## **Foundation Domus Office**

## meyer françois architecture

Location

Ardon, Switzerland

Completion

2009

Client

**Fondation Domus** 

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Type of use

Office

106 m<sup>2</sup> Gross floor area

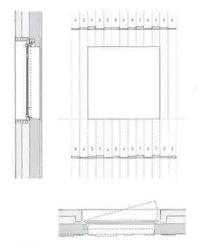
Concrete used Self-compacting concrete

Admixture used

Oxide pigments

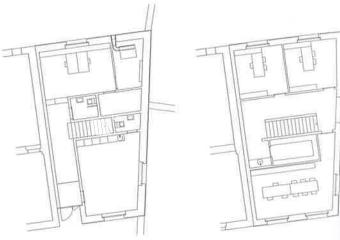
**Photos** 

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- ↑ Detail drawing façade
- ↓ South side with entrance

Located in the village center, the old hotel and its annexes were transformed to become a venue for adults with mental disabilities. Identity was established through an even brown color, which integrates the rural context. A central courtyard was planted to create a garden. The old barn was rebuilt in concrete to hold the administration center. According to the building legislation, the new building had to replicate the original volume exactly. Its strength and monolithic appearance is tempered by the iridescent color of the concrete, obtained by means of iron oxide pigments and cladding elements of raw timber boards with different thicknesses, which are subtly ironically reminiscent of barns. It was built based on the Minergie label norms.



↑ Ground and first floor plan









↑ Interior view staircase and hallway







↑ Detail façade← East façade





↑ Site before construction

↓ North side

