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A Room with a View - Generic and specific architecture

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All architecture emerges out of dialectics, but across the field, the nature of these spans a broad range and occurs on numerous levels. HHF is interested in a dialectic that is fundamentally architectural, emerging from the interaction between all different interpretations of context and a recognizable and characteristic form or object.

For HHF, context is anything found during the process of working through a project: it can be physical, cultural, legal, logistical, general, or specific. We interpret these natural and manmade contexts through our position as architects and use these observations in identifying the project direction. Our response then draws on general strategies of object creation that becomes specific as they interact with the site contexts.

In looking at a number of recent and ongoing projects we see how HHF engages that dialectic. They are not by nature embracing the landscape, but competing and negotiating with it to create identity.