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Rosa chinensis



Rose of Winter Camellia japonicamolle



Wisteria Wisteria Sinesis

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Anemone japonica Anemone



Rhododendron molle Chinese Azalea



M*agnolia denudata* Magnolia

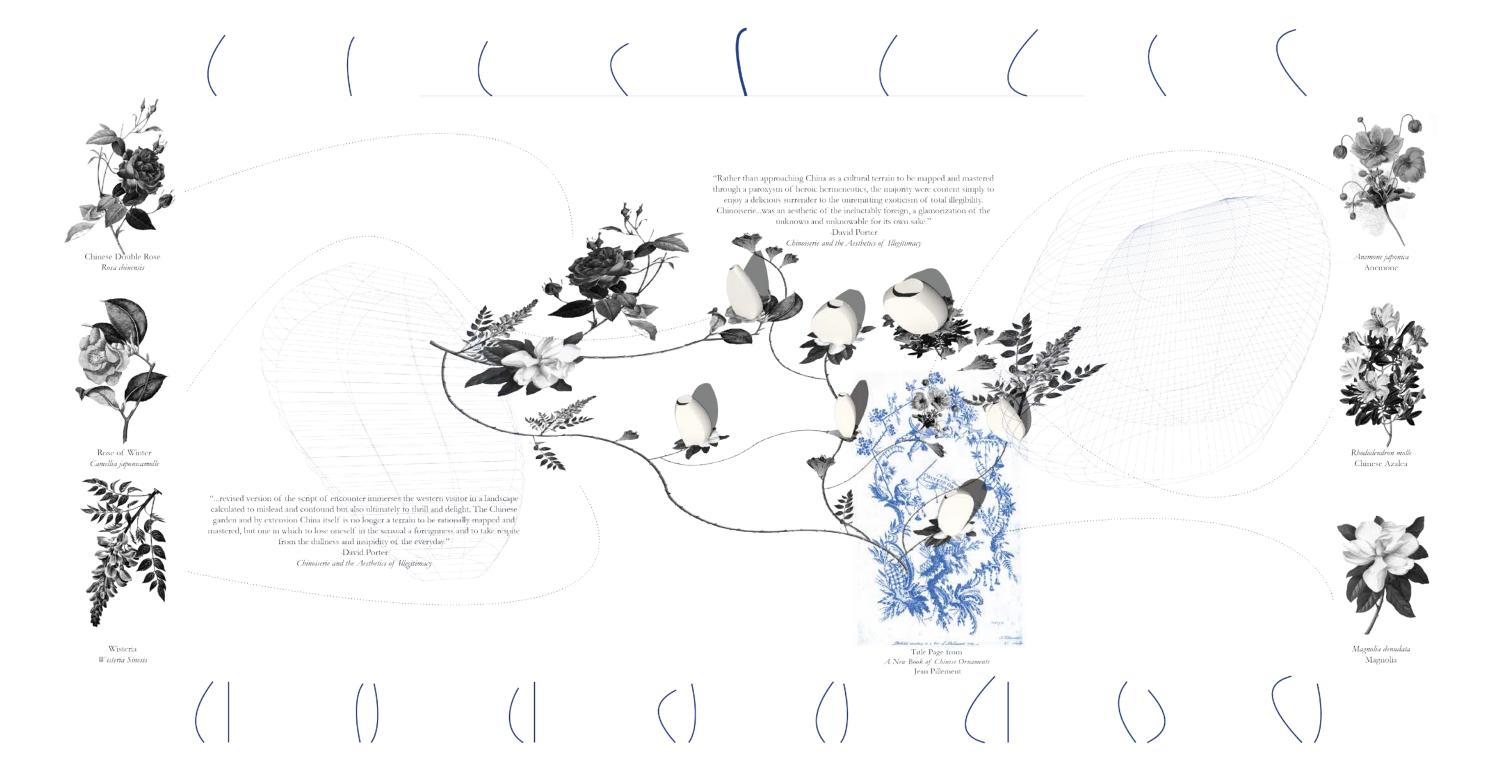












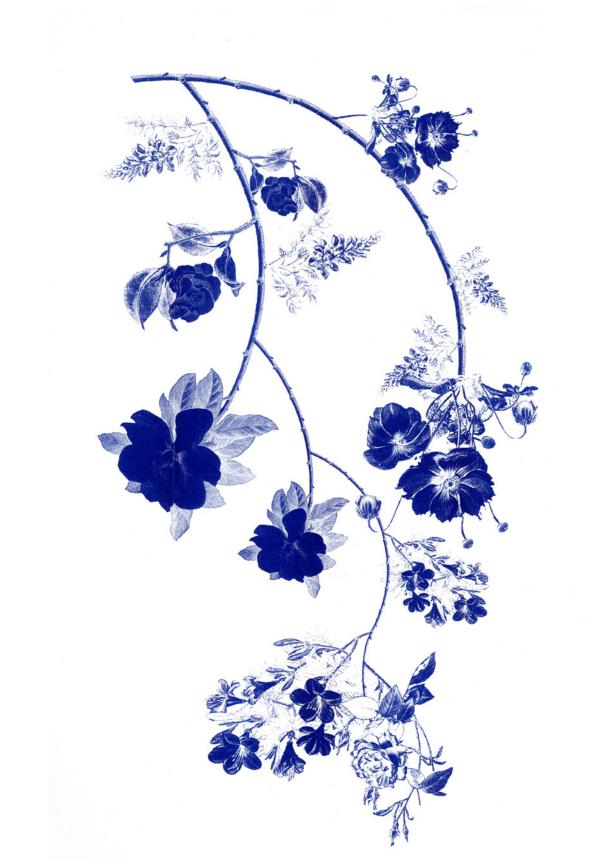


