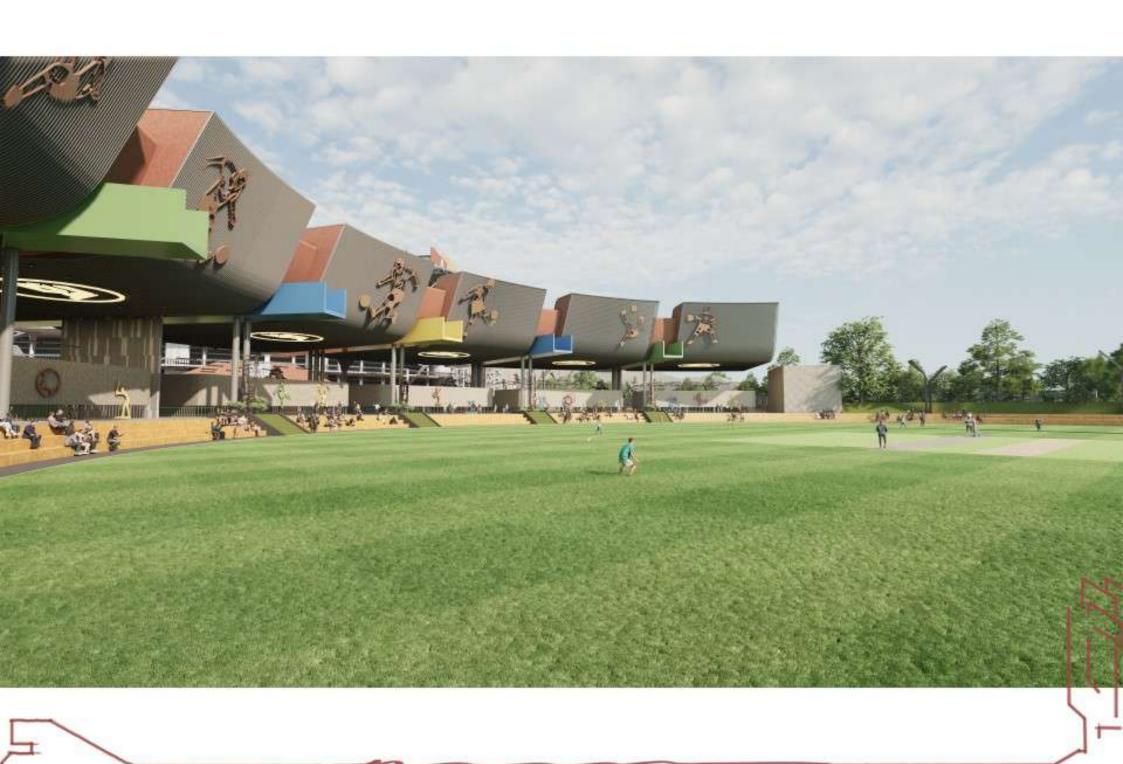
The Kinetic ring



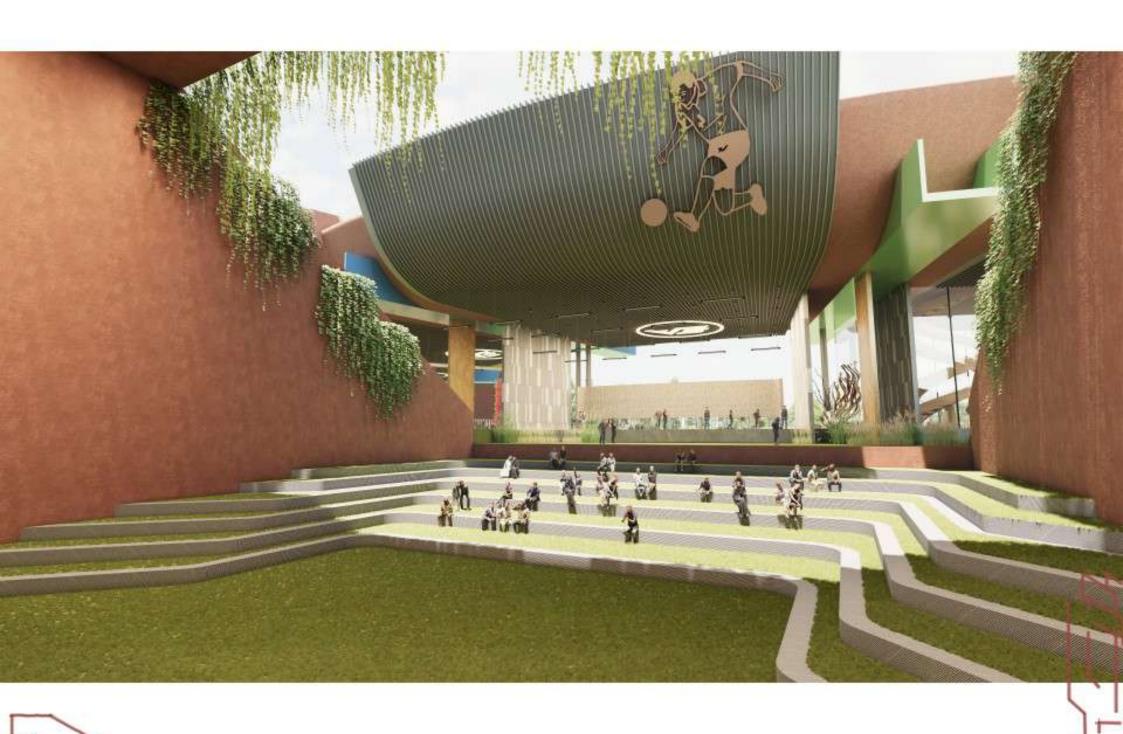












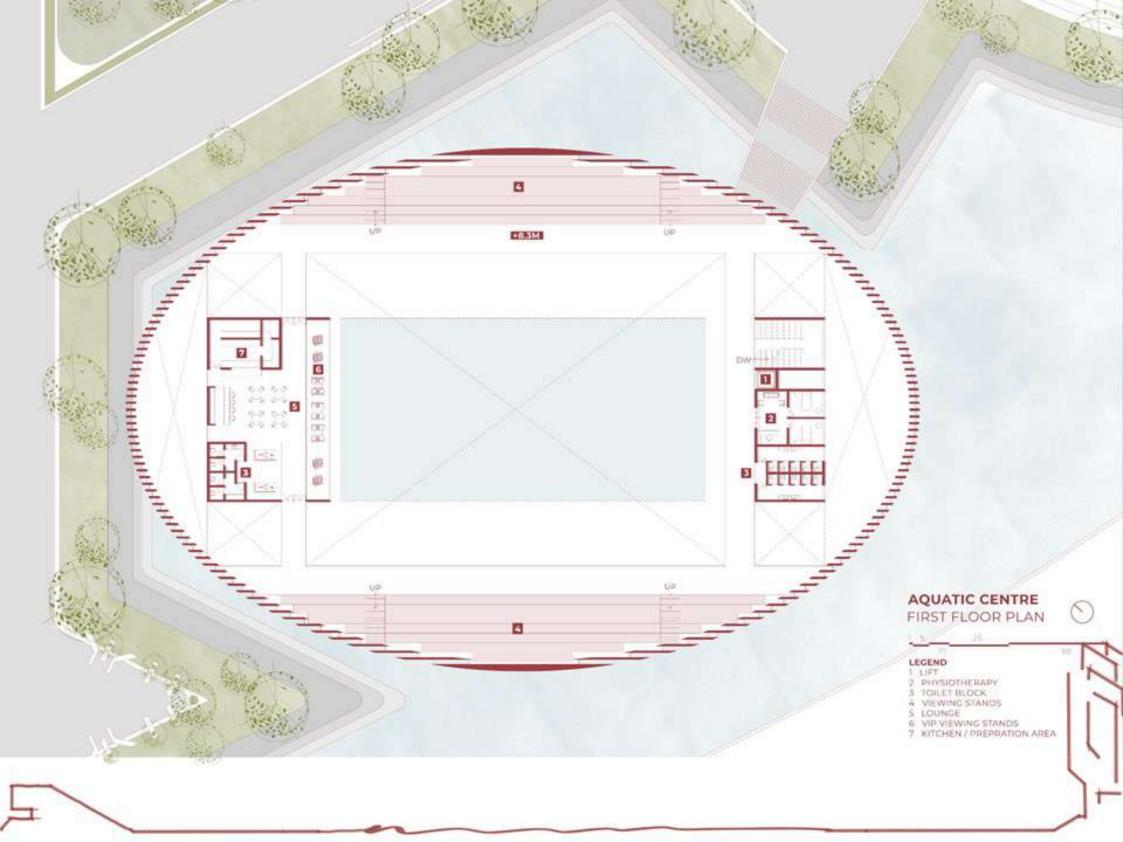


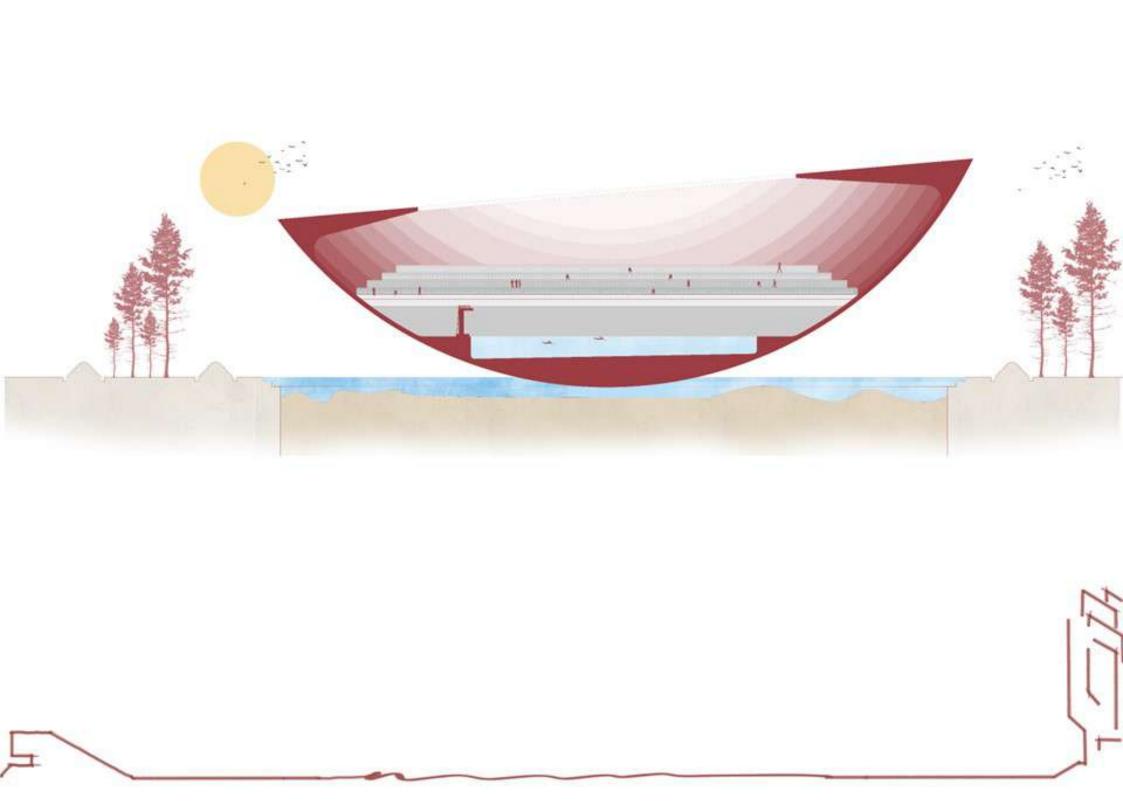




THE AQUATIC CENTER

The aquatic center's design centers around a competition-grade, Olympic-sized pool, seamlessly integrated with a dedicated training zone. Envisioned as a dynamic bowl form, the structure is defined by distinctive, fin-like horizontal supports. These structural elements not only provide essential support but also cleverly double as integrated spectator seating, blurring the lines between structure and amenity.

