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«FROM DETAIL TO WHOLE»
DOOR HANDLES BY OLIVARI IN DIALOGUE WITH ARCHITECTURE

BROWNBAG-LUNCH WITH HERZOG & DE MEURON
SCHWEIZER BAUMUSTER-CENTRALE ZÜRICH
THURSDAY, 10 DECEMBER 2026, 12:15 PM

Door handles, the first encounter with a space, have long been subject of experimentation and innovation. Differing in materiality, shape, ergonomics, and haptic, they are in direct relation with the architectural whole and a signifier of a designer's language style or approach. Over the last three decades, Herzog & de Meuron has developed and tested numerous prototypes at its premises in Basel. Ascan Mergenthaler (Senior Partner) and Rebecca Roberts (Lead Objects, Senior Architect) will present their experiments with materials for projects including Helvetia in St. Gallen, 14 Rooms and Helsinki Drespitz in Basel, as well as the Kramlich Residence. They will then explain how the collaboration with Olivari led to the recently launched «Basel» collection.

For over a century Olivari's collaborations with architects and designers have shaped a comprehensive range of door handles, bringing architectural ideas, material research and expertise into dialogue. Through proprietary manufacturing facilities in Italy, it combines technological innovation with craftsmanship and design culture. Antonio Olivari (CEO) will reflect on the company's collaborations with architects such as Gio Ponti, Luigi Caccia Dominioni, Joe Colombo, Alessandro Mendini, and on to Zaha Hadid Architects, Snøhetta, and OMA. Through this conversation and the ongoing exhibition «Most Touched» he will explore a culture of exchange, focusing on Herzog & de Meuron's own design journey and on how each collaboration offers a distinct perspective on an everyday gesture.

Expert Presentation with Brownbag-Lunch
Thursday, 10 December 2026,
12:15 – 1:15 PM

Speakers
Ascan Mergenthaler
Senior Partner, Herzog & de Meuron

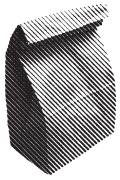
Rebecca Roberts
Lead Objects, Senior Architect, Herzog & de Meuron

Antonio Olivari
CEO, Olivari

Registration for the Opening
Admission is free, but places are limited. Please register by 8 December 2026 through our website or the QR code.

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