



Mediatheque
Mont de Marsan

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Communauté
d'agglomération
du Marsan



Pressbook



Overall Leaf Award 2013
& Public building of the year, Culture

A treasure inside

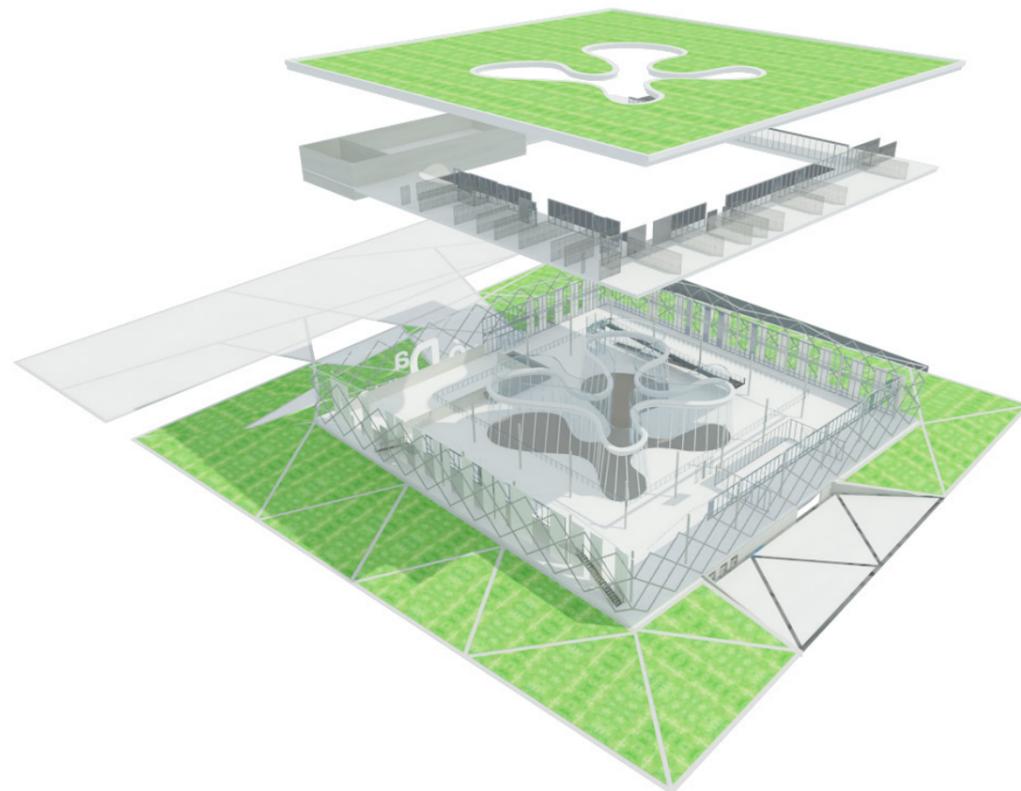
The Media Library is a strong cultural symbol for the Marsan urban area. It is a place of discovery, gatherings and exchanges for its users. It is a visible, distinctive building without being overpowering.

The Media Library stands in the middle of the Bosquet barracks, and care has been taken to augment the dialogue with the place's strong architectural whole. With its clean envelope of pure geometric lines, a 197 ft x 197 ft square,

the building complies with the classical layout yet contrasts with its austerity by offsetting the system with a corner opening onto the city. Its façades reflect the surrounding barracks like a respectful, deferential mirror.

The building has been designed as a covered cultural square by making the façades transparent and the floor uniform, also through its position in the middle of the barracks.

This design is read by extending the planted roof



Exploded view



to make it seem to be hovering above the ground. The grassy incline that surrounds the building draws the eye upwards, then gives way to alternating transparent and reflecting glass façades.

The Media Library's central location in the military drill

yard inspired a building with four main sides, varying from one another by simply adapting to the direction they face. The Media Library confirms its identity from whatever angle it is viewed. At night it becomes a lantern that brings the square to life, turning it into an inviting, open and transparent space.

Aerial view



The interior space on the ground floor is completely open and centres around a patio, the design of which has been inspired by Matisse's paintings of acanthus leaves, and the volumes of which recall Alvar Aalto's vases.