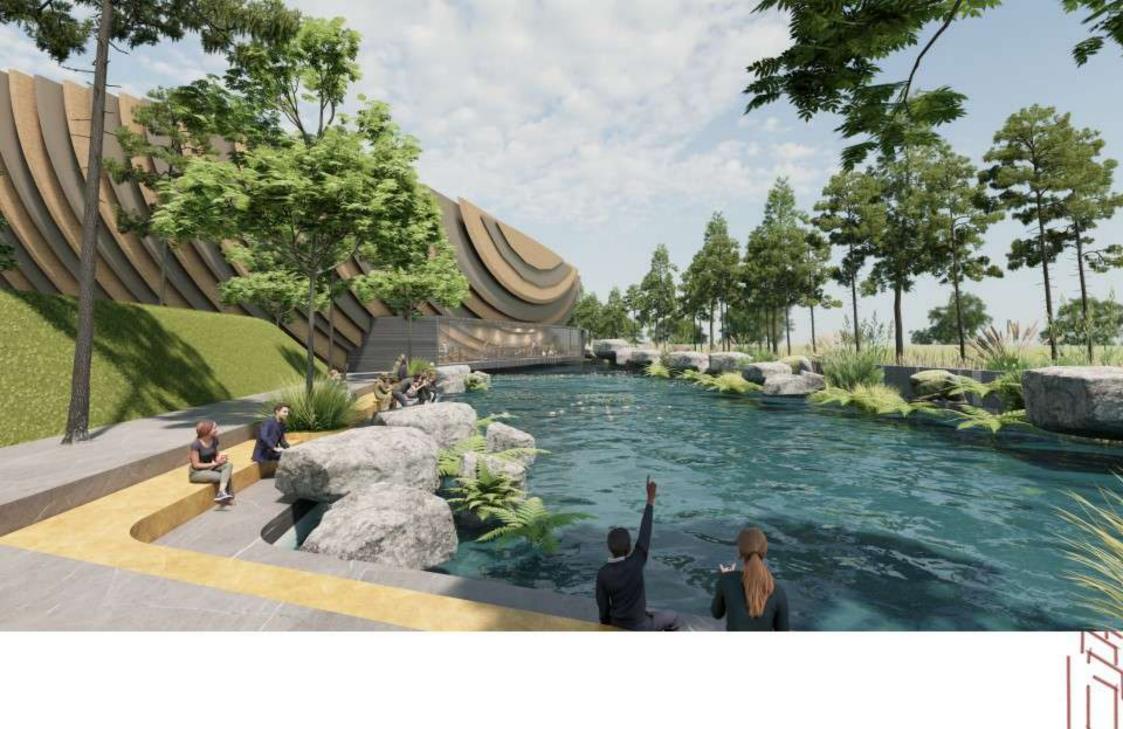








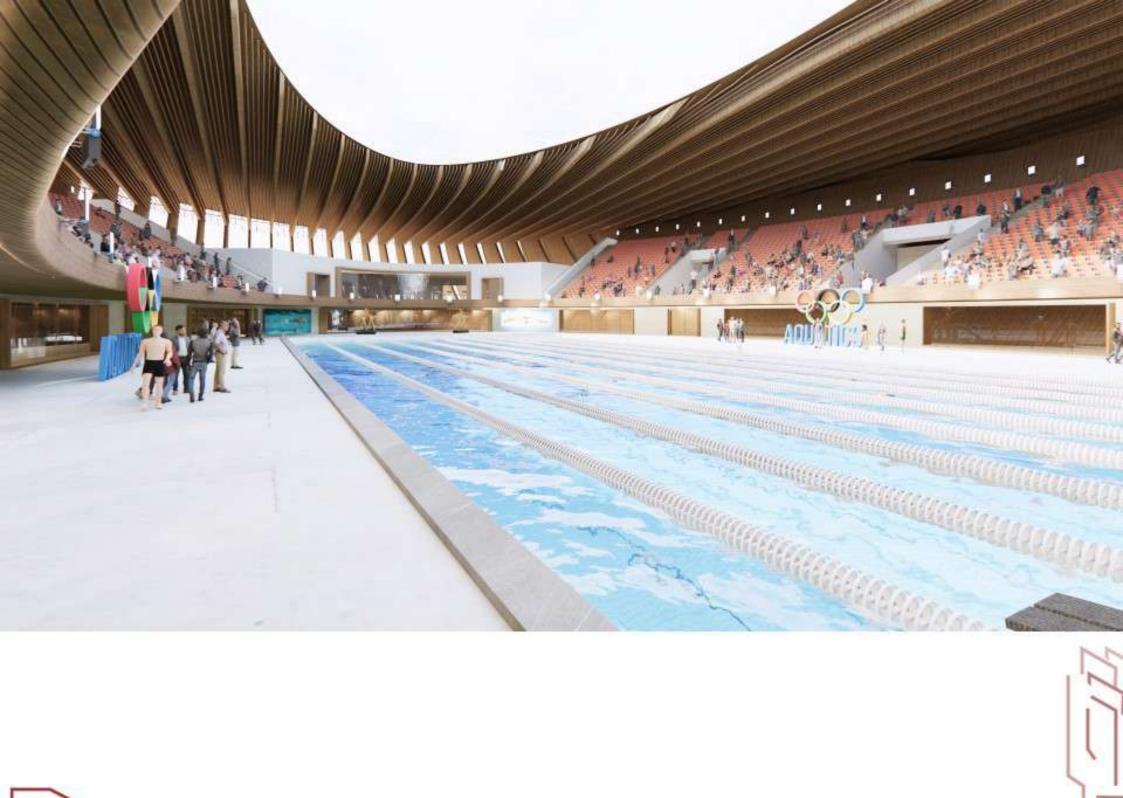


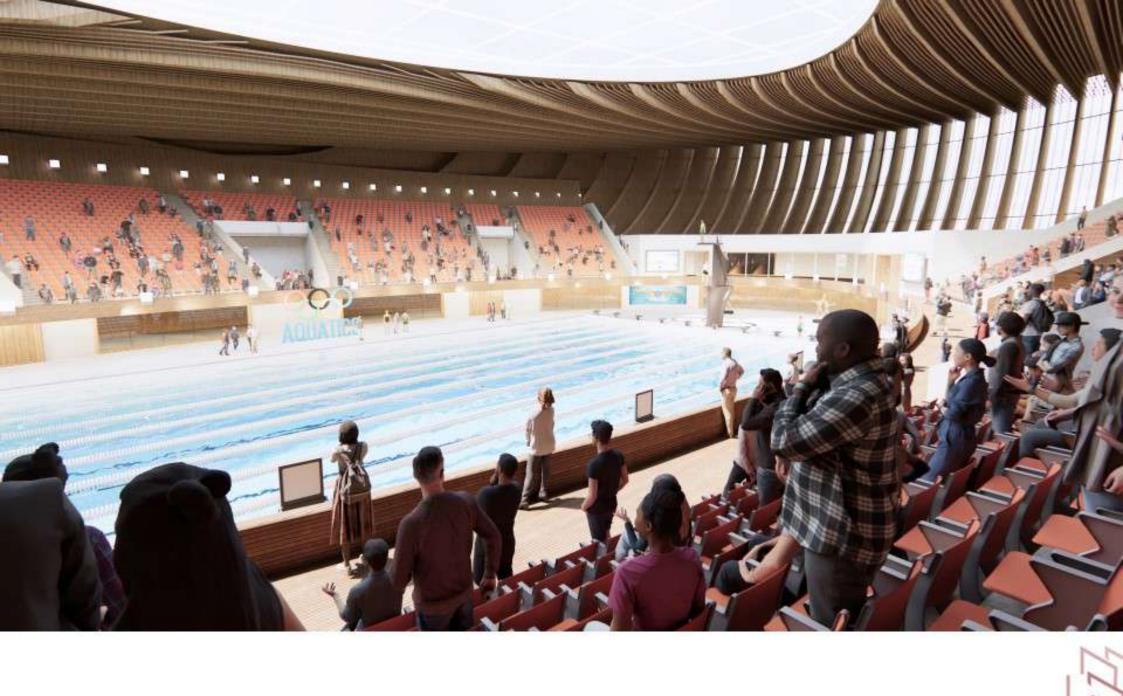


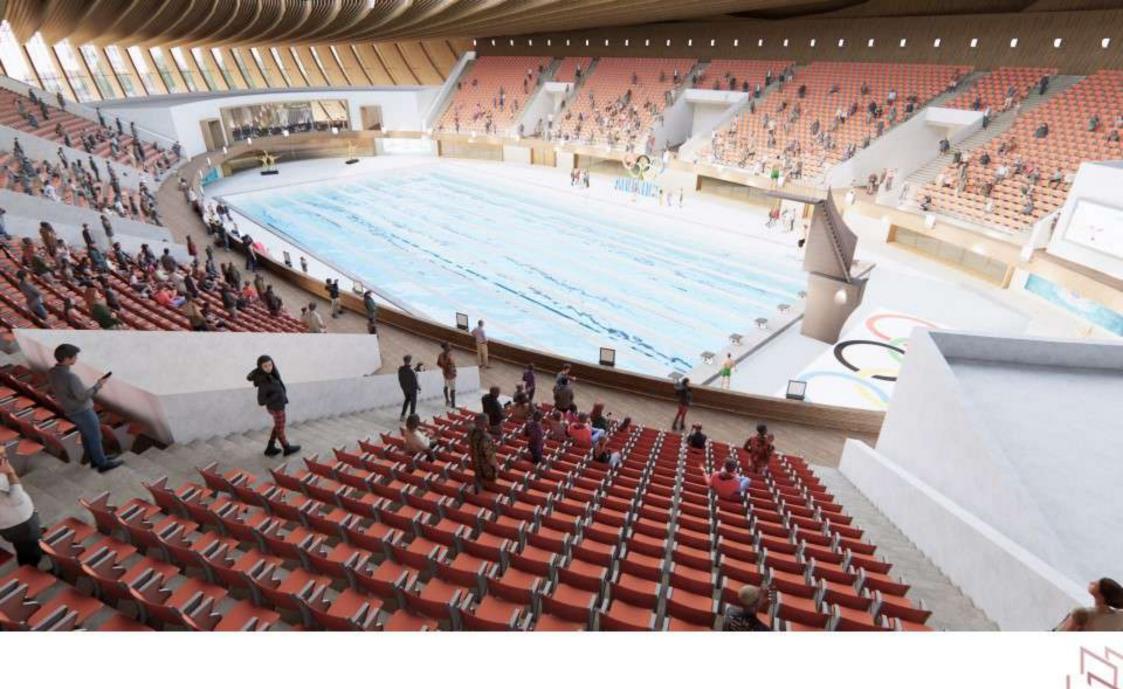


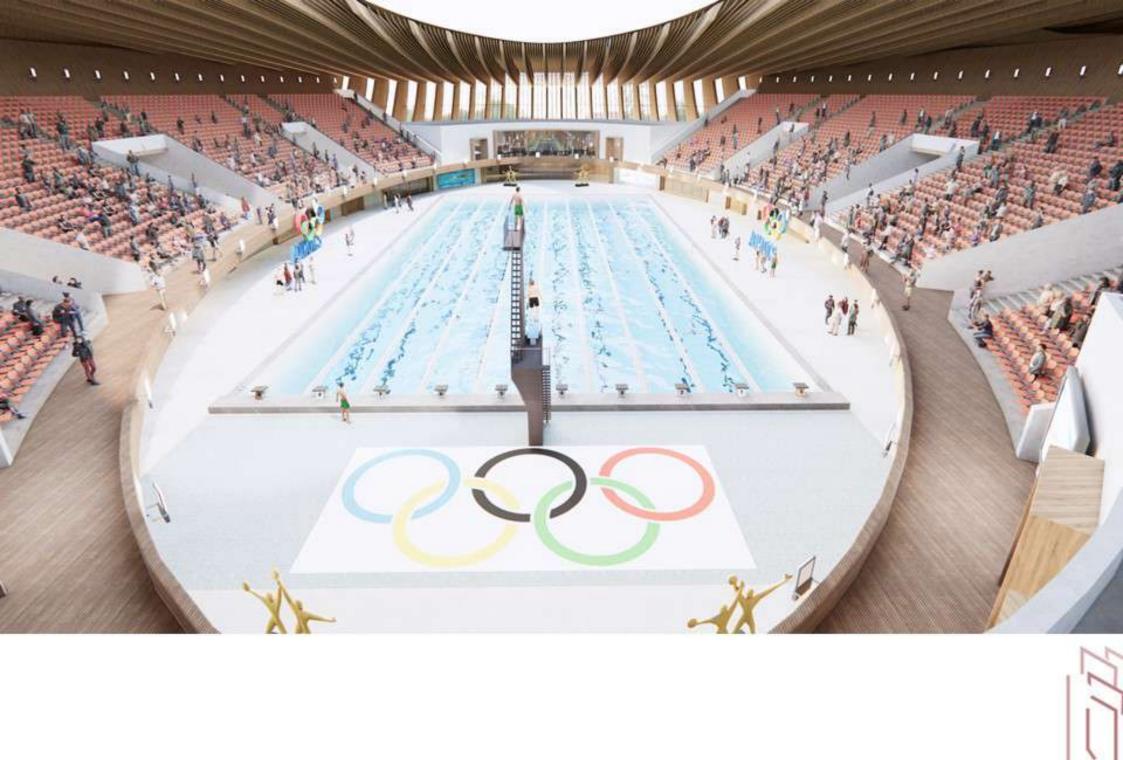


AQUATIC CENTER

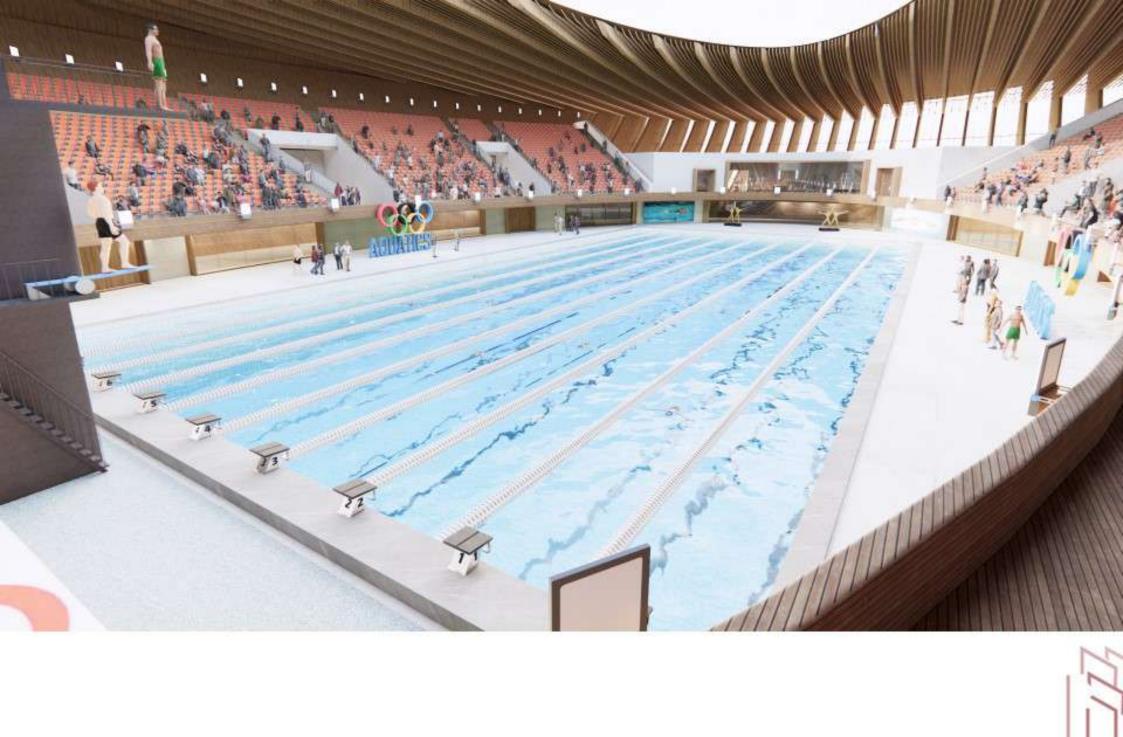


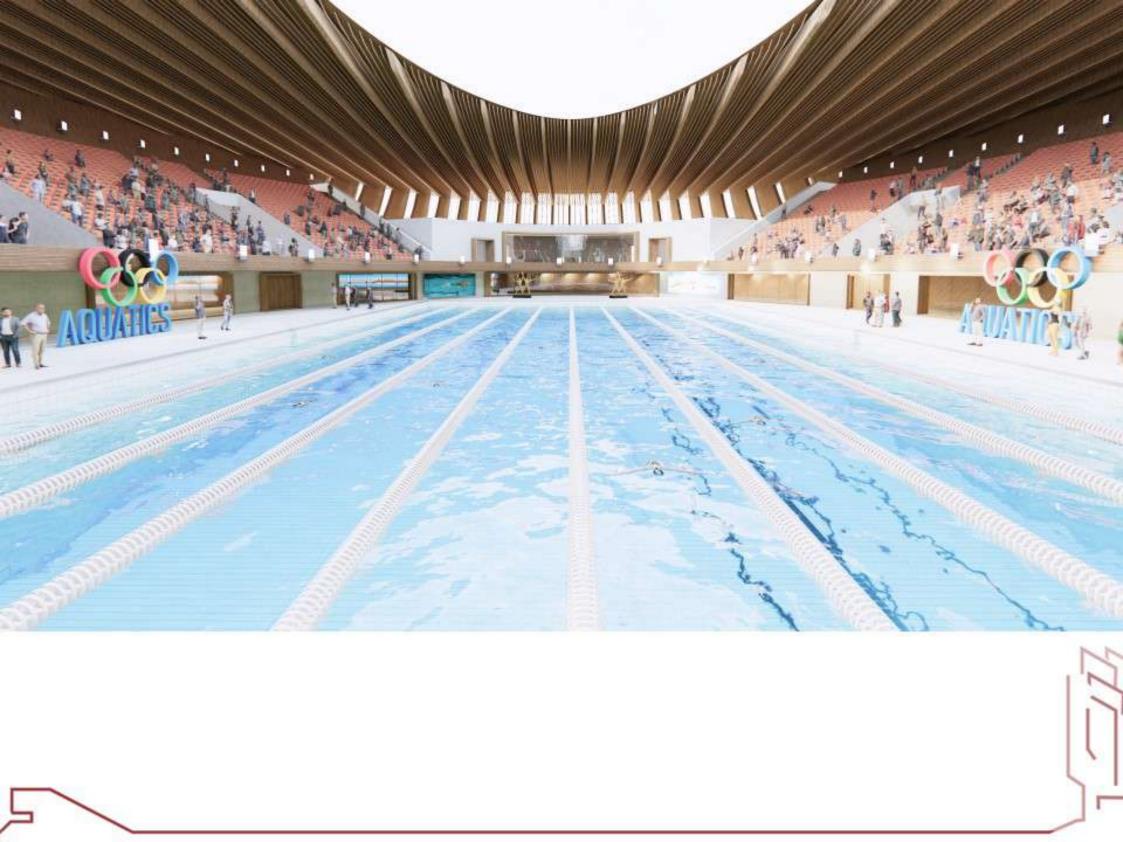






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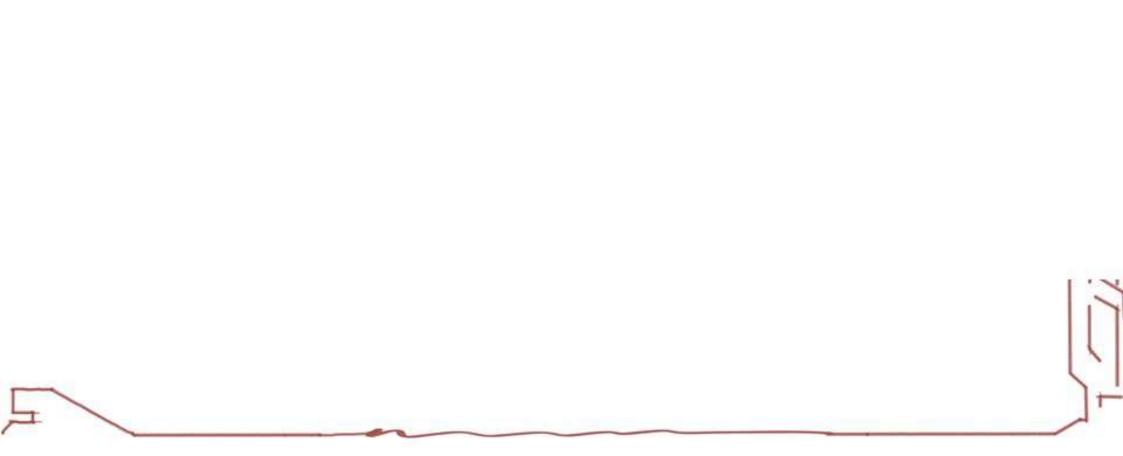


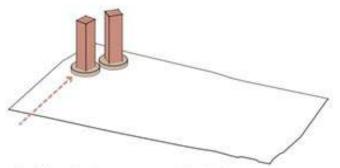




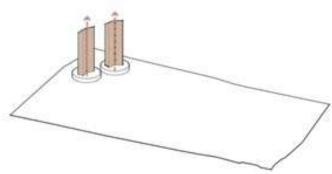
THE HILL VIEW

