When the waves and environment are in focus

Biarritz has always had a strong relationship with the omnipresent Atlantic Ocean. For more than four decades, surfing has been a deep-rooted element of the local culture, and has produced an image and lifestyle that is intimately linked to an active environmental approach and marine culture.

Steven Holl couldn’t have found a better location to realize his Cité de l’Océan et du surf – scientifically, physically or meteorologically. The inverted arch that overlooks the large exhibition hall symbolizes the motion of the sea and gives the building a unique architectonic expression. Using environmentally friendly acoustical solutions from Fellert, consideration has also been taken to both present and future generations.

Project summary:

• Focus on green solutions
• Solely hard materials and large surfaces
• Unique architectonic expression

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