



Renovating Le Lignon

The renewal of an iconic Swiss housing estate

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- Fully illustrated with approximately 150 images and 100 plans and sketches
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