

## John Hope Gateway Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh (RBGE)

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**Cladding: Scottish Larch**

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### **Brief description:**

The John Hope Gateway provides a new public face to the Botanic Garden to introduce, orientate and help people plan their time in the Garden, as well as explain its history, significance and the range of work undertaken by RBGE around the world.

The roof floats over the entire building as a single horizontal plane, supported by a diagonal timber roof structure on pencil-thin steel columns. A series of coffered timber bays define each sub-space within the open plan area below.

Vertically lapped, Scottish larch heartwood boards designed for minimal maintenance and easy replacement of the boards. The lap runs in different directions on 3 overlapping layers creating different shadows that draw the eye along the façade.

