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Rather than propose a single box to house every activity and program, this project conceives of the foundation as two interconnected boxes with twin courtyards.

The two boxes shift along the site to optimize views and solar access while preserving the site perimeter for future expansion and public green space. At strategic moments, the boxes melt into the hillside; at other moments, they frame the street and create urban density at the city’s edge. Two exterior courtyards carve into each box’s interior, providing light and air as well as outdoor terraces for the café and nursery. Weaving together the two boxes, the building’s floor plates flow as a continuous ramp into a double helix. Responding to the site’s slope, the ramp splits into multiple stories, and allows multiple perspectives out onto the landscape. By forming two loops, the ramp ensures no department is isolated socially, and in turn, allows an expanded range of public and private experiences.

PROJECT
Foundation workshops, nursery, café, restaurant, offices, apartment

TYPE
Competition

SIZE
5,421 m² (58,115 ft²)

CLIENT
Foundation Les Oliviers

LOCATION
Mont-sur-Lausanne, Switzerland

VALUE
$12 million

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