The hill view is a bold fusion of luxury and performance, designed to elevate the athelete's experience. Its twin towers stand tall, offering an environment where privacy, comfort and innovation come together-framed by architectural elements that hint at something extraordinary within.

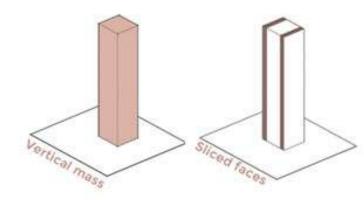




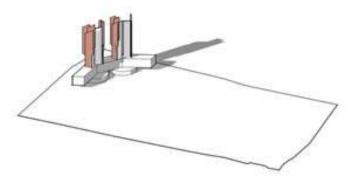
Solid vertical mass on a cylindrical base oriented along the axis



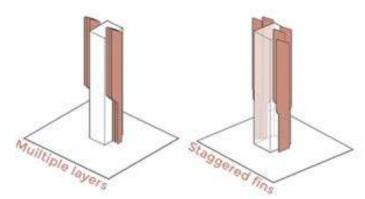
Solid mass is divided with a central shaft for vertical circulation

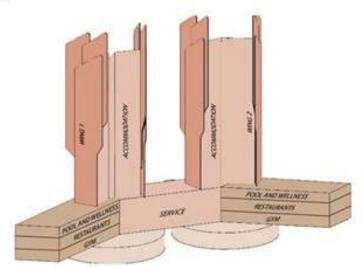


Floor pate extended to accommodate common facilities, spaces alignes to hill view

