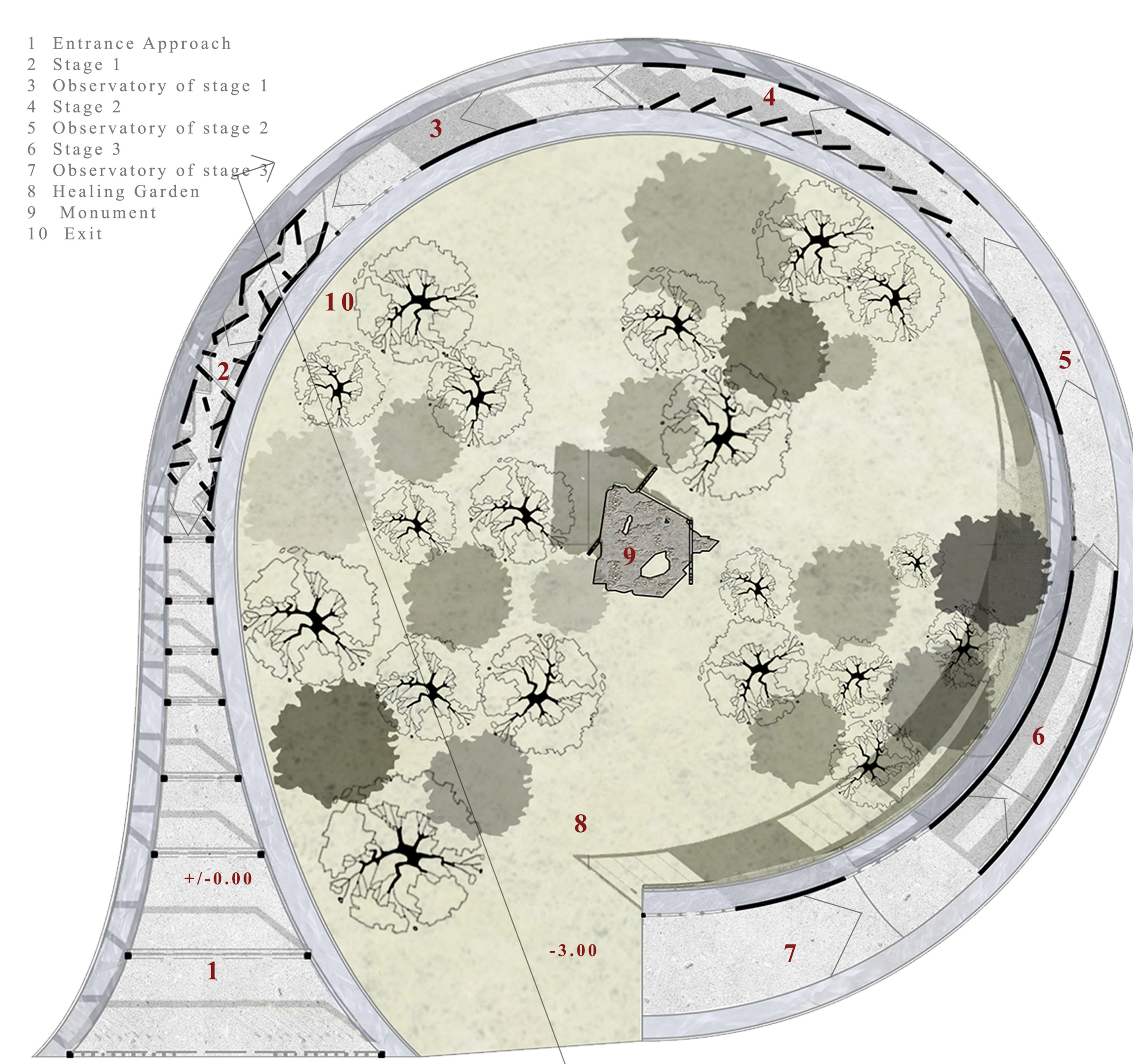


"Nour", a descending spiral path built with post-war ruins, tells the memory of war, through the eyes of little Nour, a war survivor child. A swing at its heart, once broken, now hanging and swaying with the wind and laughter of children, is suspended from raw ruins that were war-scarred, and seen in different conditions through 3 observatories along the path, leading visitors from fear and confinement of war, through fragile glimmers of hope, to moments of reconnection, and finally into an open horizon marking resilience.

