

OASIS – The Mindful Lounge

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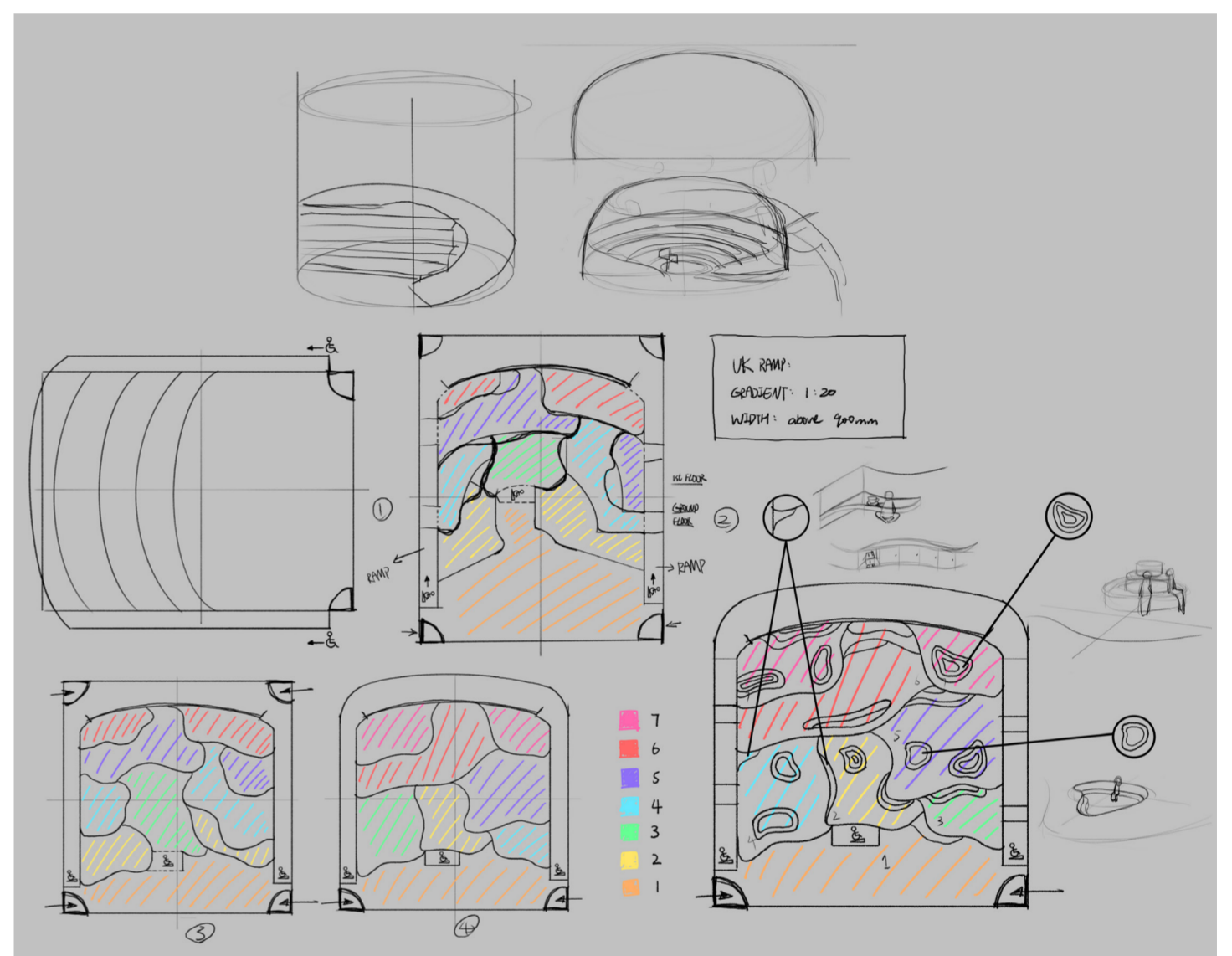
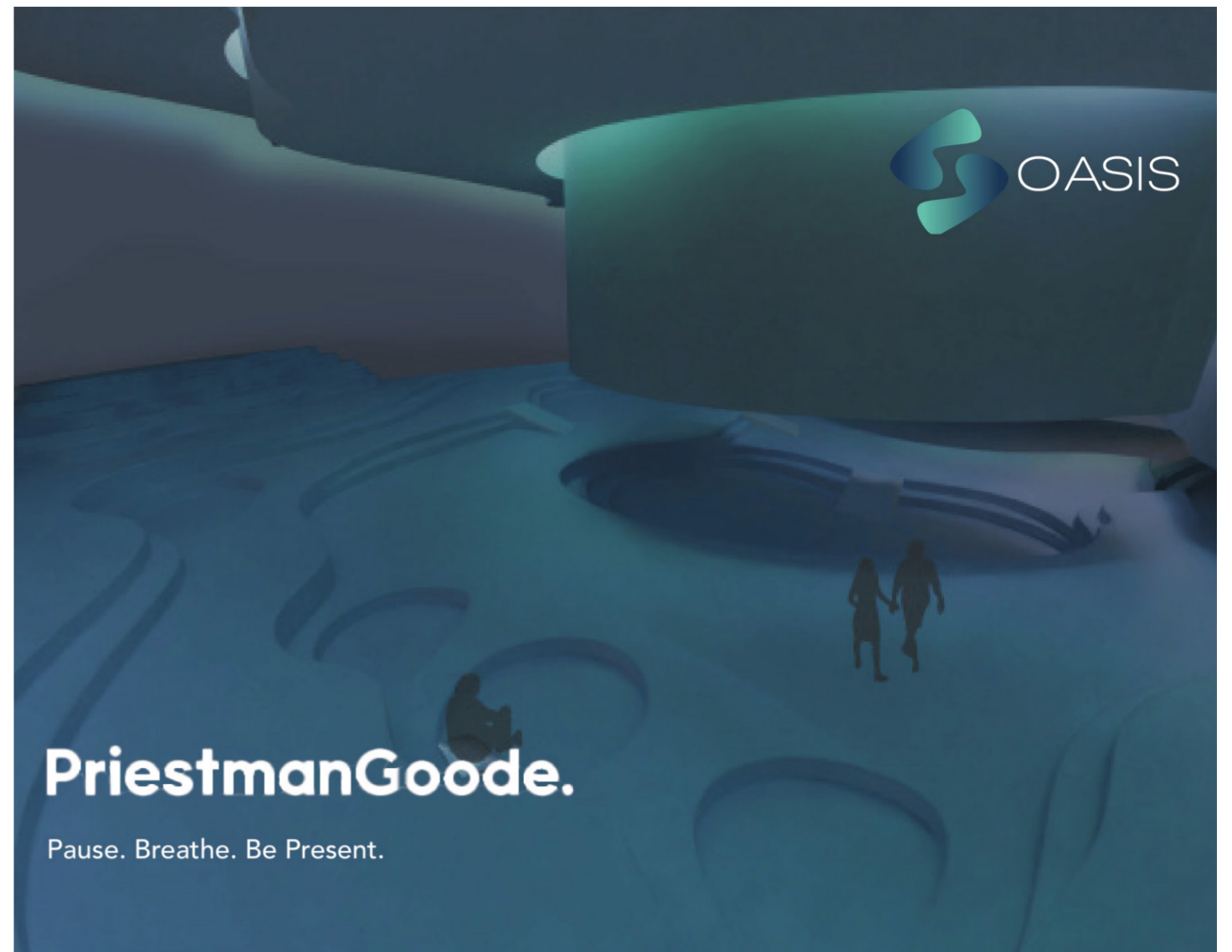
Hi, I am Elsa Kao. I was part of the OASIS – Mindful Lounge group. This mindful lounge offers mindful travellers a space to provoke thinking before their flights, designed to create moments that differ from the traditional airport experience.

The image below shows the individual development, with original group outcome in the top right.

Given the opportunity to further develop this immersible mindful space, I reassessed the process, outcomes and feedback we received. I now approach it with a fresh perspective. Starting with the location and exterior, considered how to refine the space to feel welcoming yet otherworldly – a semi-open space. I then developed floor plans with key considerations such as user journey, accessibility, size and noise levels.

A key modification is the surrounding ramp, which features two flat platforms and doorways on either side, leading to the corresponding level. The rear has also doorways providing access to Level 7. To control noise, the inner space is enclosed with acoustic or soundproof glass.

As this is a new concept for airports, I scaled the design to 15m x 30m (450m²), a suitable size for a soft-opening with an estimated capacity around 45 people. I maximised the space in each section and brought the floors forward. Integrated tables and lockers have been added in corners, allowing travellers to place their food or drinks as a support platform instead of working. Although the design is still being developed, the locker area helps address the issue of limited luggage storage.



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