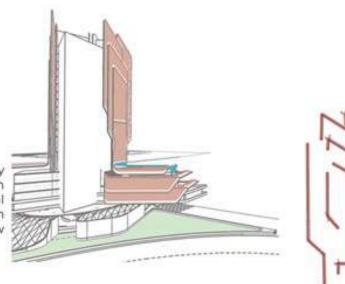


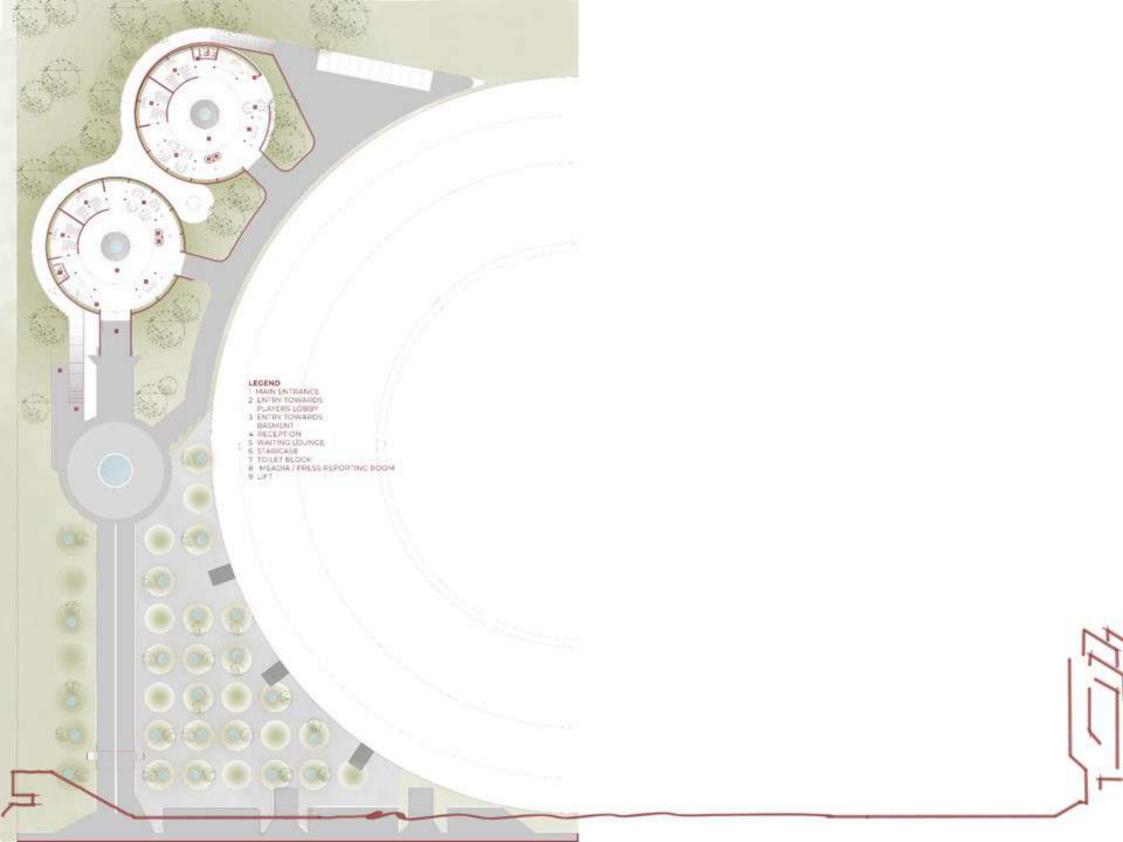
Fins as an external element added to define balcony spaces and give a sense of privacy

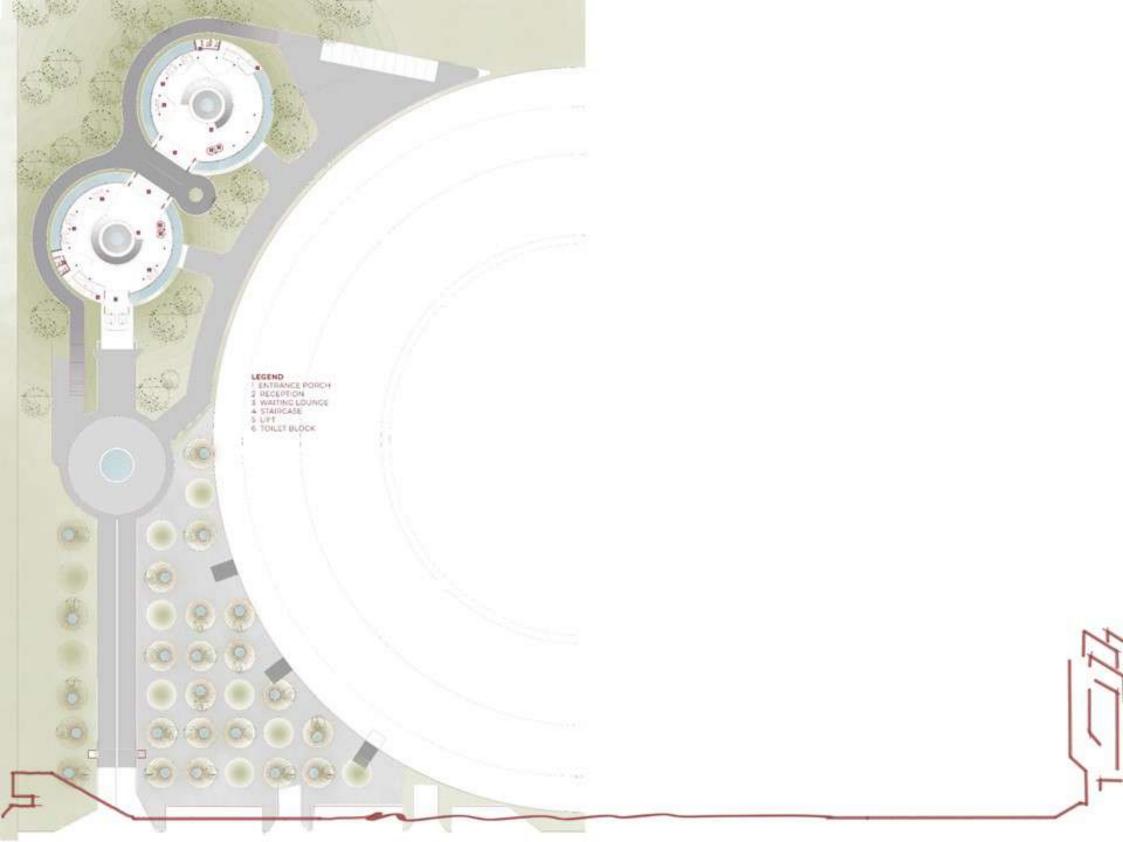




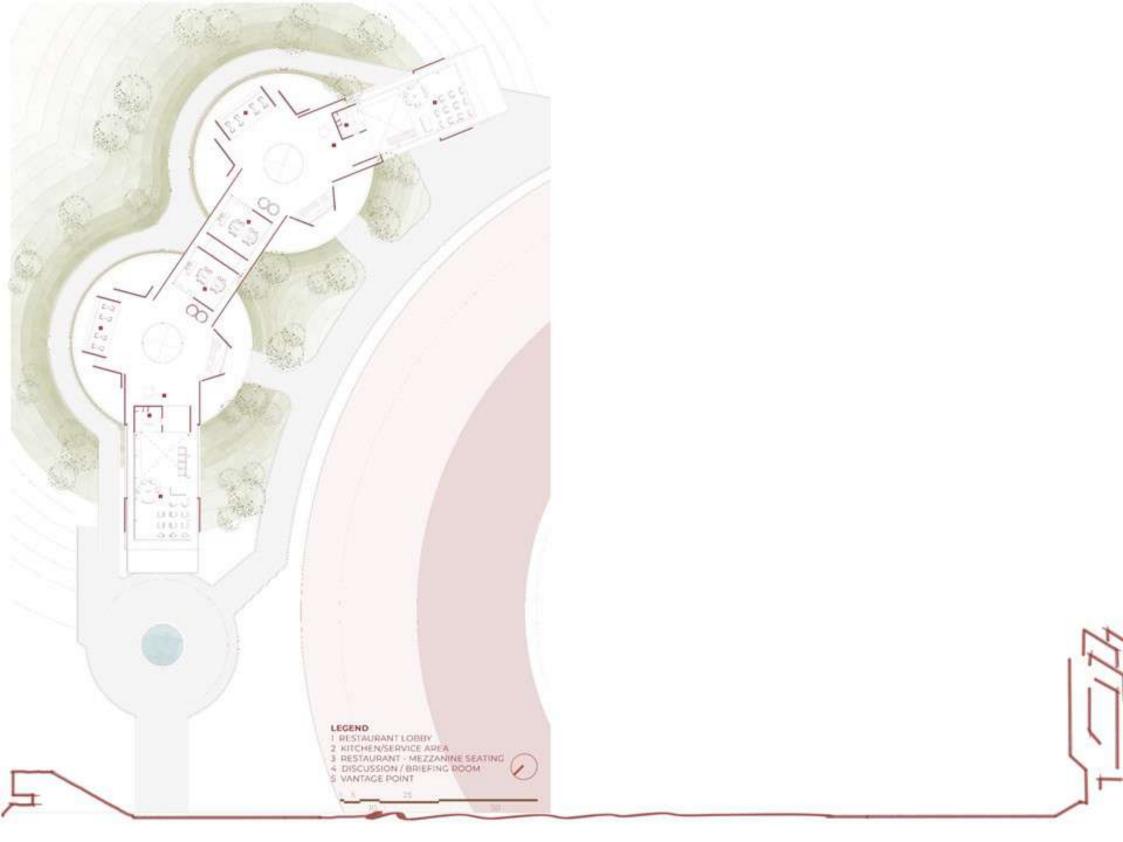
Fins are smoothly sloops down creating a horizontal plane aligned with the hill view

