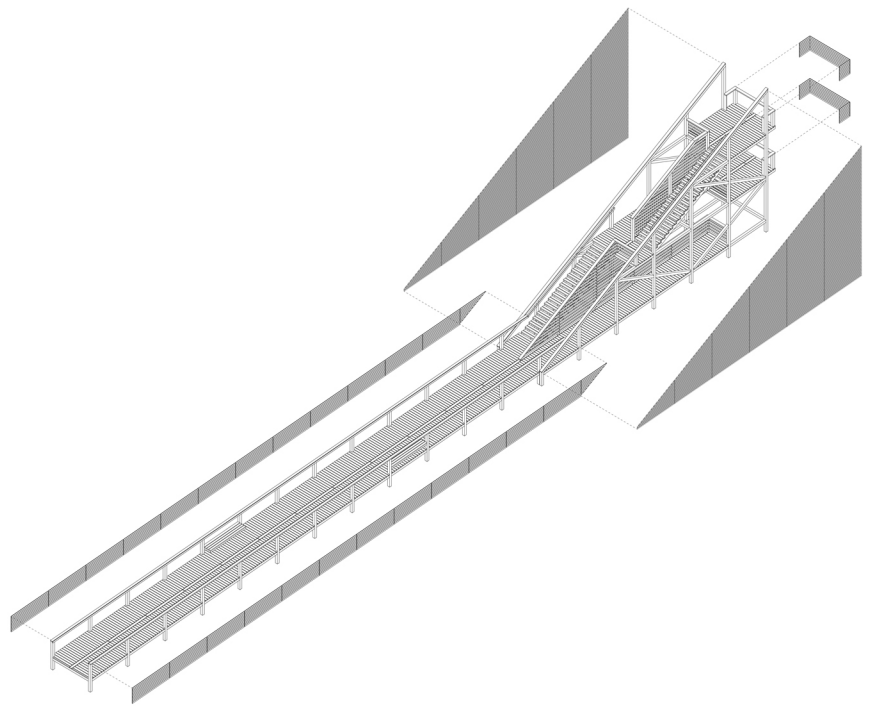


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## PAPE NATURE RESERVE LATVIA

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### Project Credits

Client: Latvia Nature Conservation Agency  
Program: Bird Observation Tower  
Location: Pape Nature Reserve, Latvia

Structure: Timber  
Lot Area: N/A  
Size (Footprint): 162 m<sup>2</sup>

Design: 2017  
(Competition Winner)

Architects: Atelier RZLBD / Reza Aliabadi  
Project Team: Reza Aliabadi, Arman Azar

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The design's two key elements — bridge and tower — are arranged to mimic the fluid motion of a bird soaring into the sky. The observation tower's two sets of stairs, rather than wrapping around the perimeter of their enclosing structure as is typical in such towers, are instead positioned adjacent to one another. This creates dramatic, double-height spaces, while also establishing the staircases as parts of one continuous climb upwards. A visitor travelling to the top viewing platform effectively takes flight — escaping the limitations of their earthbound body and lifting their soul up to commune with nature amongst the clouds.