

UNBOUNDED

Silicon Valley has freed the world from the bounds of time and of space. It deserves a symbol that does nothing less.

UNBOUNDED celebrates a region whose essence is continuous transformation. What better expression than the Möbius strip, a mathematical form that transitions seamlessly from inside to outside, that has neither front nor back? The Möbius strip sees an end in every beginning and a beginning in every end.

UNBOUNDED consists of two Möbius forms in contrapuntal harmony: an accessible path that rises in a continuous curve to embrace a vertical sculpture that is physically stationary but visually dynamic. Capturing the attention of pedestrians, office workers, and travelers by road, rail, and air, **UNBOUNDED** honors both the constant rhythms of nature and the pulse of technological change.

Like the Möbius strip that inspires it, **UNBOUNDED** puzzles and perplexes, charms and delights. Defying expectations, it offers no privileged point of view. The tourist, fresh from a visit to the San Jose Museum of Art, enters into a living artwork; the commuter, disembarking at Diridon Station, is struck by its ingenuity; the sports fan, emerging from the SAP Center, sees in it the fluidity of a skater on ice. **UNBOUNDED** is not a static monument to be looked at, but a civic experience to be felt, enjoyed, and engaged.

German has a word, *Wandeln*, that captures both walking and thinking; the French speak of the *flâneur*, strolling the boulevards of Paris with no destination but the ever-changing panorama of the city itself. In the same spirit, **UNBOUNDED** invites the public to ascend a gentle grade, pause for a moment of reflection above the confluence of the Guadalupe River and the Los Gatos Creek, and return, calmed by the beauty of nature and energized by the vitality of urban life.

Mathematicians describe the Möbius strip as “unorientable,” but that does mean it is *dis*-orienting. A variety of amenities impart a humanscale to the **UNBOUNDED** experience: encircled by the loop, restaurants invite visitors to refresh themselves and boutique shops offer them an assortment of themed mementos: Möbius-inspired learning toys for children; a coffee mug with a Möbius handle; a chic scarf, twisted in a Möbius loop. The unbounded Möbius form, already familiar to users of Google Drive, Adobe Acrobat, and recycling bins the world over, will become the enduring symbol of San Jose, Silicon Valley, and our culture of restless innovation and perpetual renewal.