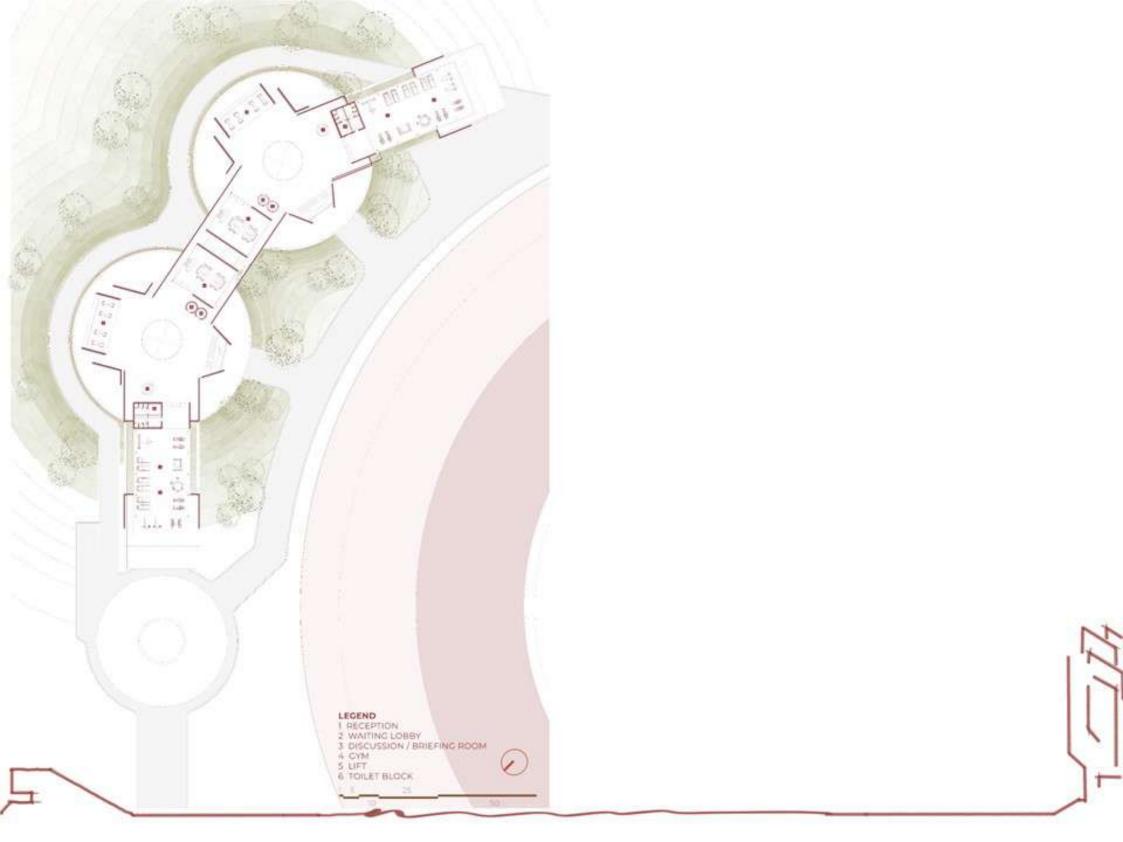




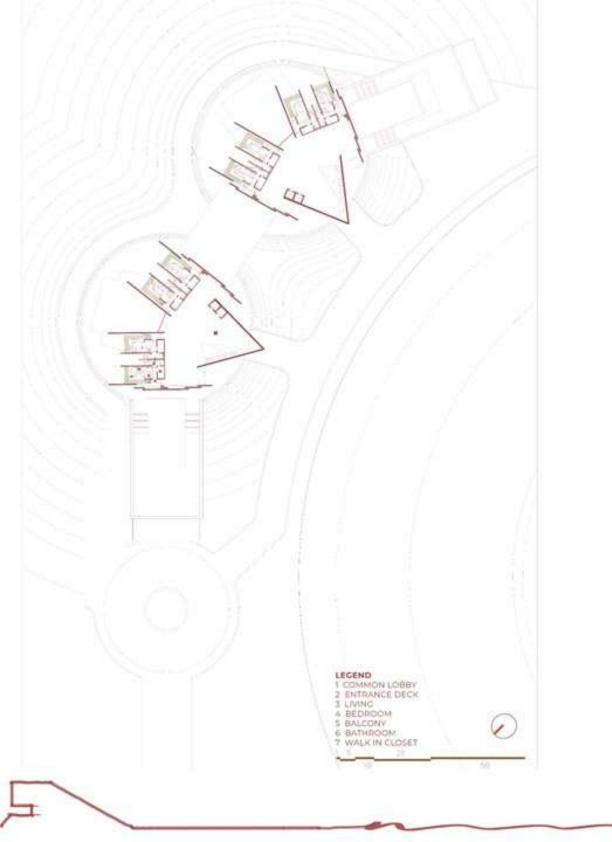


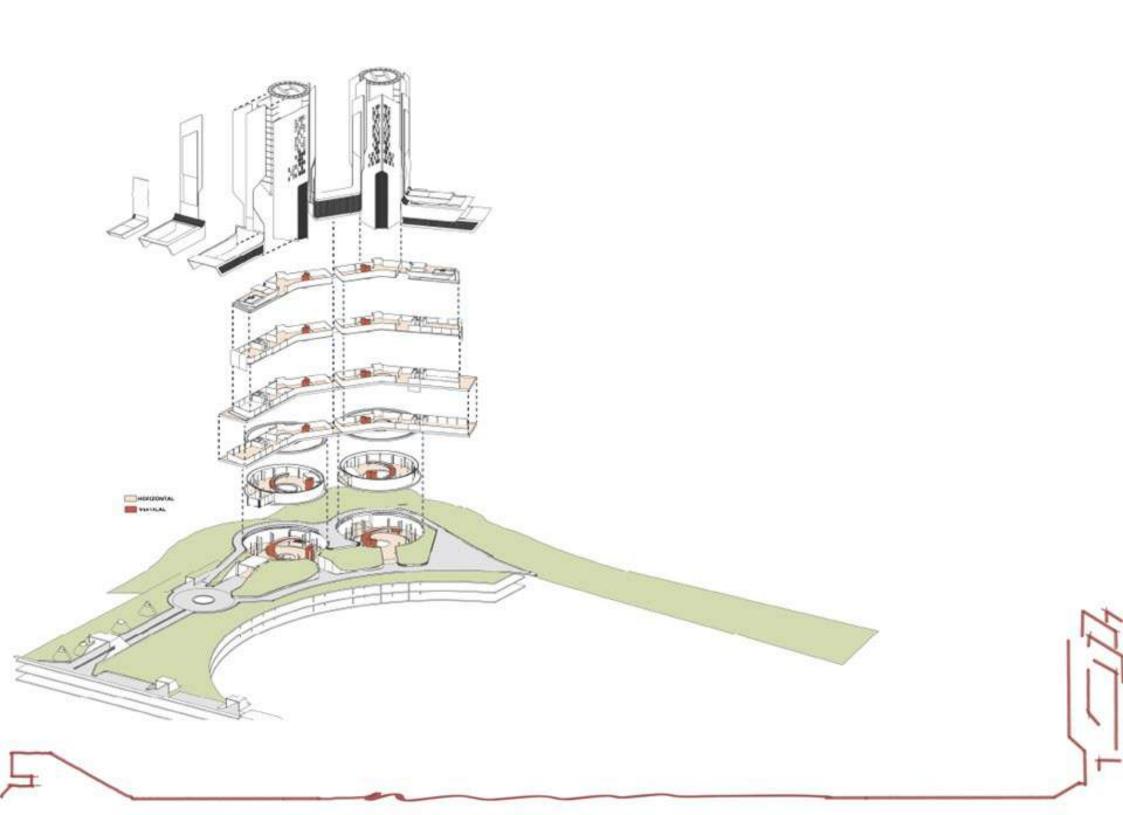


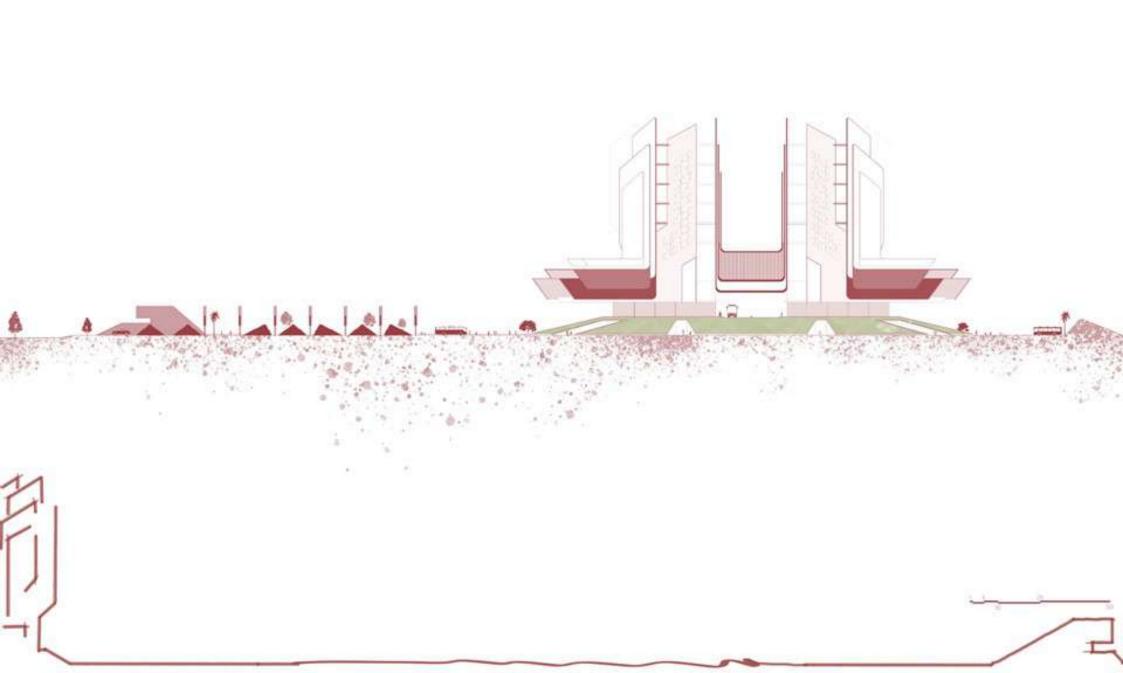


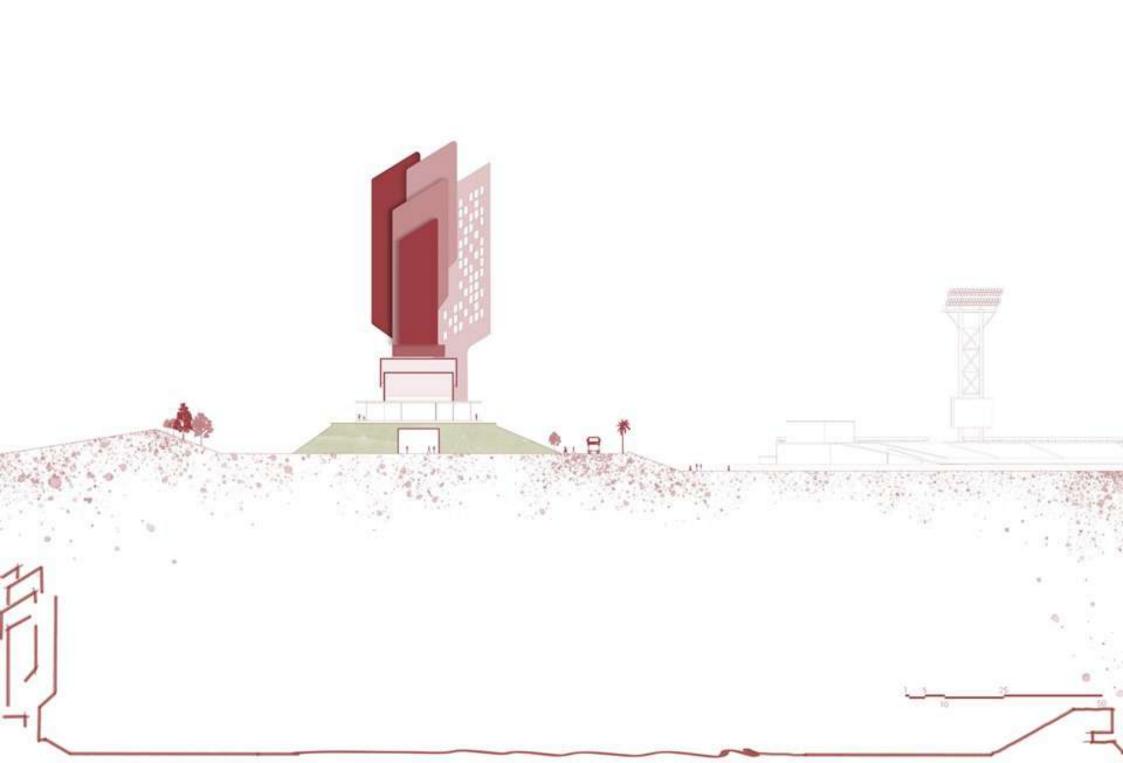


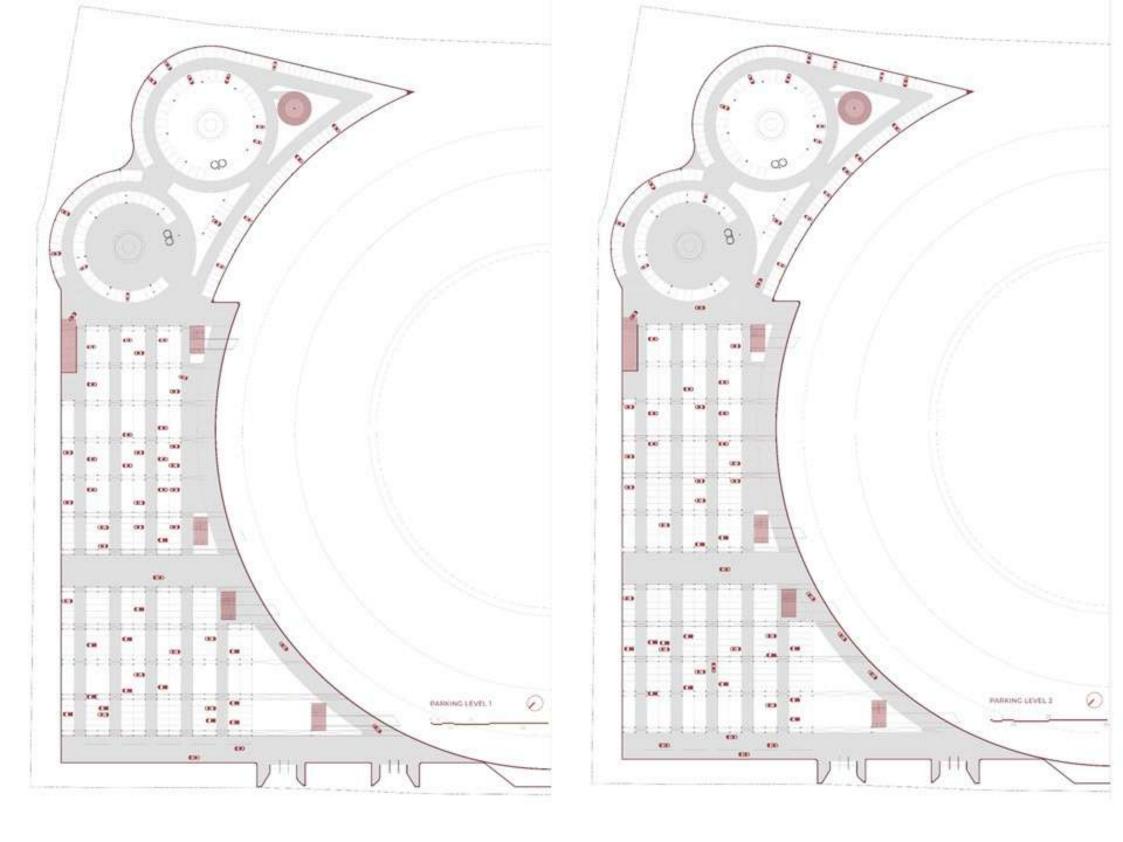


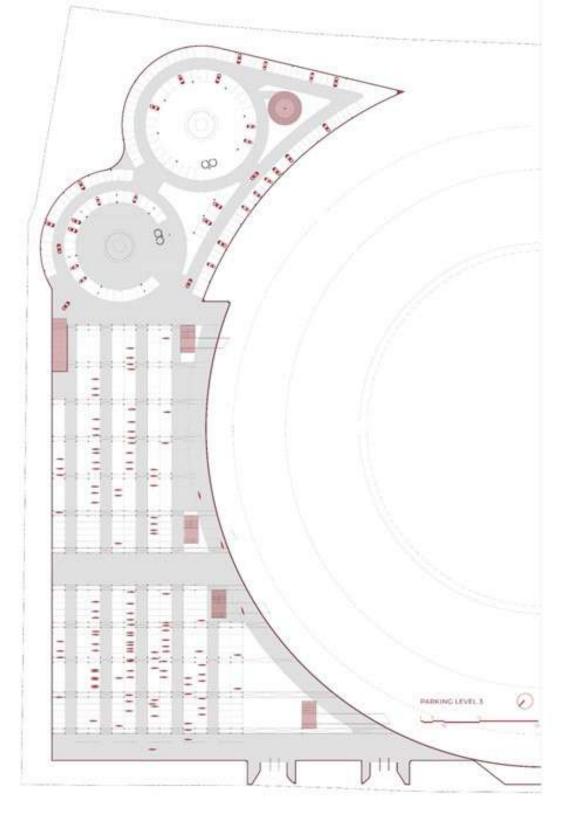


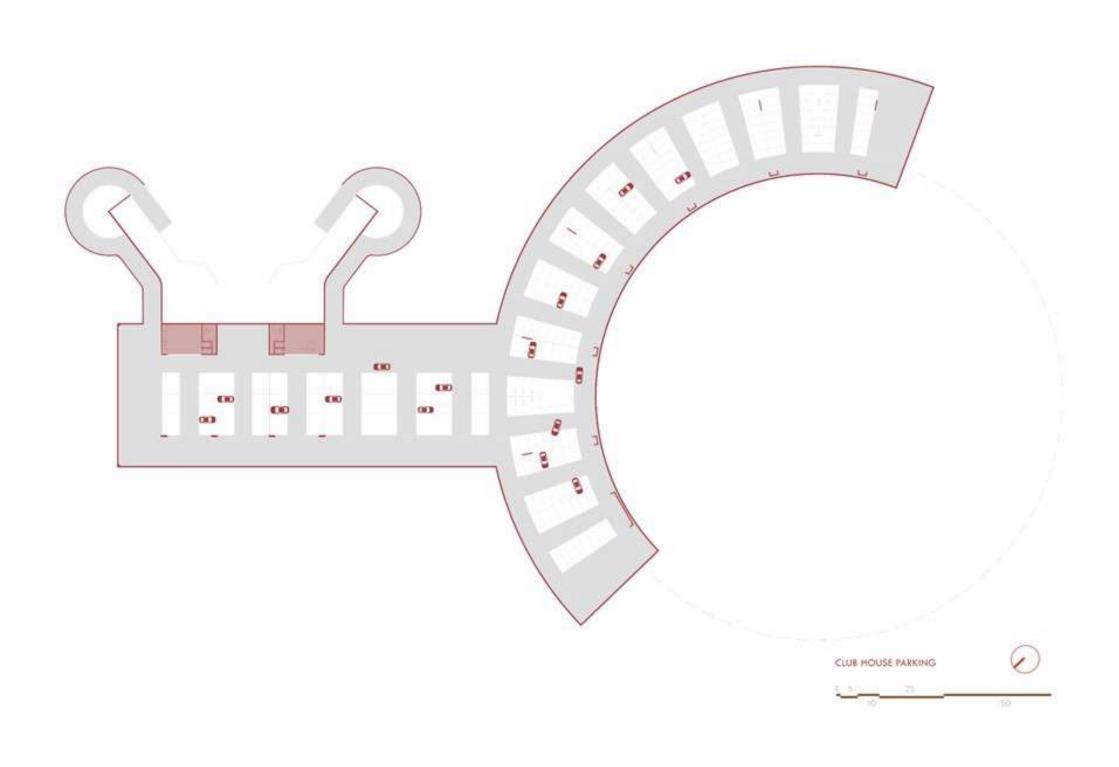


























ACCOMODATION



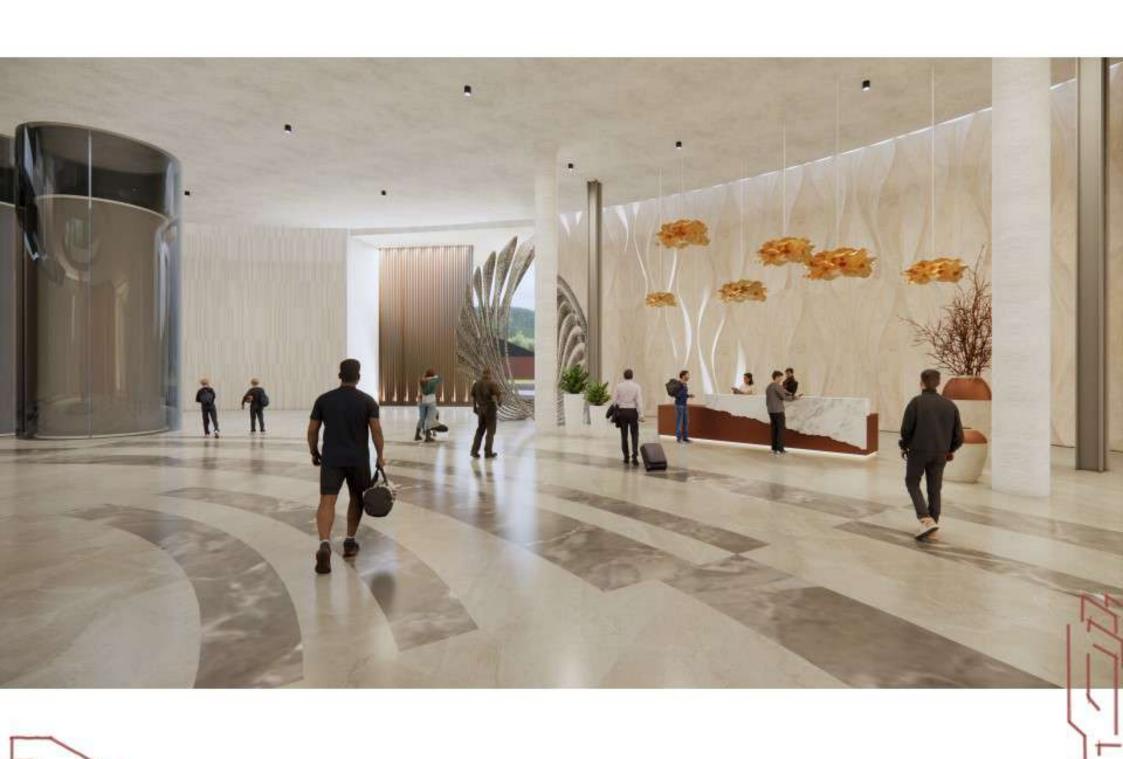




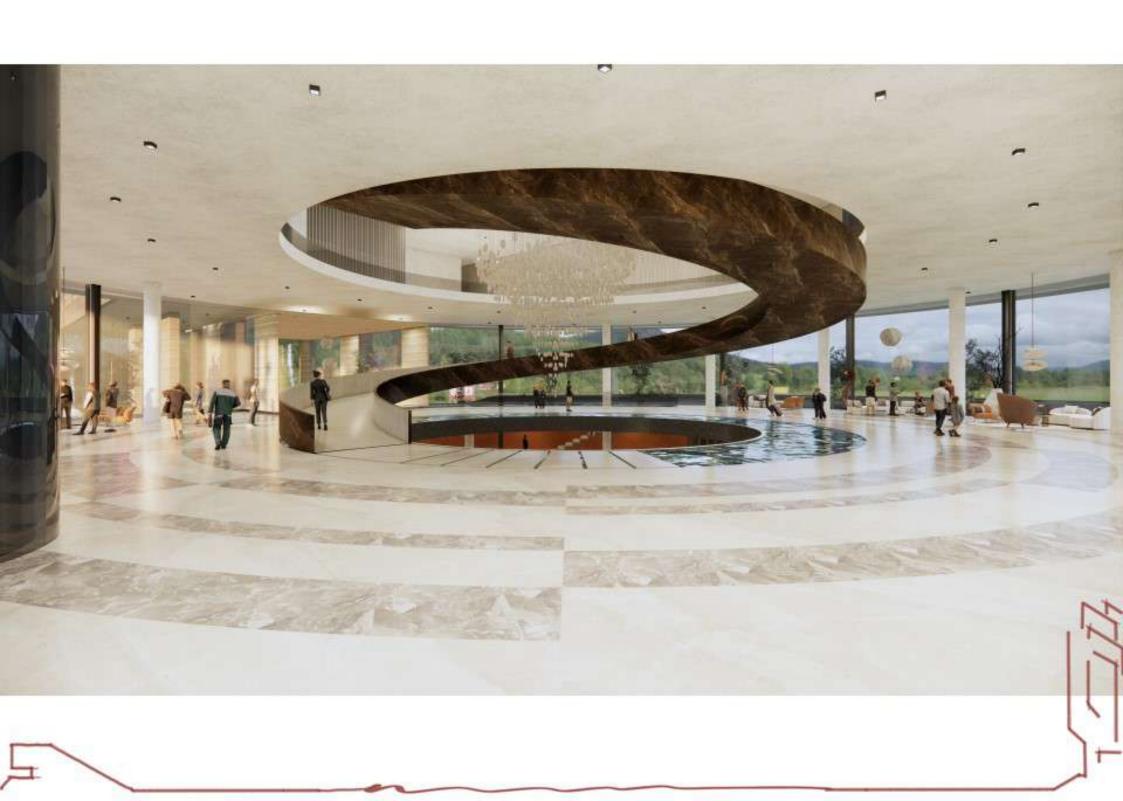














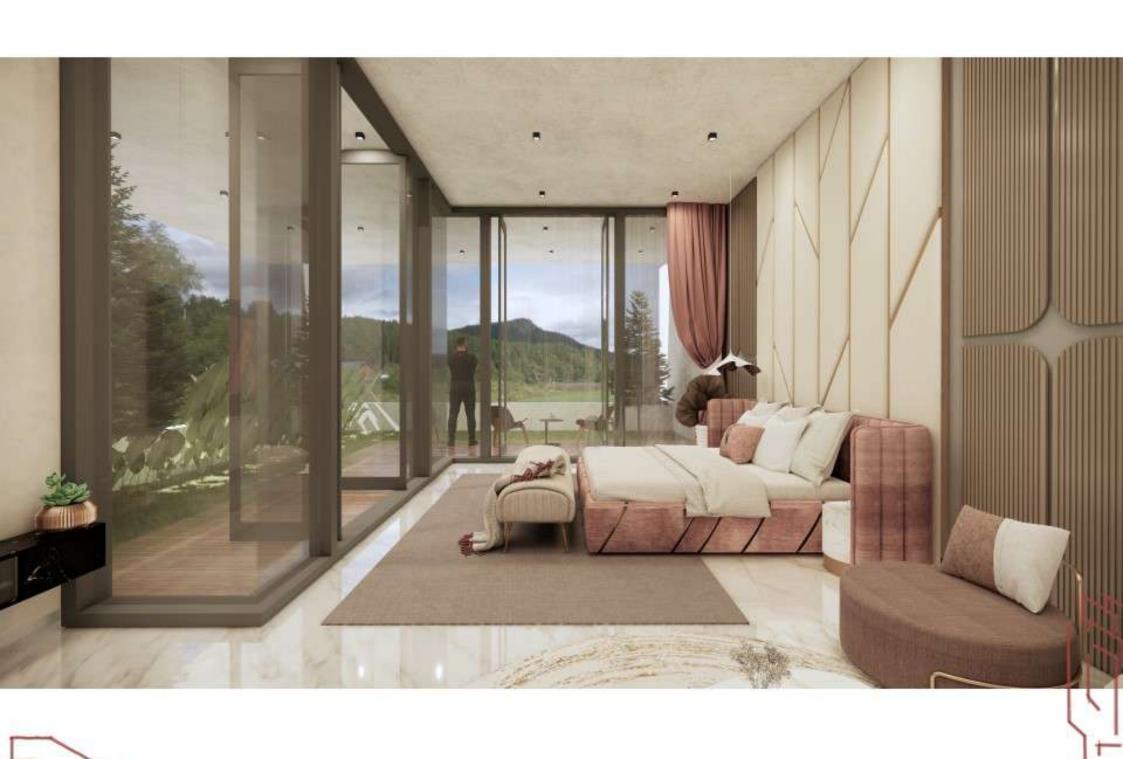


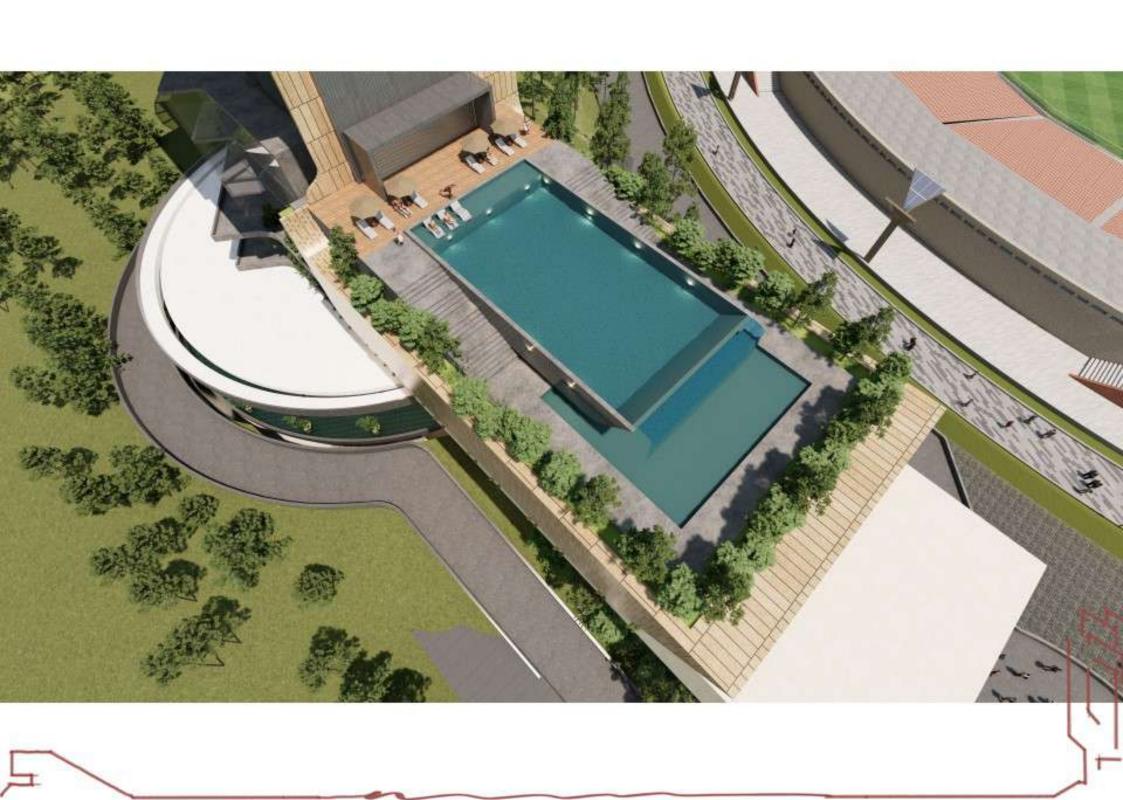




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SUSTAINABLE AND GREEN INITIATIVES

SUN SHADING

LANDSCAPE WITH **HATIVE PLANTS**













STROM WATER COLLECTION



RAIN WATER HARVESTING



GREEN ENERGY













GREEN

CORRIDORS

ADAPTIVE FACADES

PERMEABLE SURFACES

KINETIC



