

# Between Earth and Sky

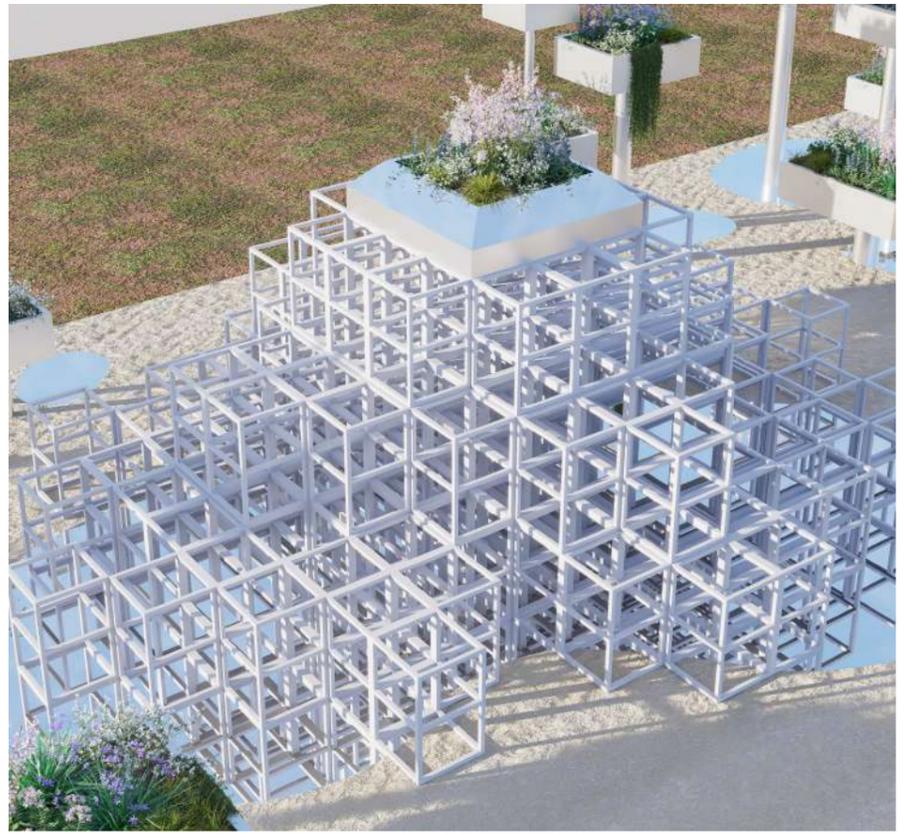
## 01 **Introducion**

On the rooftops of the city, between earth and sky, there exists a thin and invisible layer where our senses awaken. This garden inhabits that boundary a space where tension and stillness, gravity and freedom coexist.

As one walks through the garden, the familiar weight of the ground fades, and the air becomes a new terrain to be felt, heard, and breathed. In that moment, we no longer stand beneath the sky we walk within it.

Under the theme Mapping Sensitivity, this project explores how human perception connects with space and atmosphere. The rooftop becomes more than the end of architecture; it is the threshold where the city meets the sky, where emotional landscapes unfold above the urban layer.

Unlike gardens rooted in the soil, this one holds the sensation of the sky itself. Light strikes more directly, the wind moves closer, and the city's noise dissolves into distance. Here, the body becomes the measure of perception, and the garden becomes a map a living diagram of our sensitivity between earth and sky.



## 02 **Concept** Three Axes of Sensation



### 1. Shifting Perspectives

The rooftop transforms depending on where it is seen. From below, it hovers like a fragment of life above the city. Within it, light and air move differently, softening time. From above, the sky and city overlap, and the body senses its own quiet balance between them.

### 2. The Floating Sensation

As one ascends, the ground recedes and the body awakens to gravity's tension. This delicate instability turns into freedom, a calm awareness of being suspended between earth and sky.

### 3. Feeling the Sky

On the rooftop, the sky is no longer above but beside you. Light touches the skin, the wind stirs across hair, and the noise of the city fades. Here, people do not just look at the sky—they walk within it.





## 03 Plantings Sensations of Planting: Air, Rhythm, and Sky



**‘Japanese Sedge’ - *Carex oshimensis***  
Moves gently with the wind, visually expressing the airflow and the sensation of floating on the rooftop.

**Form / Feature**

Tufted perennial grass with yellow-green striped leaves; lively and bright during summer.

**Seasonality**

Evergreen, maintaining a stable base layer year-round.



**‘Bugleweed’ - *Ajuga reptans***  
Spreads low across the ground, creating rhythm and continuity as the lower layer of sight.

**Form / Feature**

Ground-covering herb with dark purple foliage and violet-blue spring flowers.

**Seasonality**

Spring to early summer bloom; retains rich texture afterward.



**‘Baby's Breath’ - *Gypsophila paniculata***  
Light, airy blossoms express the feeling of being surrounded by the sky.

**Form / Feature**

Fine stems with small white flowers; delicate and transparent impression.

**Seasonality**

Summer bloom, enhancing lightness and air in the space.



**‘Japanese Gentian’ - *Gentiana scabra***  
Deep blue blossoms symbolize the color of the sky, creating a calm focal point.

**Form / Feature**

Upright perennial with bell-shaped blue flowers.

**Seasonality**

Autumn bloom, marking a seasonal shift in the garden.