

# ILLUMINISCENT

(Illuminating Crescent)

Masdar city, designed with an intent to be a sustainable community with the lowest carbon footprint, requires its landmark to be equally responsible and sensitive toward its objective, at the same time, be a source for public interaction.



DESIGN EVOLUTION



## The Concept

"Returning to the source is stillness, which is the way of nature. The way of nature is unchanging. Knowing constancy is insight" – Lao Tzu

Taking inspiration from the miracles of nature, the source of inspiration for 'Illuminiscent' is the Moon, which itself becomes a secondary source of light in the dark, reflecting the light it receives from the primary source – the Sun. Illuminiscent has been conceived as a social magnet with an aim to generate the electricity required on site and the surplus to be used for its surrounding areas. The Illuminiscent has been designed as an experience for the visitors rather than just an activity. The space has 6 main zones – The entrance, the walkways leading to the upper level, the upper level, the main Structure, the lower level and the open area.