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## FORUM IN SAINT-LOUIS BY MANUELLE GAUTRAND ARCHITECTURE

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Located in Saint-Louis (Alsace, France) in the "Three Borders" region and in the inner suburb of Basel, the "Forum" is a 5.713 sqm cultural facilities designed to host associative, sporting and cultural events.



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The wish was to create a unified project, playing on both the multiplicity of the connected volumes, and on a global homogeneous design. The building, made of 13 distinct volumes assembled in one big puzzle at the center of the site, is a harmonious answer to the surrounding individual houses.



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In the same time, the choice of a unique material for the whole building – a copper-colored expanded metal – makes it original equipment and a landmark in the city of Saint-Louis.



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The inspiration has come from the context, which combines big orangey interlocking tile roofs with some industrial brick chimneys reminding the industrial past of the site.



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Inside the building, the spaces flexibility is maximal: two main adjustable subspaces have been created.



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The Great Hall (1.870 sqm), dedicated to host sport practice, competitions, shows, concerts or fairs, can be adapted thanks to a mobile bleacher and a set of retractable sliding partitions.

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