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Guggenheim Helsinki will be both an 'archaic' and forward thinking piece of architecture.

The building is primarily defined by a twist.

At grade it faces the harbor. At roof level it aligns with the north-south urban grid. The twist is a welcoming gesture towards visitors coming from downtown Helsinki.

The interior space is defined by a series of cascading terraces projecting into a large atrium.

The terraces will be freely accessible for all visitors to enjoy views onto the cityscape. The visitor's experience will be emphasized by the contrast between the light filled atrium and the "dark boxes" housing the galleries.

The building structure will be an innovative timber stack. It will be built from very large pieces of untreated timber. The building skin will be a filigree glass tensile structure hung from the roof. It will self-adapt to constant climatic changes with the use of photochromic glass panels.