- 1 Entrance Approach
- 2 Stage 1
- 3 Observatory of stage 1
- 4 Stage 2
- 5 Observatory of stage 2
- 6 Stage 3
- 7 Observatory of stage 3
- 8 Healing Garden
- 9 Monument
- 10 Exit



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HOW?
Built with post-war ruins, a descending spiral path guides through Nour's journey from conflict to hope, with transforming linear elements leading through 4 stages of the child's perspective.

WHY?
Aftermath conflict often overlooks the experience of children due to a gap in understanding, meanwhile their experience can leave lasting psychological imprints shaping their future.

WHO?
The memorial addresses all group ages, but targets mainly old visitors (teenager & above) in order to make them understand the child's experience.

WHAT, WHERE?
A sensory landscape, narrative memorial, told through the eyes of a war survivor child, located in post-war Beirut.

HEALING GARDEN

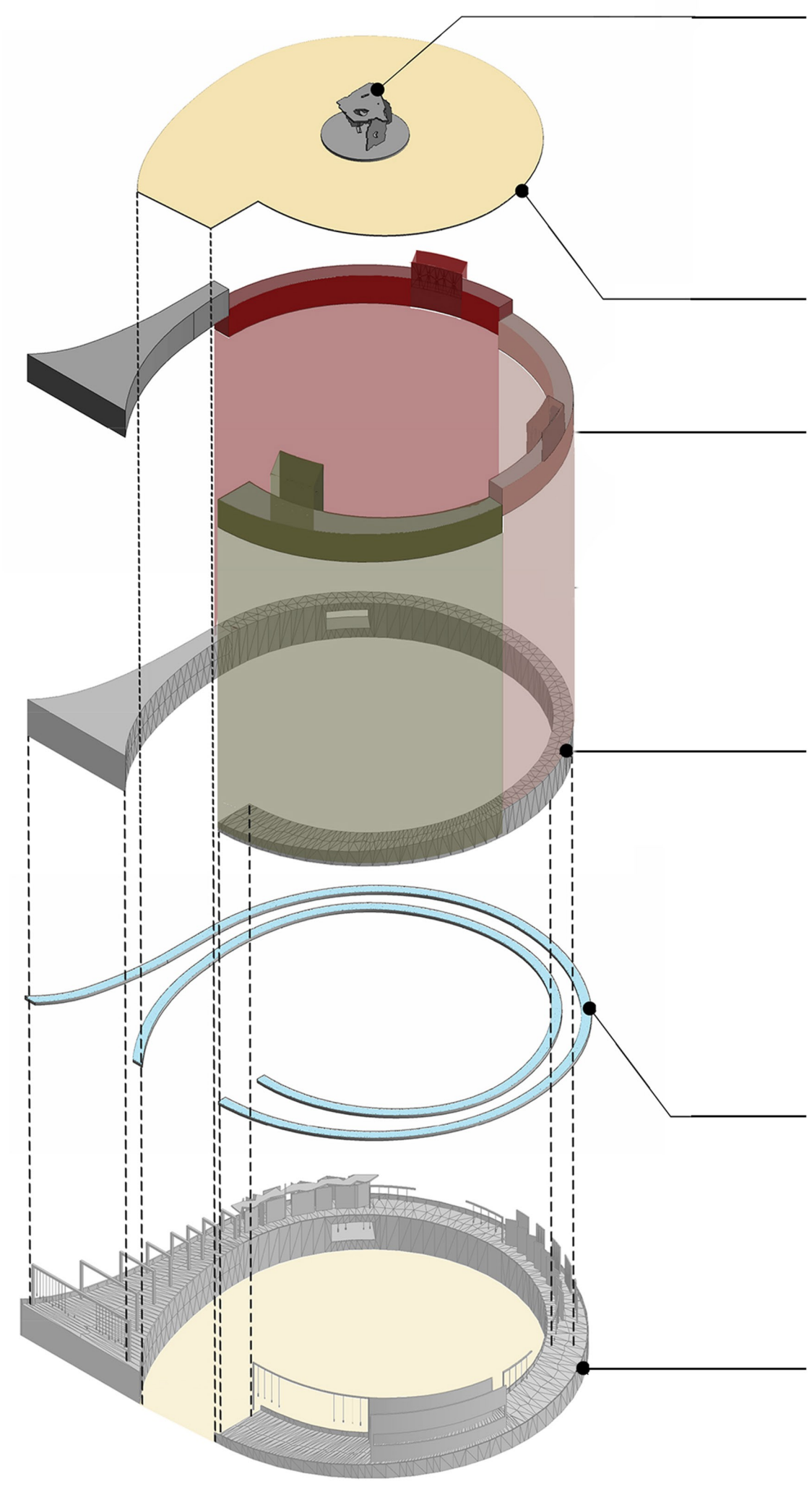
Helps child survivors heal by providing a place for them to write the names of lost loved ones and plant a flower in their memory.