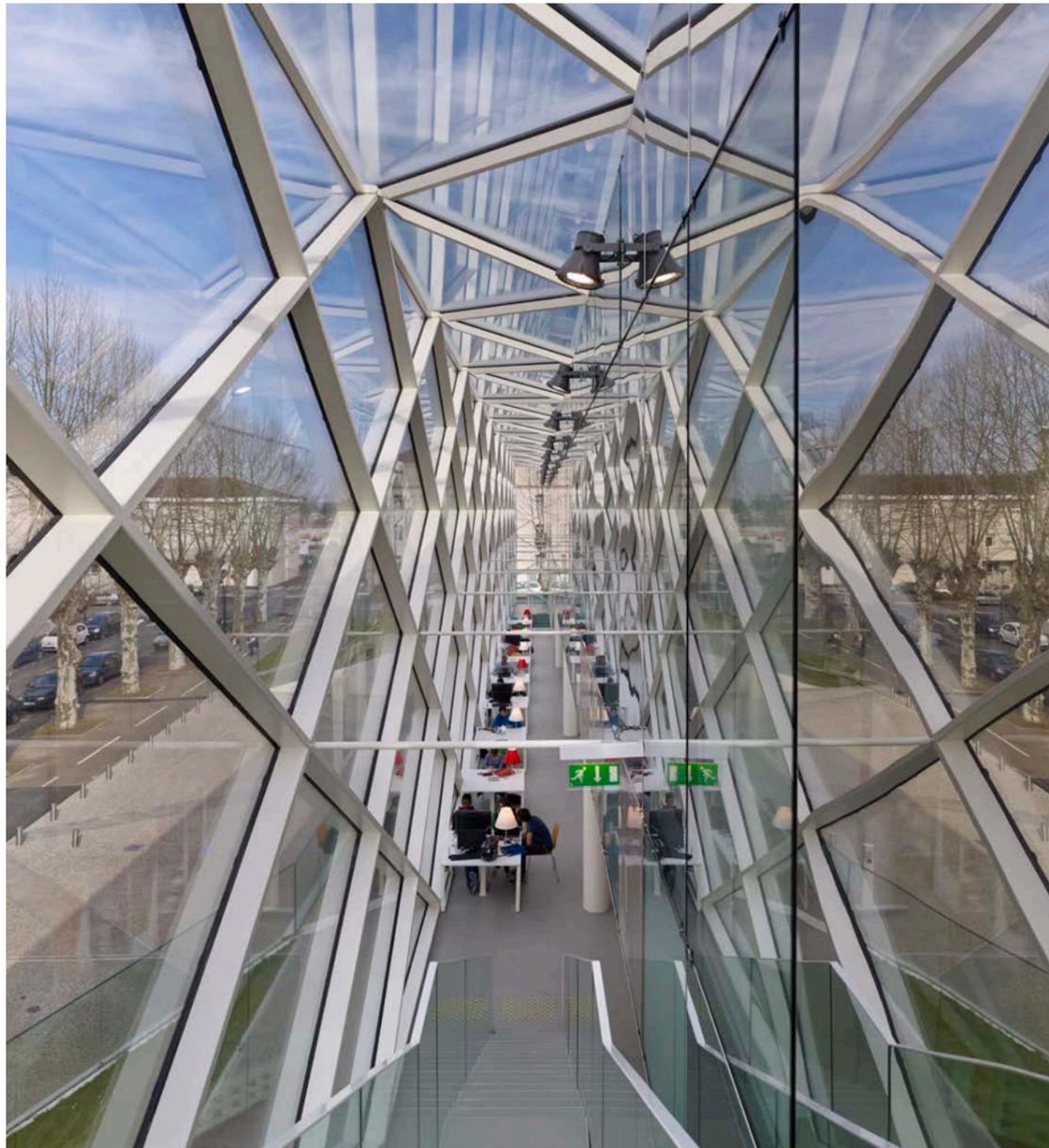
The various functions are organised naturally on the open floor space, which maintains visual continuity and diffuses daylight evenly. It is the first patio used by a Media Library as an open reading room.

It is a place that provides a relaxed, contemplative

atmosphere for its users. User intimacy is created by the strong architectural elements that inspire visual interplay.

It may well be this «surprise», almost hidden, patio that makes the building so popular with the public•

Double skin



Technical facts

Client : Communauté d'agglomération du Marsan

Architects : archi5 associated with Borja Huidobro

Program : Construction of a Mediatheque, conference hall. Conception of the furnitures and the signage. Underground car park.

