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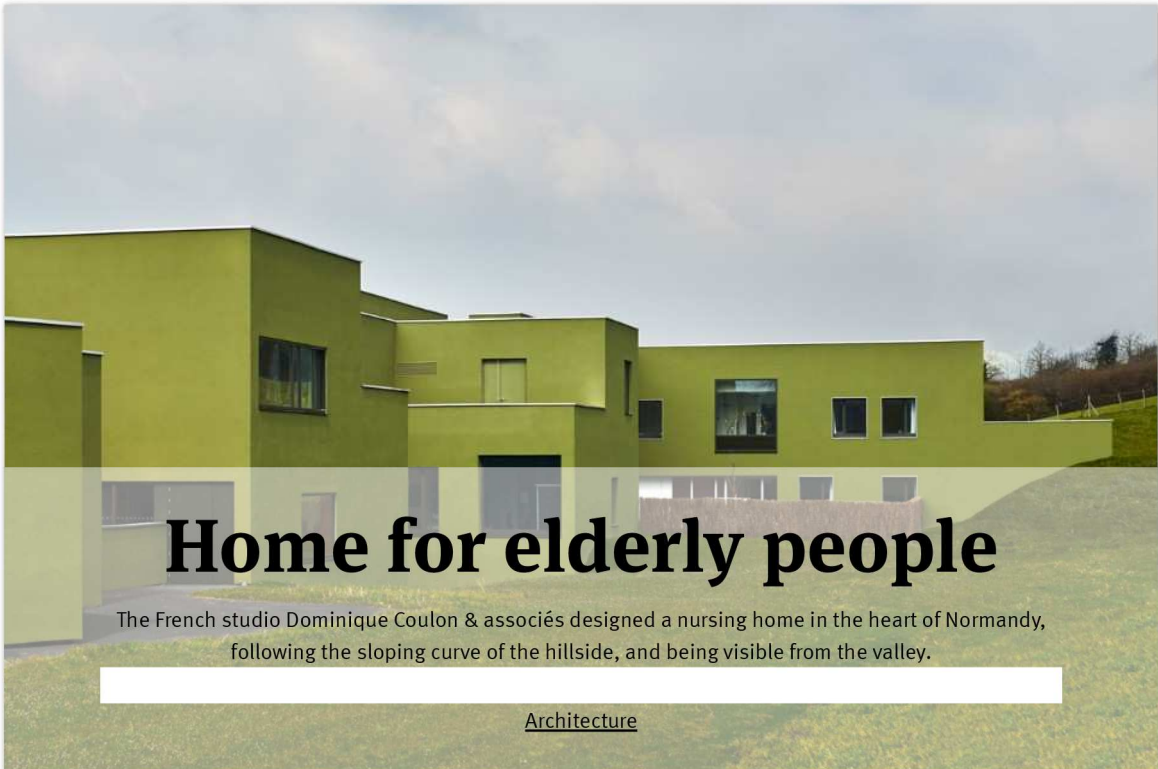
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This care and retirement home has been built in the heart of the Normandy bocage near the village of Orbec. The building follows the sloping curve of the hillside, and is visible from the valley. To reduce the visual impact of this imposing building, Dominique Coulon felt it preferable to divide it up.



Dominique Coulon & associés, Home for dependent elderly people, Orbec, 2015

Architects 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.



Dominique Coulon & associés, Home for dependent elderly people, Orbec, 2015

Each of the living units fits into one section of the building, and all are connected to a south-facing street, backed



Dominique Coulon & associés, Home for dependent elderly people, Orbec, 2015

Architects have avoided using the conventional colours of the hospital environment, the colour red used in the interiors deconstructs the space and adds dynamic. The building has been designed to enhance the living and walking areas. Its strength lies in its relationship with the landscape.



Dominique Coulon & associés, Home for dependent elderly people, Orbec, 2015

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Home for dependent elderly people and nursing home, Orbec, France

Architect: [Dominique Coulon & associés](#) – Dominique Coulon, Benjamin Rocchi

Collaborators: David Romero-Uzeda, Olivier Nicollas, Chang Zhang, Javier Gigoso Ruipérez, Pedro Rodríguez Ruipérez, Ania Klukowski, Gautier Duthoit

Structural Engineering: Batiserf Ingénierie

Landscape: Bruno Kubler

Electrical Engineer: BET G.Jost

Cost Estimator: E3 économie

Acoustics: Euro sound project

Area: 5833 sqm

Completion: 2015

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