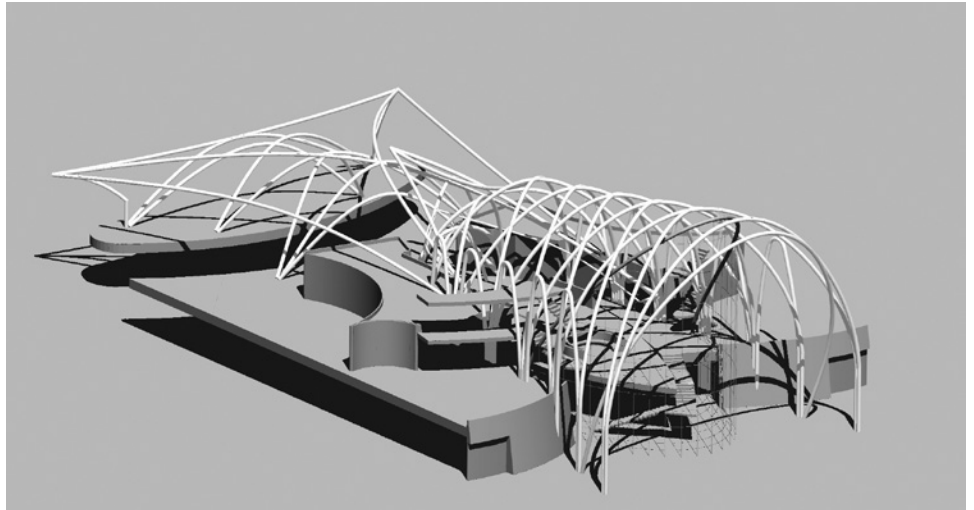


## Disney's Animal Kingdom Vacation Club Lobby

The client desired a distinctive lobby space - intimate yet grand - to connect two new hotel room wings. The lobby would include check-in, retail, a central gathering space with a dramatic view toward the giraffes and zebras roaming the wildlife preserve, access to the restaurant below and connection to the hotel room wings. The design of the lobby, like that of the hotel itself, was to be heavily influenced by western African culture and architecture. Our goals were to translate traditional African ways of making into a contemporary structural solution, and to express that solution honestly (for a client accustomed to concealing structure). An east-west orientation, high-performance glazing and extensive shading assist in making this building one of the highest performing hotels within the list of Florida Green Lodging properties.



# Disney's Animal Kingdom Vacation Club Lobby

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location: Walt Disney World,  
Orlando, Florida  
total sf: 6,000  
completion date: 2009