CONCEPT

The purpose of the design is to tell the memory of the war through the eyes of a child named "Nour". This approach aims to explain the experience of war from a child's perspective to older generations. Inspired by the memories of children who have lived through conflicts, the project seeks to commemorate the war by narrating its story and providing a path for healing for those affected.

It is a narrative memorial design that reclaims trauma through architecture, offering children and communities a path toward memory, growth, and renewal. The design transforms ruins into a space of remembrance and healing by combining a semi-shaded path made of salvaged ruins with sensory landscapes and storytelling. It reinterprets memory as an active, communal process. The memorial does not merely honor the past; it empowers the future by allowing older generations to face the unsaid, unseen, or misinterpreted through a child's eyes.



Monument:
This 35 m² area serves as a central point for reflection and memory, designed to document the evolution of the journey through its various stages.

Activity Zone:
The 800 m² activity zone is the final destination. It includes key memorial elements, such as a swing, and is surrounded by a vast green space with trees and flowers, which also contributes to the project's environmental impact.

Stages:
It includes the first three emotional stages: Disorientation & Confinement, Glimmers of Hope & Transition, and Nurturing & Reconnection. Includes the observatory of each stage directly after it, which provides a different perspective of the monument throughout the whole process. The final stage is Enduring Hope and Future.

Circular Trail:
The 270 m² walking trail serves as the primary path for storytelling, guiding visitors on a 15-20 minute journey. It includes the first three emotional stages. The trail itself is composed of a folded concrete structure made from building ruins, which interacts with light and shadow.

Water Path:
This 150 m² element runs alongside the trail, symbolizing reflection, memory, and the emotional journey from chaos to peace.

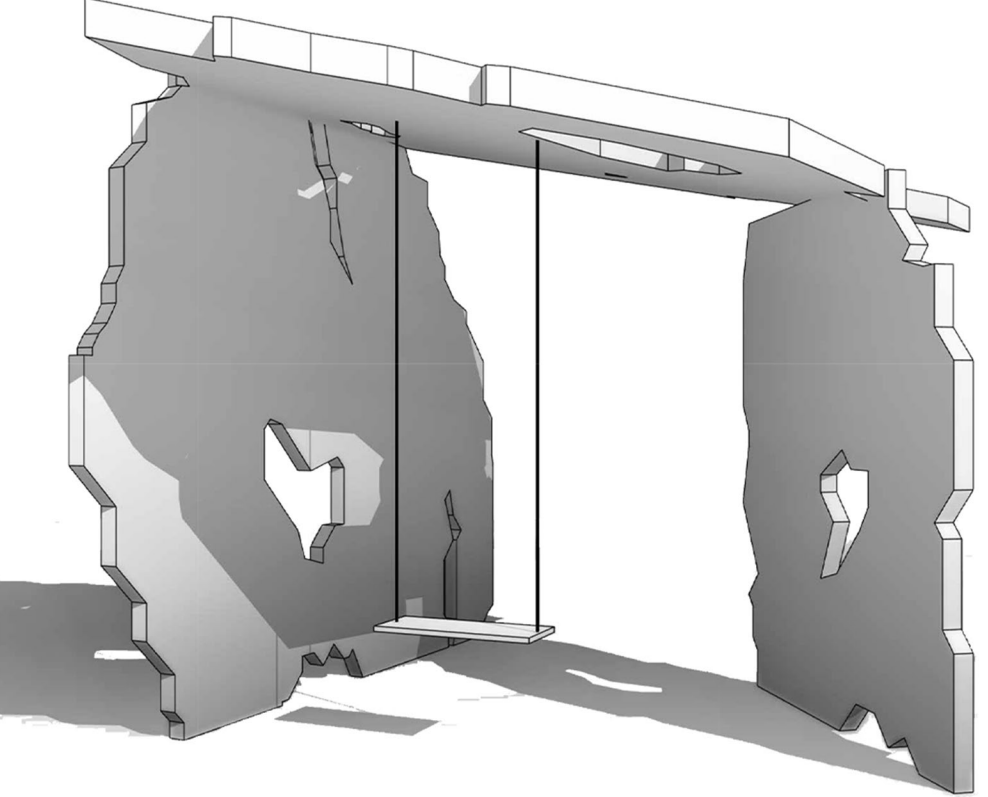
Total:
The project, which has a total area of 1220 m², is a narrative memorial design that uses architectural elements to guide visitors through a child survivor's journey from trauma to healing.



