

Home for Dependent Elderly People and Nursing Home in Orbec

Location Calvados, France

Site area 33,260m²

Bldg. area 5,833m²

Total floor area 4,410m²

Design Dominique Coulon & associés

Design participation Dominique Coulon (lead architect), Benjamin Rocchi (lead architect) David Romero-Uzeda, Olivier Nicollas, Chang Zhang, Javier Gigosos Ruipérez, Pedro Rodríguez Ruipérez, Ania Klukowski, Gautier Dutoit

Landscape design Bruno Kubler

Structural engineer Batiserf Ingénierie

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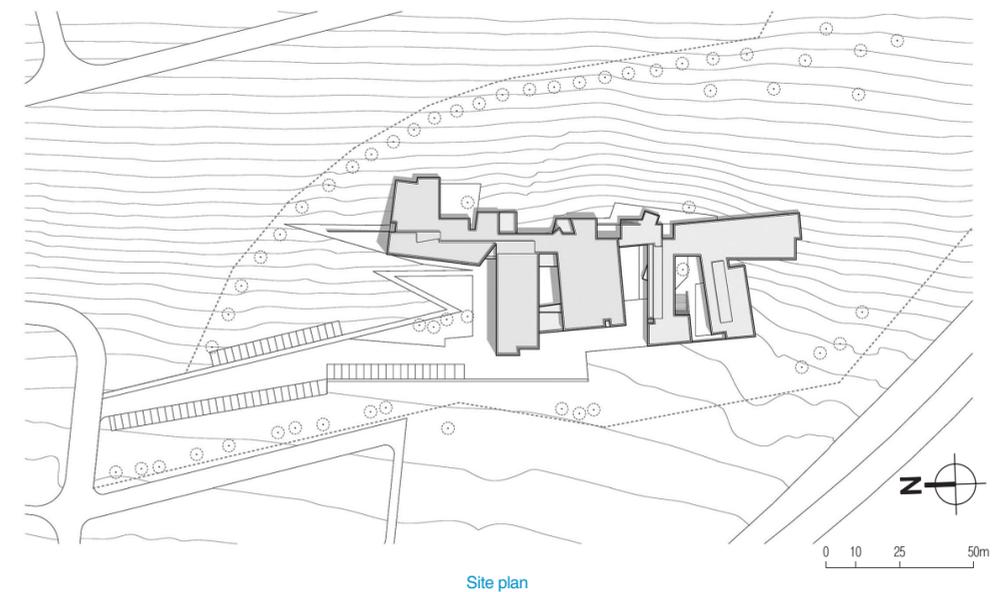
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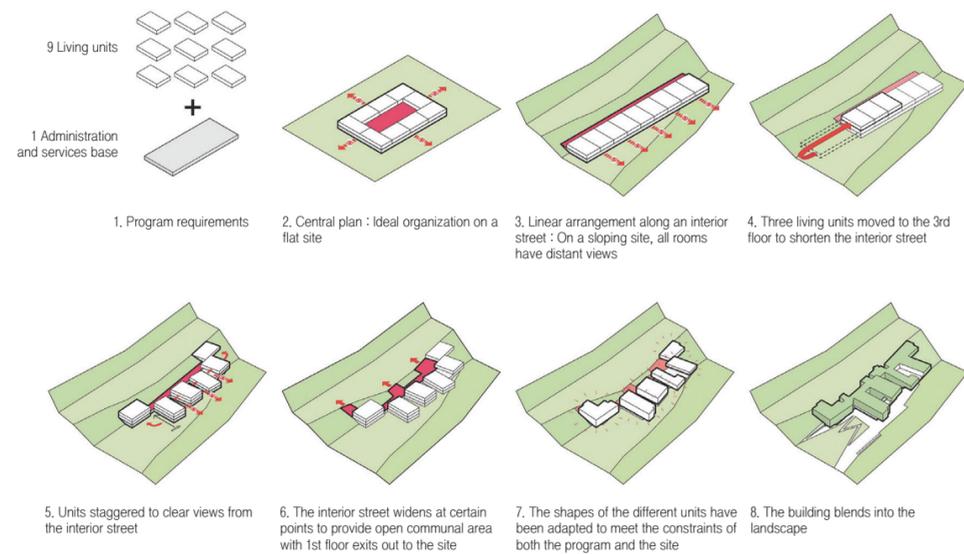
This care and retirement home has been built in the heart of the Normandy bocage near the village of Orbec. The building follows the sloping curve of the hillside, and is visible from the valley.

To reduce the visual impact of this imposing building, we felt it preferable to divide it up. We achieved the desired effect by using the colour green, with the result that the building both blends into the larger landscape and reflects the rural nature of the site. The under-faces of the overhangs and the white walls of the base produce a feeling of lightness.

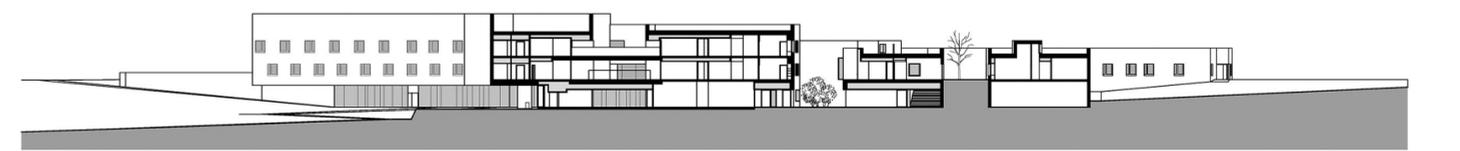
Each of the living units fits into one section of the building, and all are connected to a south-facing street, backed by the hill. This arrangement gives views through the building from one side to the other, with light punctuating the traffic routes and achieving maximum variety. The colour red destructures the space and adds dynamic. We have avoided using the conventional colours of the hospital environment.

The building has been designed to enhance the living and walking areas. Its strength lies in its relationship with the landscape.





Diagram



Longitudinal section

0 5 10 25m



Transverse section

0 5 10 25m



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3rd floor plan

- 1. Main reception lobby
- 2. activity room
- 3. Workshop
- 4. Special treatment and activity unit
- 5. Snoezelen relaxing space
- 6. Nursing service
- 7. Administration
- 8. Kitchen
- 9. Pharmacy
- 10. Laundry
- 11. Nursing home lobby
- 12. Nursing home entrance
- 13. Technical rooms
- 14. Garden
- 15. Nursing home main entrance
- 16. Nursing home units
- 17. Alzheimer units
- 18. Physiotherapy
- 19. Hairdressing
- 20. Snoezelen relaxing space
- 21. Lower interior street
- 22. Alzheimer unit enclosed garden
- 23. Residents promenade
- 24. Terrace
- 25. Opening over the courtyard
- 26. Upper interior street
- 27. Void over the 1st floor



1st floor plan



2nd floor plan



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