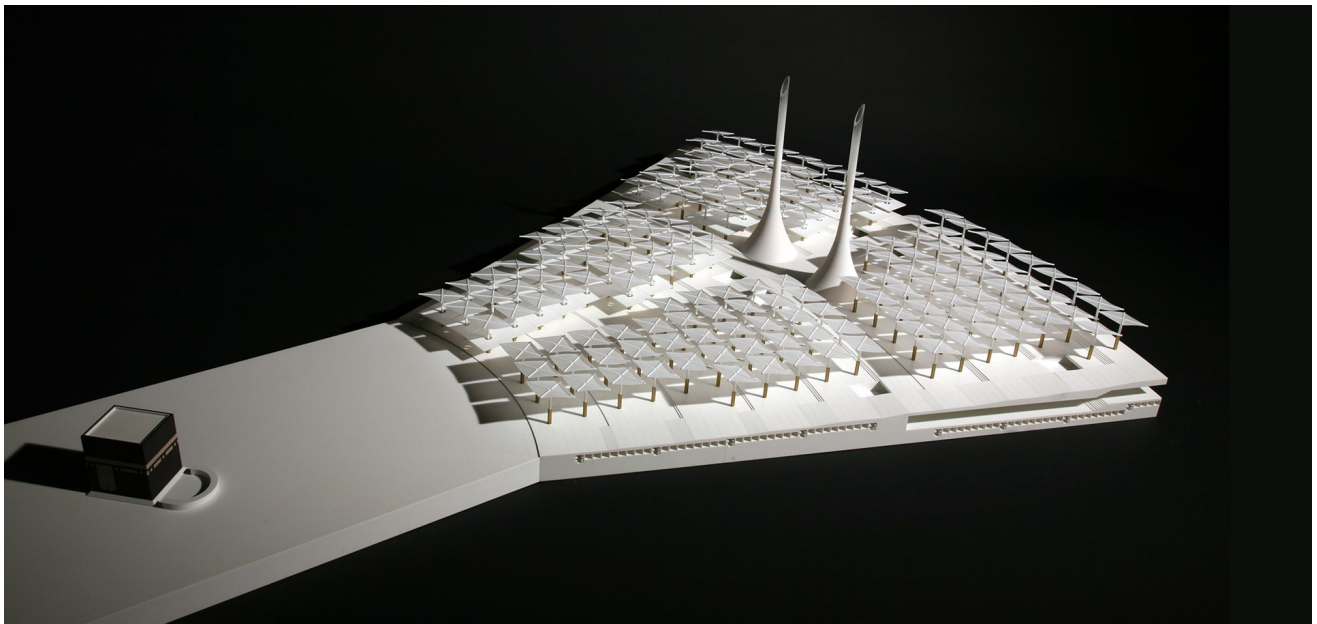


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Location: Saudi Arabia

Program: Place of Worship

Al-Haram in the City of Makkah



This proposal seeks to find a solution to the many concerns surrounding the pilgrimage to Kaa'ba. This proposal imagines Al-Haram in a state where the layers of hierarchy crested by the Grand Mosque are taken away to create a uniform condition where all pilgrims and visitors can come together to pray in the presence of the Kaa'ba. For example, visual connection to the Kaa'ba, multi-functional poles that can be lighting, electronic information bulletin, zamzam water dispenser and cooling equipment and flexible enviromental control via operable roof shading.