

PHOTOGRAPHY

# Siliconless

Silicon Valley during the shutdown: empty campuses and open roads.

MY ROLE

Photography · Creative Direction · Editing

FORMAT

Photography · Visual essay



THE IDEA

Look at Silicon Valley through its empty campuses, open roads, and interrupted routines.

IN THIS PROJECT

Photographs · The essay · Research

CONTEXT

Deserted headquarters, open roads, and epic emptiness: what happens to the most restless, workaholic, and AI-driven place on earth when the whole world is forced to slow down? But most importantly: should we ever go back to before?

While countless cities, regions, and nations around the world have tried and failed to recreate the economic dynamism of Silicon Valley for more than half a century, the reality is not nearly so mystical. Homelessness in the Valley has become a front-page story again in part because of the spread of COVID-19. The past couple of years have seen people burned out by the pressure of having to live and work at breakneck speed 24-7, fleeing the area in favor of modern, more human-centered tech hubs like Boulder, Madison, and Dallas.