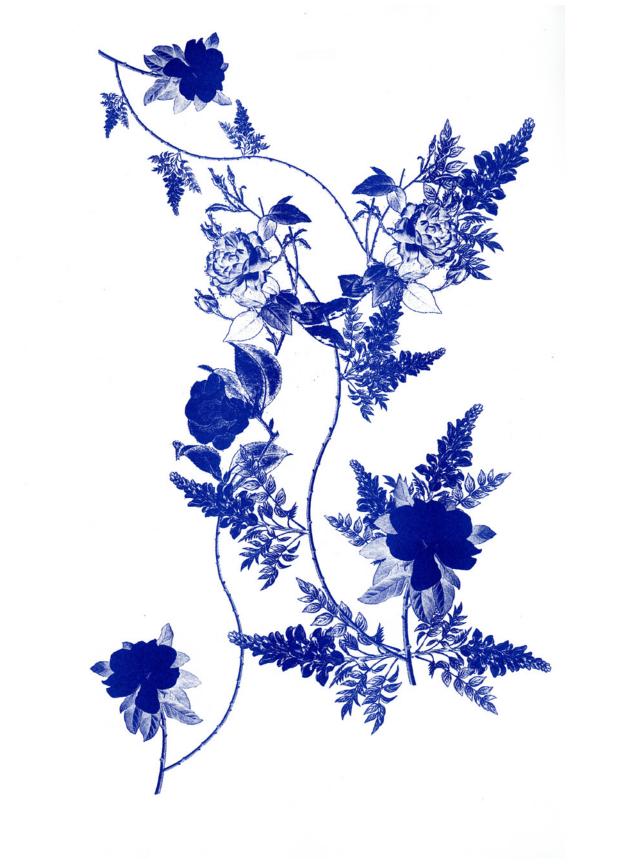


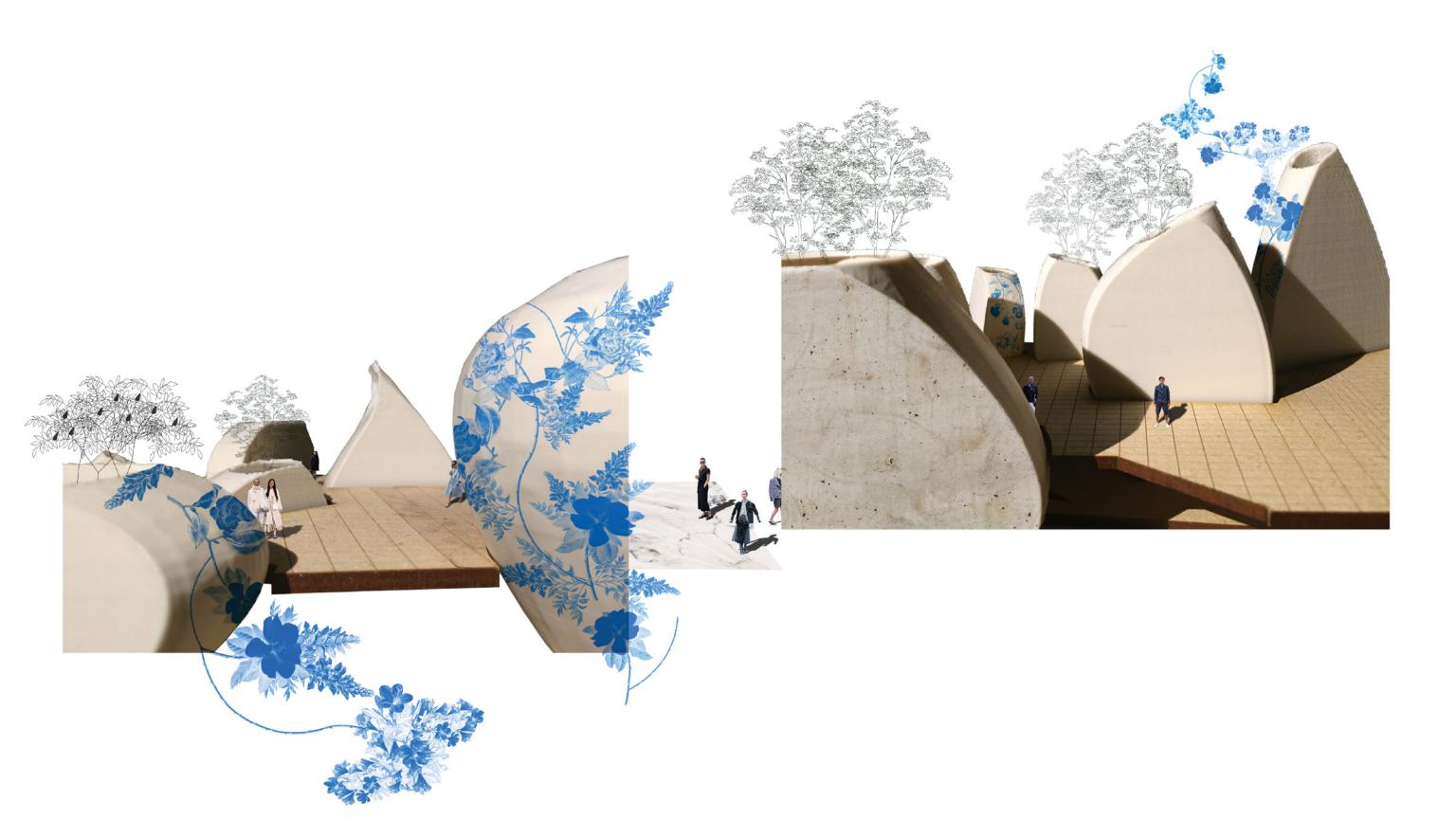




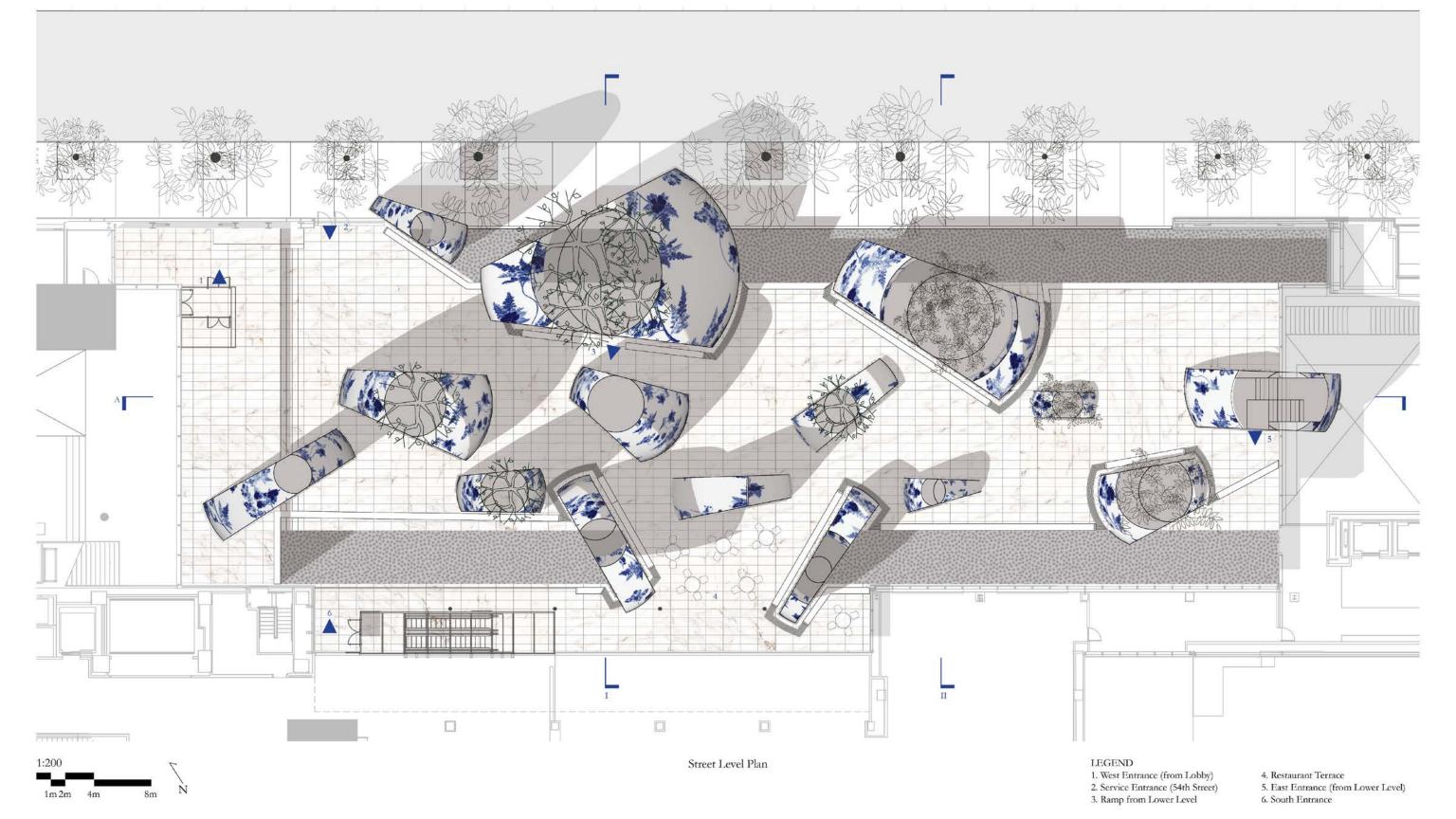