Sectional Elevation 1/100

MONUMENT

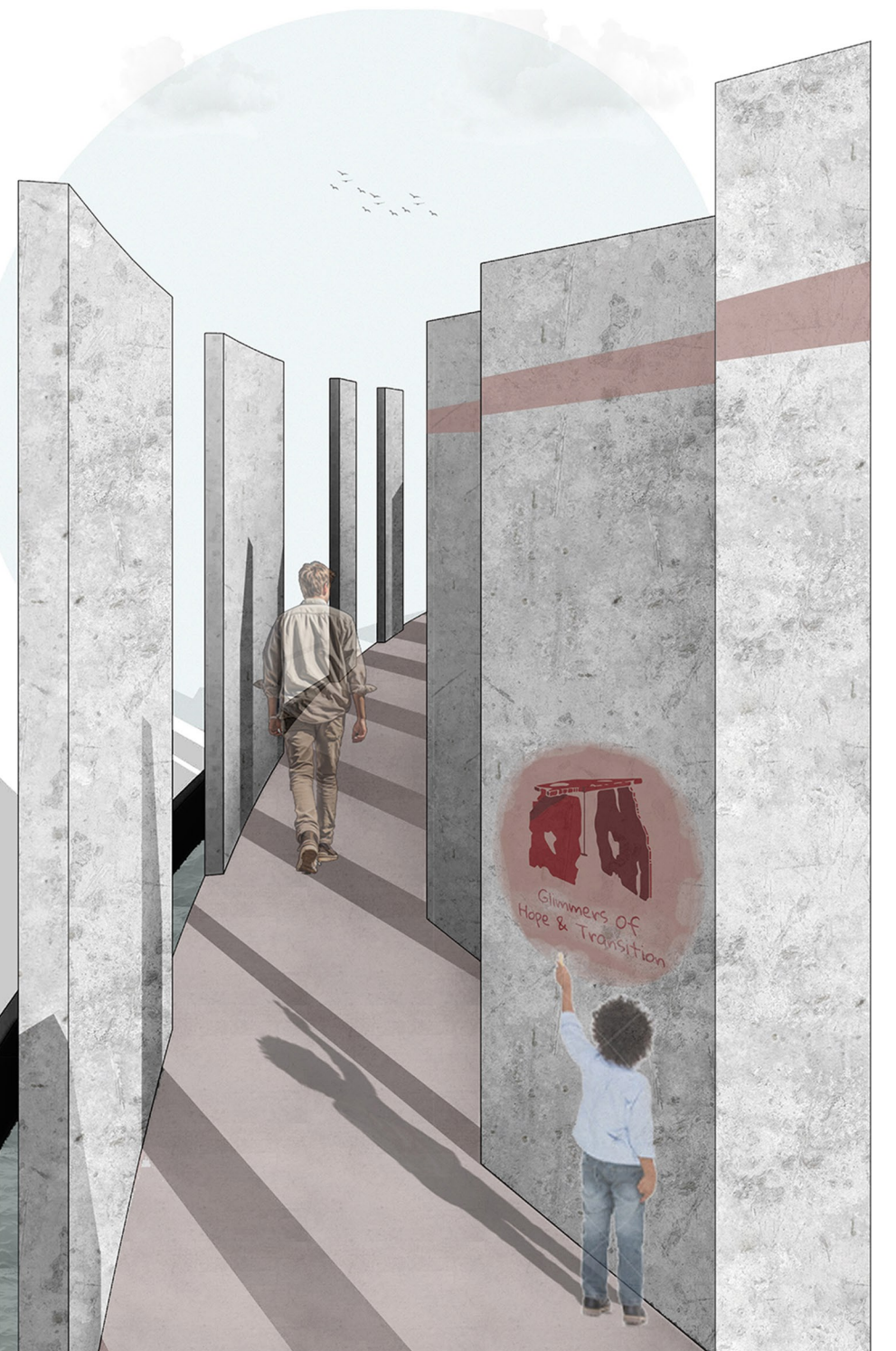
The central monument is a swing in perfect condition, symbolizing reclaimed childhood joy and enduring hope. It hangs from a raw rock from the war, which serves as a functional memorial where child survivors can write names of loved ones.



