Cité des Affaires
Saint-Etienne

The site of this project is a vital liaison point between the center of Saint-Etienne and the new Châteaucreux neighborhood. The idea is to develop a long ‘continuum’ on the site to interact with adjacent streets, a linear construction that rears up and unfolds but also hugs the ground line to form a low accessible building. The principle behind this continuum is to imagine a set of ‘communicating parts’ that enable the user administrations to merge into a whole, and to evolve according to their needs. The absence of breaks in surfaces will ensure that things remain open-ended, with the possibility of extending or reducing space. This dual treatment obeys a simple logic, which aims at expressing clarity in folds. Depending on these movements, the yellow underside is either a floating canopy or an interior vertical wall, accompanying internal pedestrian movements with its rich luminous presence.
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6 | Section
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