

**PROJECT FACTS**

Competition date: 2009. Client: Tel Aviv University. Competition name: Steinhardt Museum of Natural History Competition. Competition scale: International Competition. Competition award: 1st prize. Total area: 7,000 m<sup>2</sup>. Organizers: Tel Aviv University. Place in the competition: Winning entry.



↑ | Exterior view



↑ | Exterior view  
→ | Interior view



## Steinhardt Museum of Natural History

Tel Aviv, Israel

The building serves two different purposes: it contains a public section open to visitors and a section for academic research intended for the permanent staff. The building is designed to separate these two functions through different areas of activity as well as different patterns of circulation. Yet in designated areas the two functions meet in a series of orchestrated vistas which enrich the experience of the visitor and reveal the work of the scientists. The visit begins in the large Entrance Plaza overlooking the botanical gardens. The building hovers over a series of terraces and provides shade for the visitors prior to entry. Inside the building, ramps lead the visitor along the different types of exhibits. Each ramp presents a different experience and is adapted to the architectural essence of the building. In this way, a visitor passes from light to darkness, from open to enclosed spaces, and from small exhibits to diorama-type exhibits.



↑ | View from atrium to the collection chest  
← | Ground floor plan



↑ | Section