Adress : Caserne Bosquet, Mont de Marsan, France

Surface : 4 750 m²

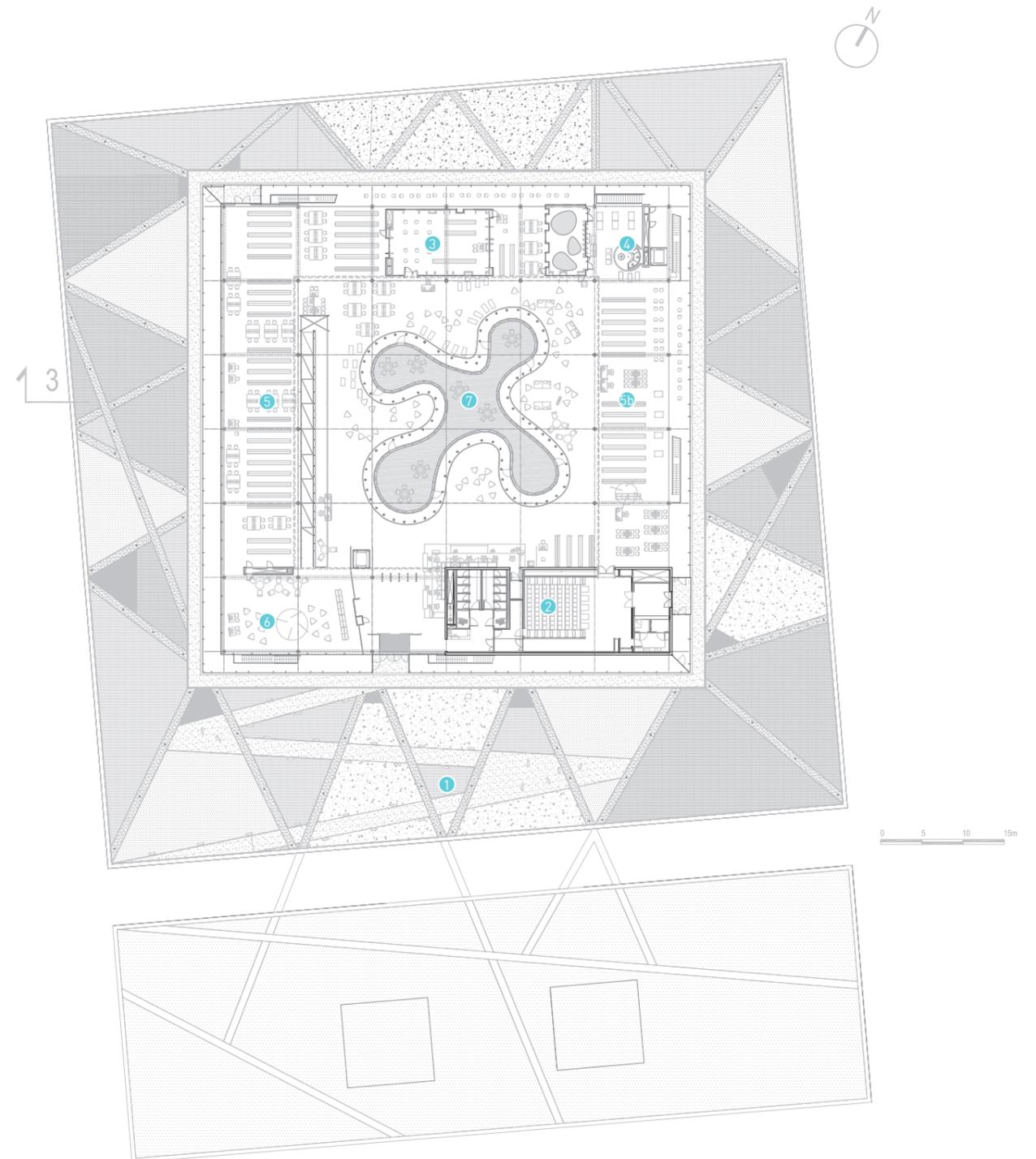
Cost : 12 309 000 € Excl. Tax.

Timetable : Competition prize winner June 2007 - Opening Nov. 2012

Photograph : Communauté d'agglomération du Marsan, Gaston F. Bergeret, Didier Boy de la Tour.

