

# KAARNALAIVAT

*Kaarnalaivat is inspired of the moments of childhood summer days when your armada of ships made of pine bark was just about to sail to open waters.*

The museum adapts to the existing urban structure of Helsinki. Openness of the ground floor continues the public areas of the market square and makes the building easily approachable.

The building consists of seven wooden ship-like spaces and the space in between. *Ships* have the designated functions inside them. Space between is for meeting, lingering and traffic.

Exhibition circulation vary from light in-between spaces to sculpture-like galleries inside the *ships*. Views between galleries are directed to the city and the sea. These ever-changing landscapes give the visitors new perspective to the city.

Building has a strong feeling of natural materials such as wood and stone. Robust materials are in contrast with refined glass facades. Selected materials are durable and suitable for rough marine climate.