

# HANG HOTEL

## Design Statement

We called our lobby HANG.

The very early sketches were of a structure that is "HUNG" from the ceiling. This is our idea. This has given us the opportunity to provide for a public area at ground level and HANG the hotel functions from above, allowing us to free the plan and offer an accessible area underneath the building.

**Approach/Perception** - A hanging structure is an enticing structure dealing with lightness and weight. We use this as a possibility for lifting the edges of a building to a almost hovering or floating structure mainly supported by structural protrusions from its core.

**Approach/Program** - As you enter the building, which is lifted from the ground on both sides of the entrance you enter a central part of the building that is effectively public. As a hotel customer your utilitarian route of checking-in and renting a room is offered by a reception area near the lifts on the central core.

Above it one can find the hotel functions. These include small performance areas, lounge rooms, cocktail bar and a flexible stage. By hanging these spaces we manage to make them flexible and independent from each other, allowing for tectonics and structure to guide the visitor through the spaces.

Most of these spaces are semi public and will ensure that the hotel can have a revenue from the spaces and events it may organize for the public, which will also add to the potential interest of one's stay. This is then the perfect venue for film festivals where the guests can stay at the hotel and as a cultural offer to the predominantly business driven culture encountered in Canary Wharf.

**River/Hang Out** - On the opposite side of the entrance near the river a restaurant is provided for, which can be used by the hotel. This is a space predominantly for the hotel people. Access to the river is made from underneath this volume and intends to maximize the impression of weight when seen from underneath

**Services** - At basement level and accessed from the side elevation the service areas provide the necessary spaces to support the hotel functions.