

MESA

DUBAI
UAE

Project Credits

Client: Emaar Development
Program: Mosque
Location: Dubai, UAE

Structure: Reinforced Concrete
Lot Area: 18500 m²
Size (GFA): 9750 m²

Design: 2018
(Competition Entry)

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The Iconic Mosque is conceived not as an addition to the existing master plan, but as an enhanced, autonomous presence. It gives the impression that the mosque has been already always been there, like a root into the viscera of the land. Only a few elements on the surface announce the proposed intervention. One is the sleek and elegant brass minaret which together with the Dubai Creek Tower define the east-west axis of the master plan. Then there is the rotated reflection pool which lends its geometry and alignment to the Qibla and announces the existence of the sacred space underneath. Finally, in dialogue with the reflection pool, there is the void, the sunken courtyard, which provides access to all the building programs. If the minaret stands as an invitation, the reflection pool unfolds the promise, and the courtyard leads the prayers to the main and secondary functions.