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Location: Palo Alto, CA

In an effort to enliven the building and contribute to the accessibility of the city, the architects collaborated with city officials, the public of Palo Alto, and private agencies. To give back to the community, the form of the building is set back from the sidewalk and neighboring buildings to create pedestrian friendly access and enhance daylight. In addition, the new building reveals the structure such as the concrete, but rather than harsh and brutal, the effect is warm and intriguing. The subterranean basement level, based on a nightclub, is surreal yet intriguing with its unique concrete formwork and sculpted ceiling. In contrast, the upper level is more of a living space with groupings of couches and long "picnic" style tables. The exterior elements of the building reach out to greet pedestrians and encourage them to enter, while the interior building elements engage the users and persuade them to return.

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Architect: Joseph Bellomo Architects, Inc.

Contractor: 102 Workshop, Inc./ SC Builders Inc. (Interior)

Client: Circle Palo Alto, LLC