SOLAR SKIN - ADAPATIVE KINECTIC FACADE Wind Sensors + Real-Time Monitoring inning days a prince Energy-efficient, expressive, and environmentally intelligent Improves user comfort, reduces HVAC & lighting demand Acts as a visual landmark and statement of sustainable design Adds branding and storytelling potential to the architectural form Thermal Comfort & Passive Cooling Interactive LED Lighting System Kinetic Art Integration SOLAR SKIN ON **CLUBHOUSE FACADE** solar skin with light weight aluminium integrated photovolatic PV finsmmingrana and restaurant seating ENVELOPE SYSTEM reception lounge business center water body and lawn space MART SOUTH WEST FACING **CLIMATE RESPONSIVE** DYNAMIC SOLAR SHADING

ECO TOP - GREEN ROOFS WITH SOLAR POWER

- Improves Air Quality - Reduces Urban Heat Island Effect

- Enhances Biodiversity

- Stormwater Absorption

Improves Water Quality

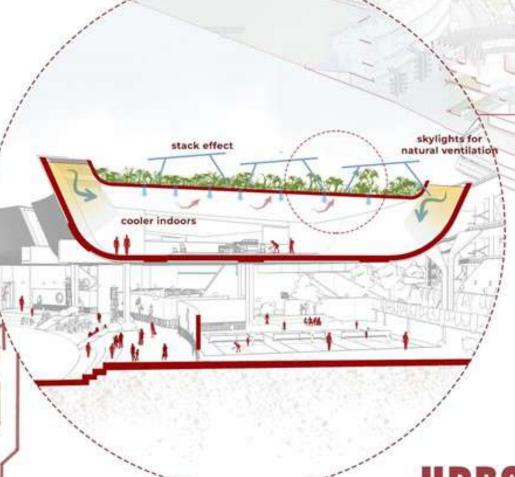
- Thermal Insulation

- Extends Roof Lifespan

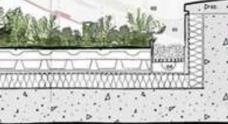
- Aesthetic & Recreational Value

