

The site is located in the south harbor. It is surrounded by four different fabrics; City, Park, Ocean, and Sky. The new museum holds all aspects of its surroundings, yet still resembles none. Being both the figure and the ground, the building creates a unique landscape.

One of the important factors that determine the shape of the museum is the exhibition type. From custom-made to universal one, exhibition space varies in shapes and sizes. For the museum to house various artworks of not only the Helsinki but of the world, a large and flexible 'art hangar' is suggested. It can respond to ever-changing art affected by public's interest and artists' demand of novelty.

A reasonable and economical building plan for the museum includes harmonious structure of timber and steel. The Finnish timber is the main eco-friendly material. It can improve carbon-sink capacity as well as regional economy.