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The social centre of L'Arbrisseau is located in the south of Lille, an area that is undergoing radical redevelopment. There is a clear political ambition and the varied urban landscape offers great potential. This is a tight-knit community: people born in L'Arbrisseau often spend their whole lives here. The challenge of this project is to embody the sense of renewal as well as the community spirit. The building was designed taking into account the advice of the population and the city council. Users wished for their final project: an aquarium, a reception desk, a library and a tree, the symbol of their neighborhood, which is called l'Arbrisseau (arbre is French for tree). And so they got a tree—a 12-metre tree of life with a terrace nestling on each level and a panoramic viewpoint at its tip.