- Reduces HVAC Loads









SECTIONAL GREEN ROOF

- 1. GREEN ROOF PERIMETER GRAVEL EDGE
- 2, METAL CURB
- 3. CONCRETE PARAPET CAP
- 4. GUTTER

ENERGY EFFICIENT

URBAN HEAT ISLAND EFFECT

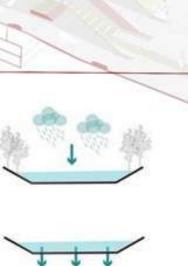
STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

CRAVEL BED

NATIVE SOR



- Rainwater Harvesting



natural recharge pond rain waterharvesting area

solar paneled roof

skylights for natural ventilation

olympic size pool

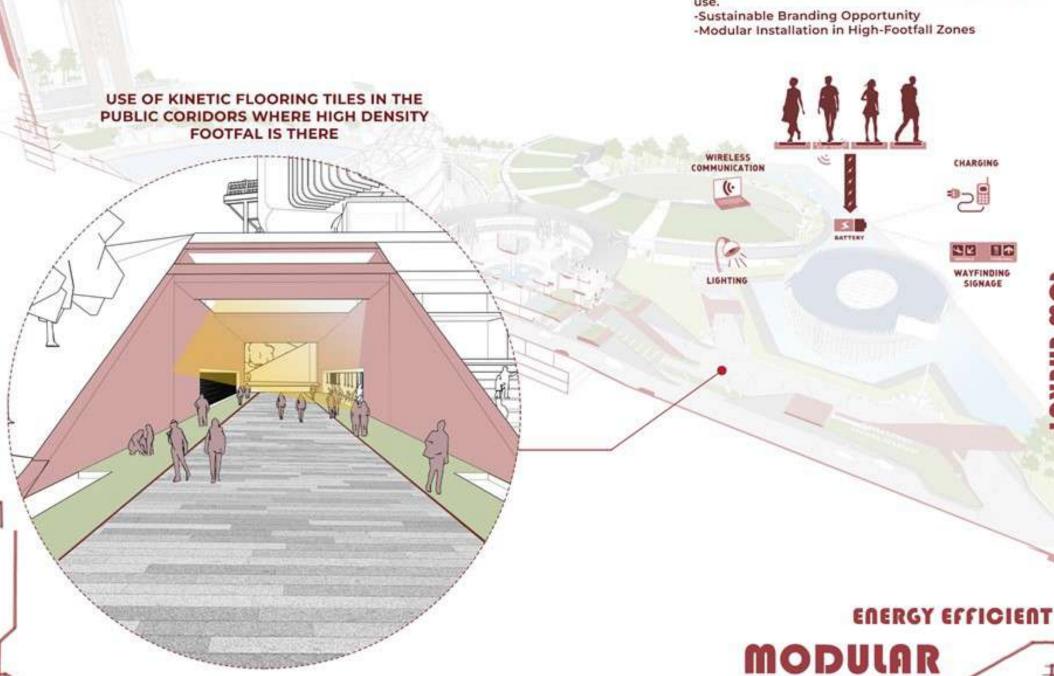
LEISURE SPACE

GROUNDWATER RECHARGE

MICROCLIMATE REGULATOR

USE OF KINETIC FLOORING

- Micro-Grid Integration & Battery Storage
- -Real-Time Energy Dashboards (Educational + Interactive)
- -Powering Low-Energy Applications Onsite
- -Store energy in batteries for off-peak or emergency



Permeable pavements are porous surface systems designed to allow water to percolate through the surface into a subsurface layer, recharging groundwater and reducing runoff.

