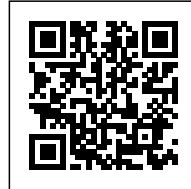




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This care and retirement home was built in the heart of the Normandy bocage, near the village of Orbec. The building follows the sloping curve of the hillside and is visible from the valley.

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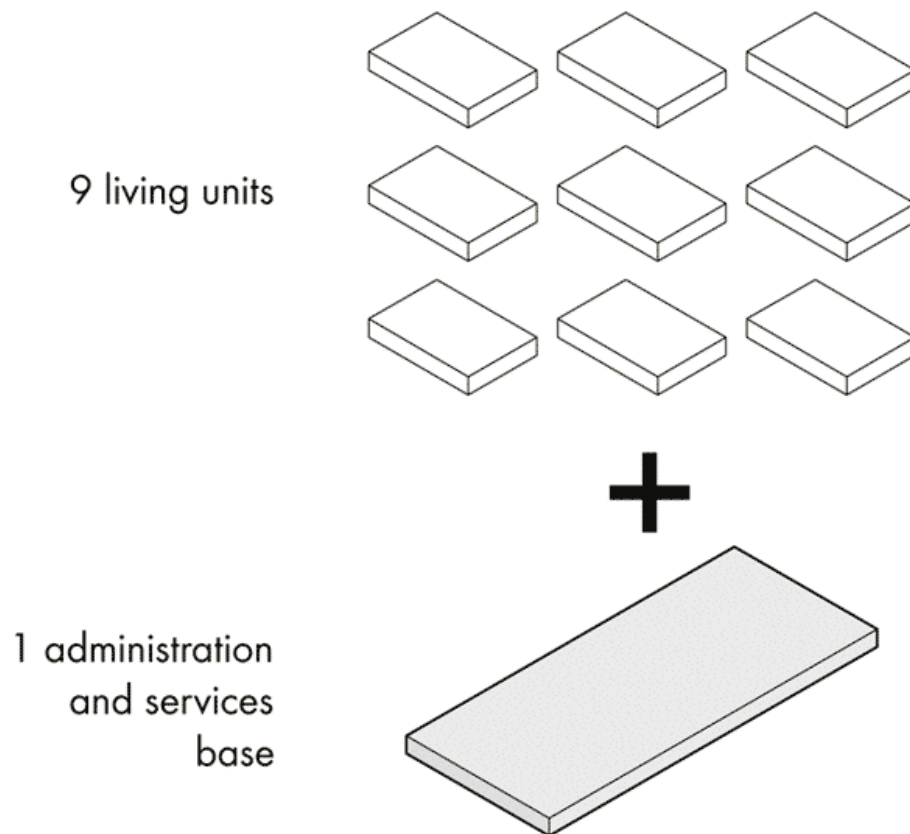
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To reduce the visual impact of this imposing building, we felt it preferable to divide it up. We achieved the desired effect by using the color green, with the result that the building both blends into the larger landscape and reflects the rural nature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



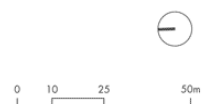
1. programme requirements

Diagrams

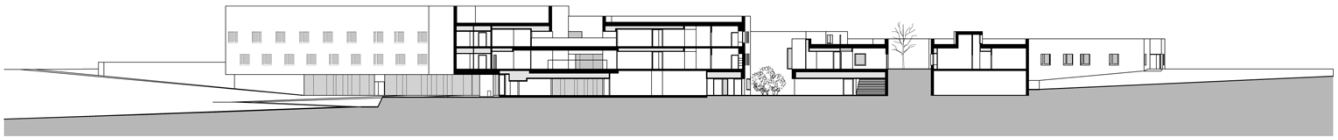
site plan



home for dependent elderly people and a nursing home in Orbec
115-beds unit



Plans



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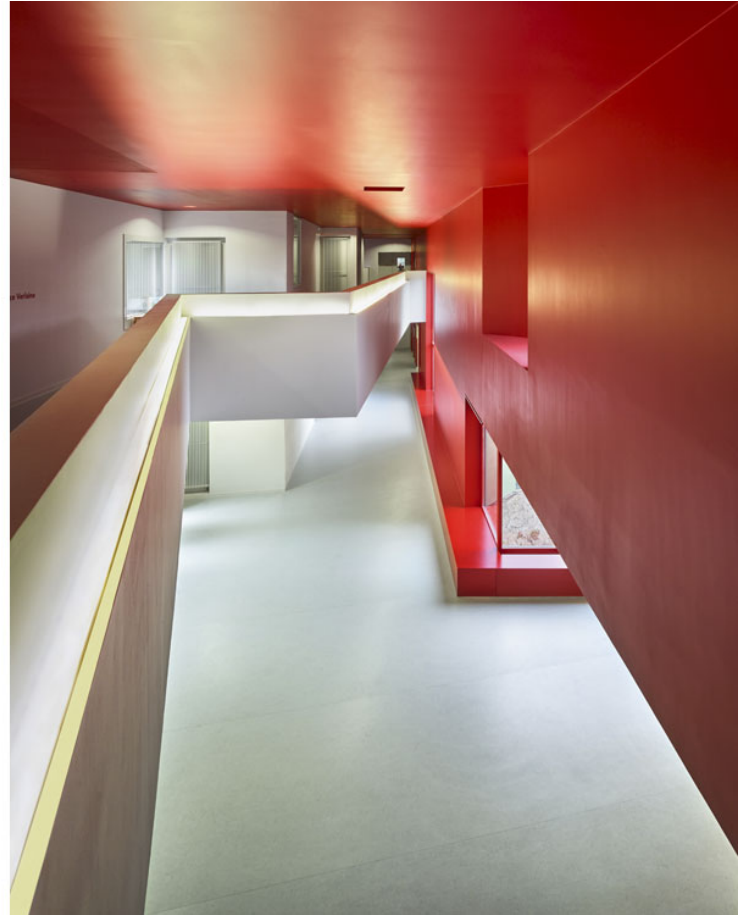
Sections

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 provides views through the building from one side to the other, with light punctuating the traffic routes and achieving maximum variety. The color red deconstructs the space and adds dynamism. We avoided using the conventional colors of a hospital environment.