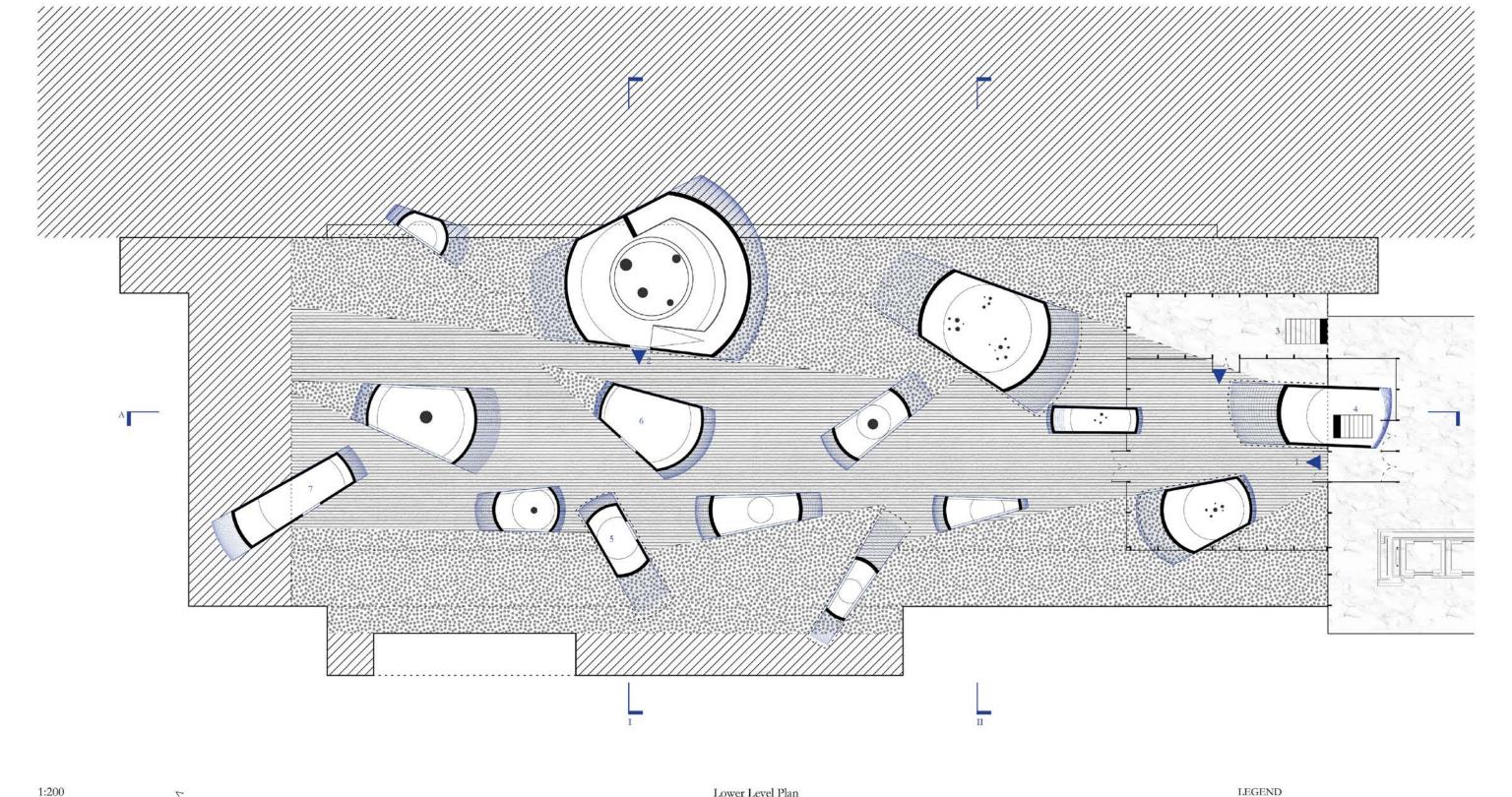








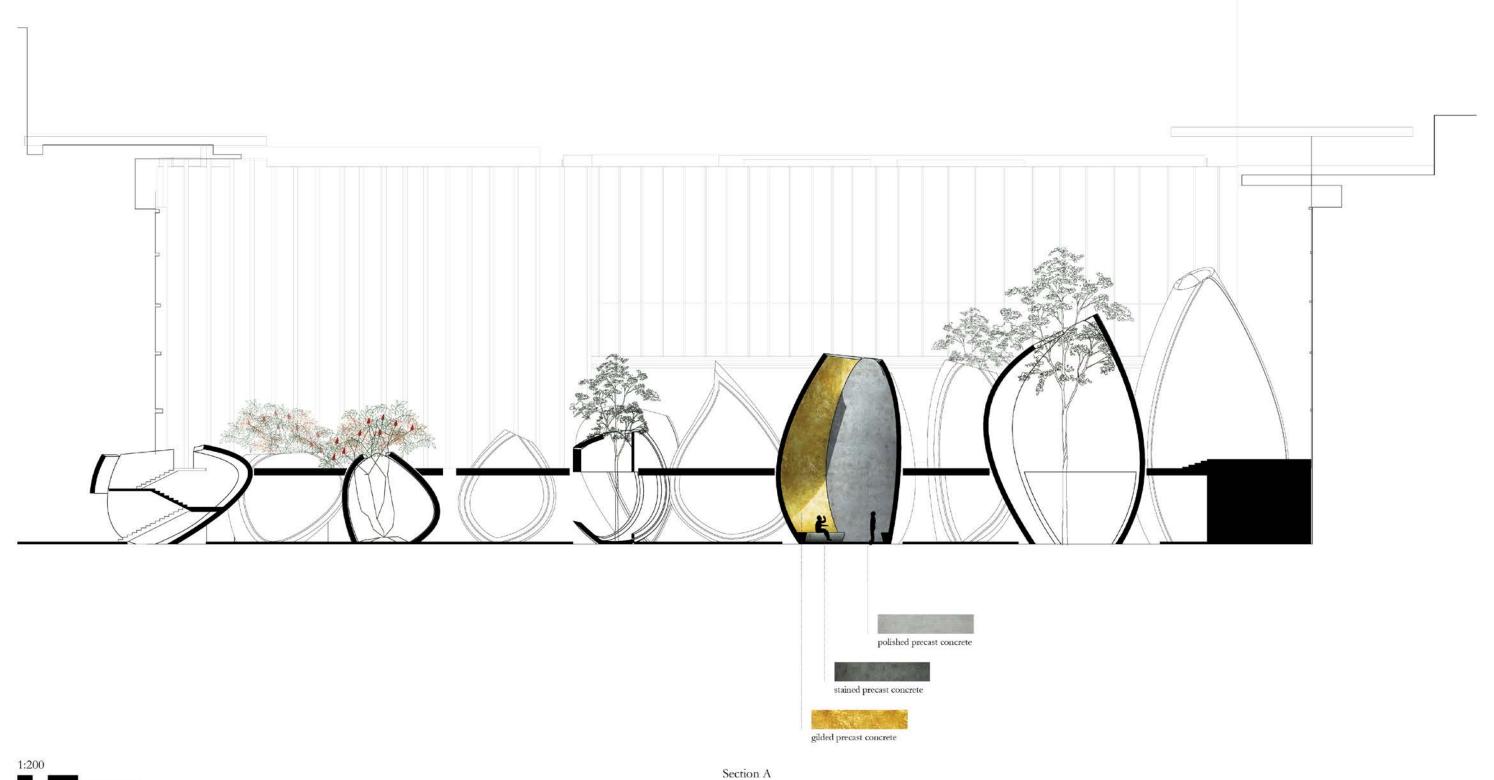


