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FIRM: DS+R  
ROLE: LEAD DESIGNER  
PHASES INVOLVED: SD-CA

The renovation transforms an icon of New York's twentieth-century maritime prowess into a democratic symbol of the city's twenty-first-century knowledge economy. A three-hundred-foot-long ramp that once provided vehicular access now funnels people up by foot or by a motorized, cubic glass "inclinor." This elongated entry experience delivers visitors to a skylit, double-height landing bathed in diffuse light. The building offers a variety of work and event environments: solo or group; interior or exterior; in person or interactive; relaxed or formal; withdrawn or exposed to sweeping views of the city or the river.



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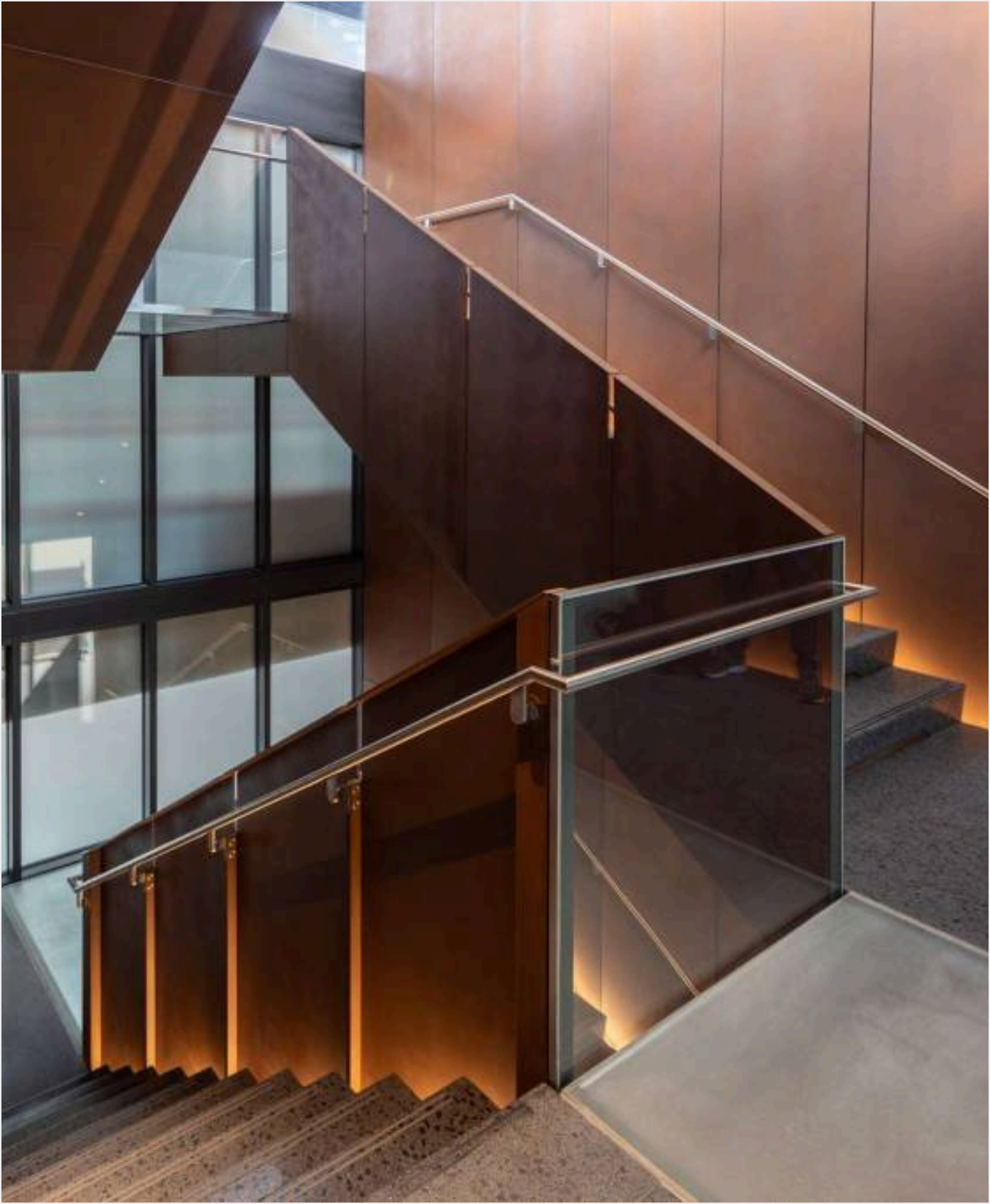
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GROUND FLOOR EVENT SPACES AND PUBLIC STAIR TO ROOFTOP PARK