STAGE 1
Disorientation & Confinement



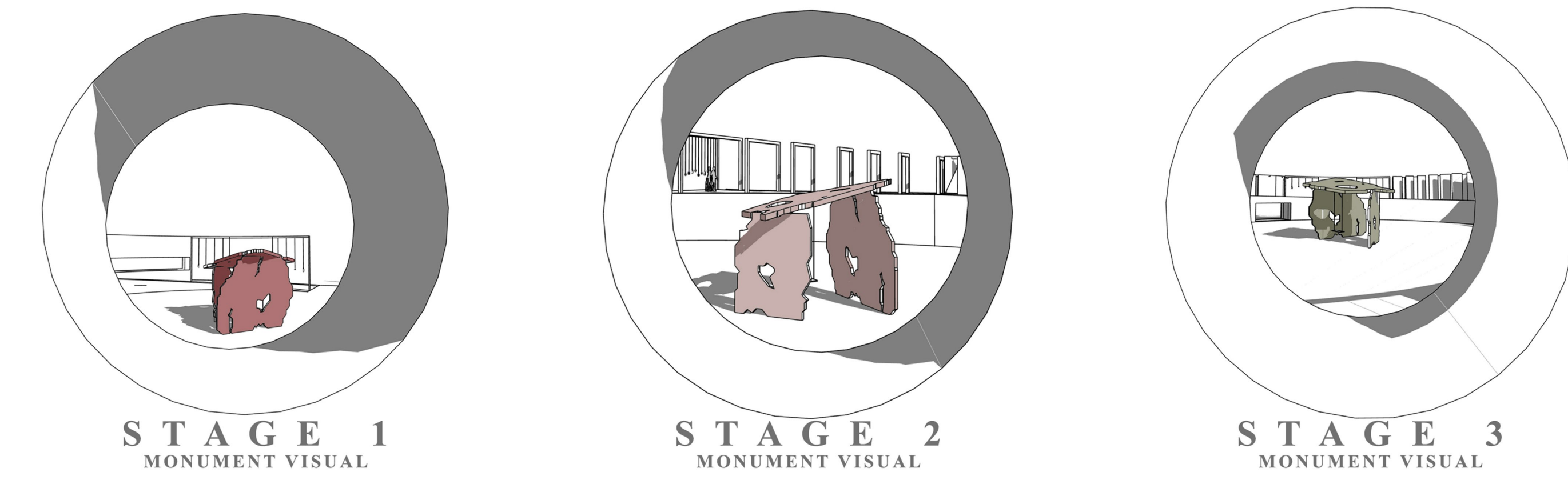
STAGE 2
Glimmers of Hope & Transition



STAGE 3
Nurturing & Reconnection



STAGE 4
Enduring Hope & Future



SITE CONTEXT

The site's proximity to the airport positions it as an accessible landmark for arriving visitors, while its location near the Dahieh area underscores its role as a memorial space reflecting the destruction and resilience experienced during the war.



BRIEF HISTORY

- 1** Founded in 1963 on dunes near Beirut's airport, the Golf Club grew from a 9-hole course into a major sports complex by 1983.
- 2** The site erased important prehistoric industries once preserved in Beirut's sands, linking the club to both leisure and lost archaeology.
- 3** In 1982, the Israeli invasion devastated the grounds, but members and the army rebuilt, restoring and modernizing the facilities.
- 4** Disputed wartime memories, elitism, and its strategic location keep the site politically sensitive.