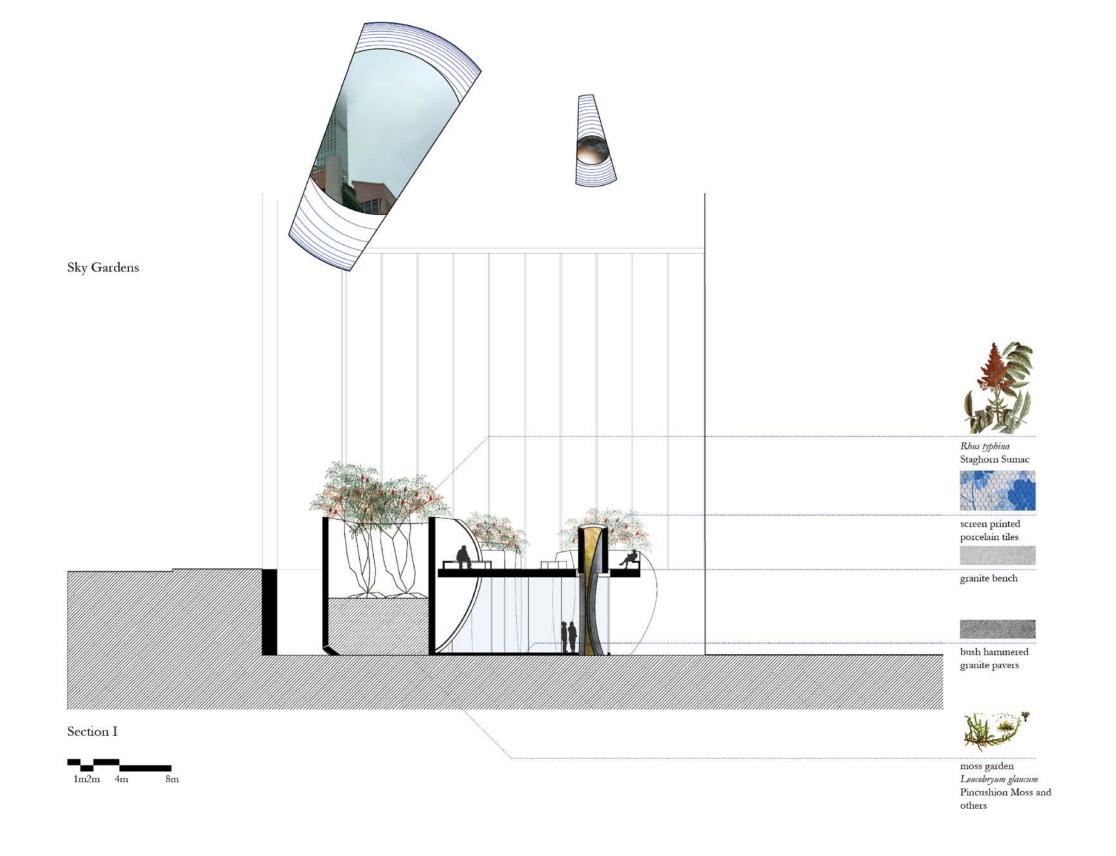


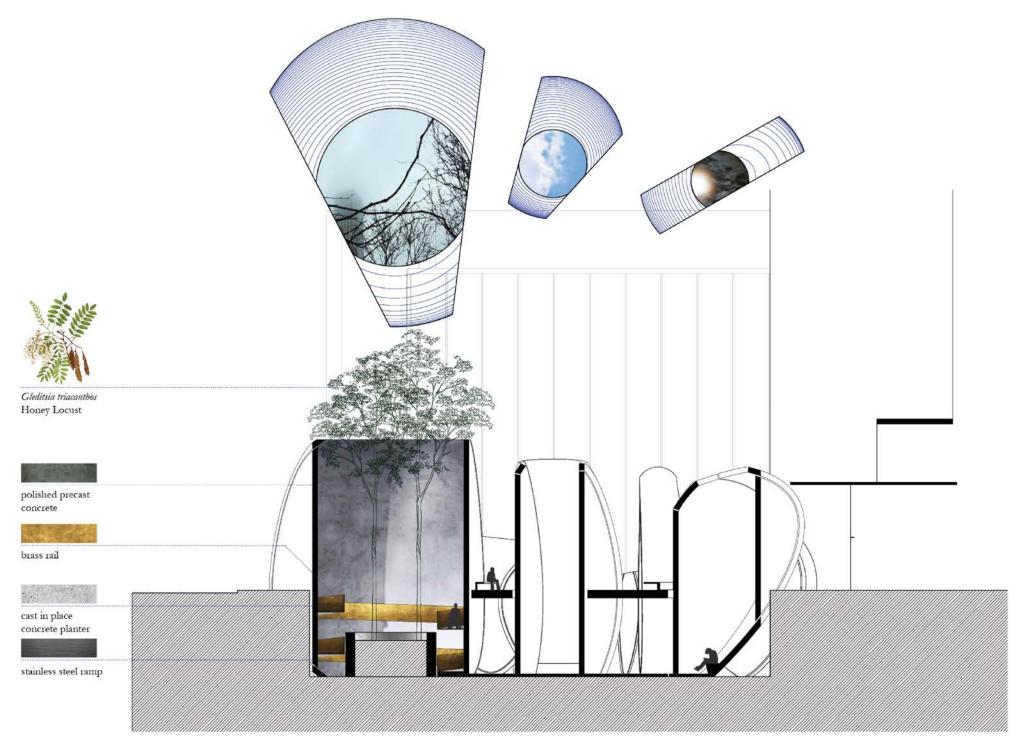
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Lower Level Plan

East Entrance
A. Stairs to Upper Level
Stairs from Upper Level
Stairs from East Wing







Section II