-Stormwater Management
-Groundwater Recharge
-Water Quality Improvement
- Urban Heat Island Reduction

USE OF PERMEABLE PAVEMENTS IN PARKING AREAS, TREE LINED WALKWAYS, OPEN CORRIDORS

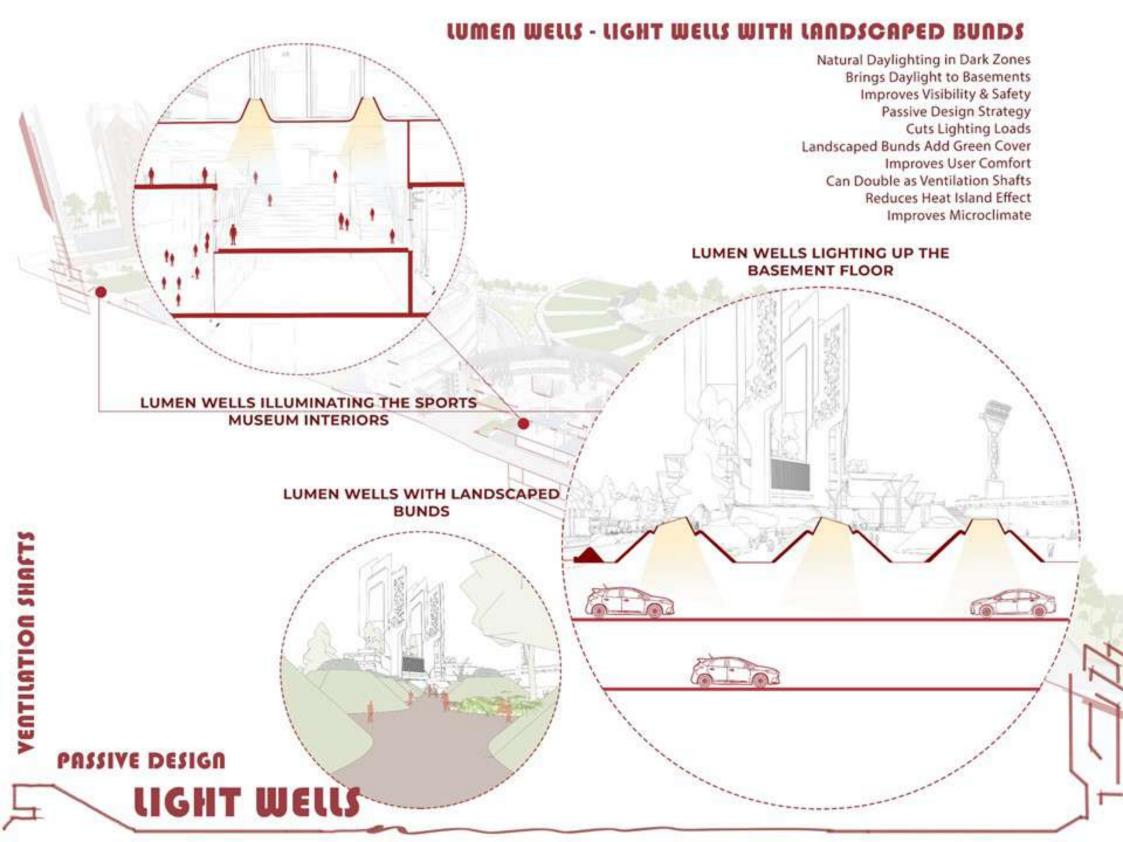
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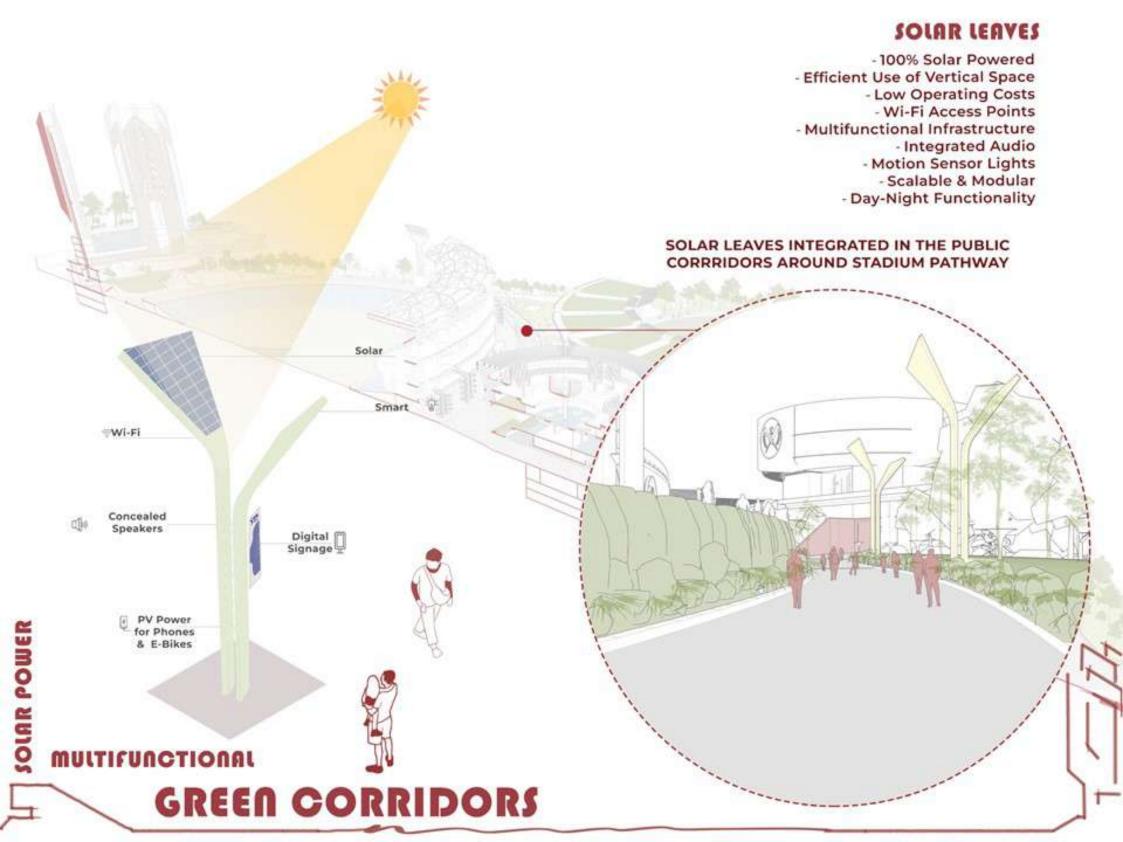
Lower geotaxtile
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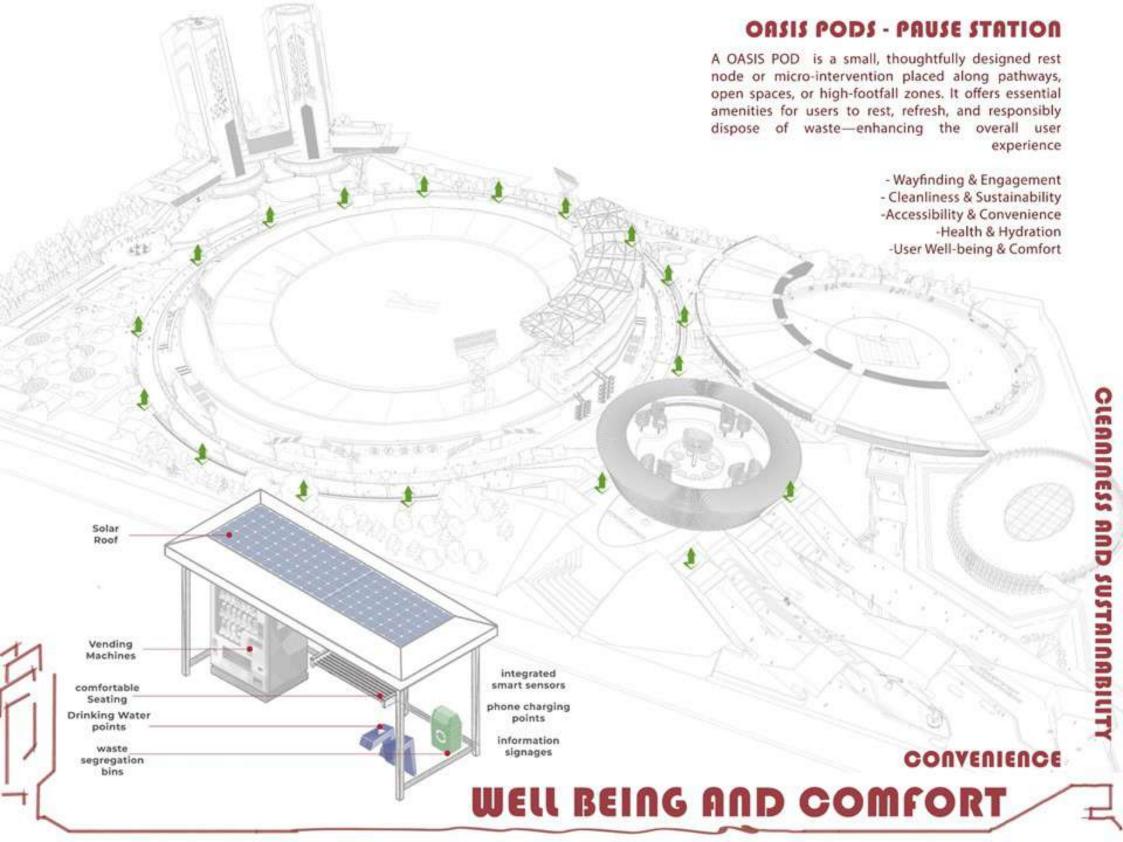
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GROUND WATER RECHARGE

RAINWATER INFILTRATION





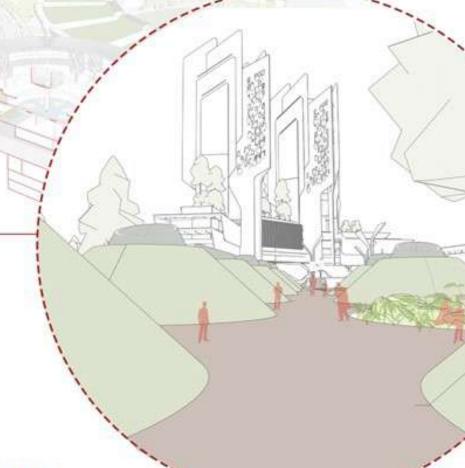


BIODIVERSITY AND LANDSCAPE INTEGRATION

- Ecological balance and sustainable urban development
- minimal water and maintenance
- -vital ecosystem
- carbon sequestration
- -soil stabilization
- habitat support for native fauna
- resilience against urban heat and water scarcity

Size of the land: About 1.20.000 sqft area available for landscaping
Land shape and slope: Gently sloping from north to south with about 12 meters difference in height
Soil type: Predominantly black soil.

THE THEME PARK WITH VARIOUS
DIFFERENT NATIVE PLANTS, SHRUBS AND
TREES AND INTEGRATION OF LANDSCAPED
BUNDS



SELF SUSTAINING

CULTURALLY ROOTED

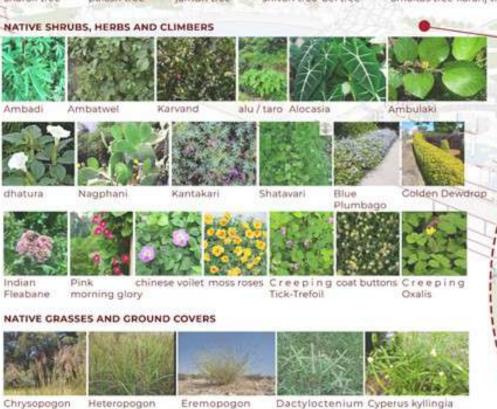
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BIODIVERSITY AND LANDSCAPE INTEGRATION





LANDSCAPE BUNDS AS BUFFERS, CURTAIN CREEPERS ON WALLS AND LAWNED AREAS CREATE A OUTDOOR RECREATIONAL SPACE



species

WATER EFFICIENT

foveolatus

contartus



Through integrated cultural, recreational, and commercial facilities, the design transforms the MCA stadium into a year-round urban catalyst—maximizing usage, fostering community interaction, and fulfilling a vision of inclusivity, adaptability, and experiential richness.

The ARENA

"Architecture is a dialogue between time and space."

- Jean Nouvel