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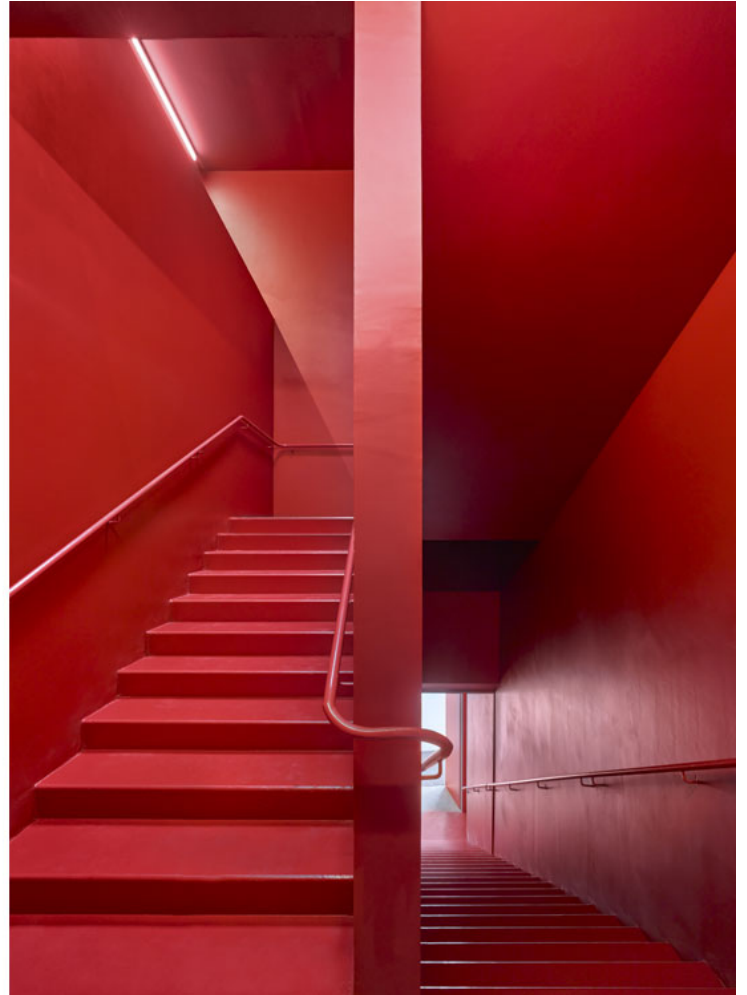


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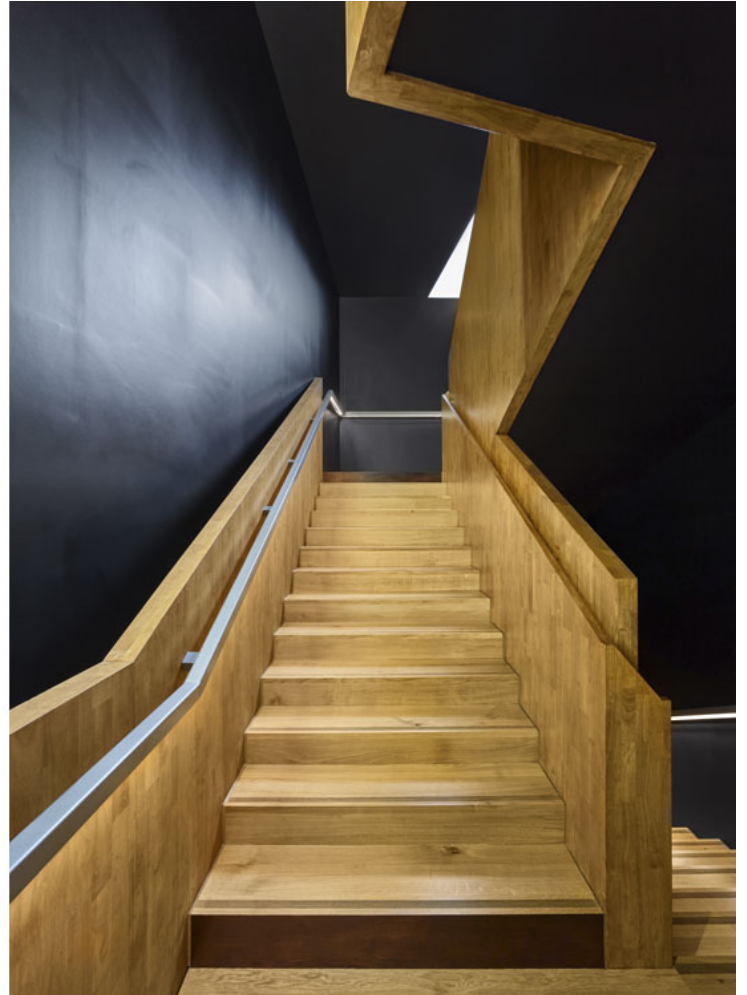
The building has been designed to enhance the living and walking areas. Its strength lies in its relationship with the landscape.

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