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HISTORIC RAMP WITH INCLINED ELEVATOR TO GOOGLE'S VISITOR LANDING





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VIEW OF LOBBY ARRIVAL VIDEO WALL AND SKYLIGHTS ABOVE



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EACH SKYLIGHT TAPERS IN SECTION, ALLOWING FOR VARIOUS EXISTING STRUCTURAL, MECHANICAL AND PLUMBING CONDITIONS TO REMAIN, THIS CREATES AN ARTFUL PLAY OF LIGHT AND SHADOW THROUGHOUT THE DAY IN THE MAIN LOBBY SPACE BELOW. THE SKYLIGHTS INTERFACE WITH THE NEW ROOFTOP PARK, DESIGNED BY !MELK AND HANDEL ARCHITECTS



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VIEW LOOKING BACK TOWARDS ENTRY AND HISTORIC RAMP / INCLINATOR





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A CMU BLOCK WALL WAS DESIGNATED HISTORIC BY THE STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE. IN ORDER TO MAKE THE SPACE AMENABLE FOR THE CAFE PROGRAM, DS+R REIMAGINED THE CMU BLOCK, CASTING THE SAME SHAPE AND SIZE OF THE CMU IN GLASS, REFERENCING THE HISTORIC BUT REIMAGINING IT IN A WAY THAT ALLOWS LIGHT AND VIEWS TO ANIMATE THE SPACE





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AN EXPANSIVE TERRACE ADJOINS THE CAFÉ AND FEATURES TWENTY RECONFIGURABLE ROBOTIC PLANTERS WHICH ARE GUIDED ON TRACKS AND MECHANICALLY OPERATED WITH MOBILE POWER, DATA, AND IRRIGATION SYSTEMS. THIS ALLOWS FOR THE TERRACE TO CREATE VARIOUS USE SCENARIOS: LARGE OPEN AREA TO ACCOMMODATE BANQUET STYLE EVENT WITH THE PLANTERS PUSHED TO THE PERIMETER, SUBDIVIDED SPACES FOR MORE INTIMATE GROUPS WITH THE PLANTERS RANDOMLY DISTRIBUTED, OR THE PLANTERS ALIGNED INTO ROWS TO CREATE DIVISIBLE ZONES FOR BREAKOUT GROUPS OR SMALLER OUTDOOR TEAM MEETINGS.



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VERTICAL CONNECTOR



GOOGLE LOUNGE



WORKPLACE PROMENADE



TYPICAL OFFICE MEETING SPACES



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VIEW OF EAST/WEST CONNECTOR CORRIDORS WITH BREAKOUT LOUNGE SPACES



VIEW OF OPEN OFFICE SPACES WITH FLOATING LOUNGE ABOVE EAST/WEST CONNECTOR CORRIDORS



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A CUSTOM DESIGNED STAIRCASE UTILIZING GLASS AS THE PRIMARY STRUCTURAL SUPPORT. CORTEN STEEL SUPPORTED TREADS PIERCE THROUGH THE GLASS STRINGERS AND ARE CLAD IN FSC-CERTIFIED WHITE OAK.



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VIEW OF TYPICAL PHONE ROOMS WITH CUSTOMIZABLE LIGHTING



A DIVERSITY OF MEETING ROOM TYPOLOGIES WERE CREATED, UTILIZING A SHARED PALETTE ACROSS THE PIER IN VARYING CONFIGURATIONS



A DIVERSITY OF MEETING ROOM TYPOLOGIES WERE CREATED, EACH WITH A UNIQUE DESIGN TO FACILITATE VARIOUS USER GROUPS



ALL MEETING SPACES / CONFERENCE ROOMS OPEN UP TO SHARED LOUNGE SPACES, ENCOURAGING CONTINUED DIALOGUE AND ENCOUNTERS