Engineer, economist : Mizrahi

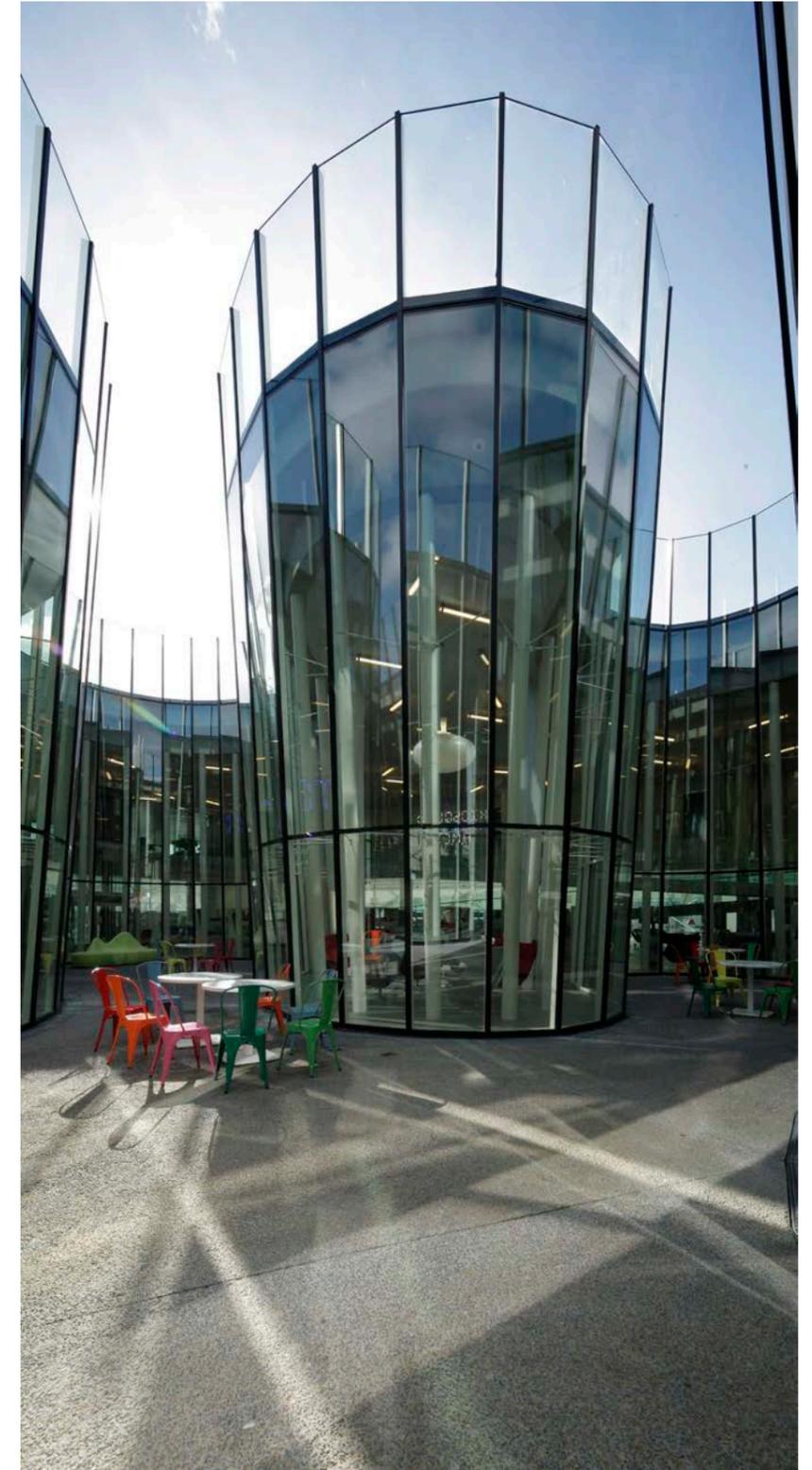
Acoustic designer : Tisseyre & Associés



Ground floor plan

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|---------------------|------------------|
| 1 - Parvis | 5 - Adults space |
| 2 - Auditorium | 5b - Youth space |
| 3 - Patrimony space | 6 - Kiosk |
| 4 - Colombier | 7 - Patio |

Patio



Reading spaces



«We regard the library as one of the very finest public buildings across the globe we have seen in recent years, one we expect will be long-lasting, a much loved asset and source of optimism for the city. »

Extract of the judges report LEAF Awards 2013.
Overall winner and Public Culture building of the year

South view

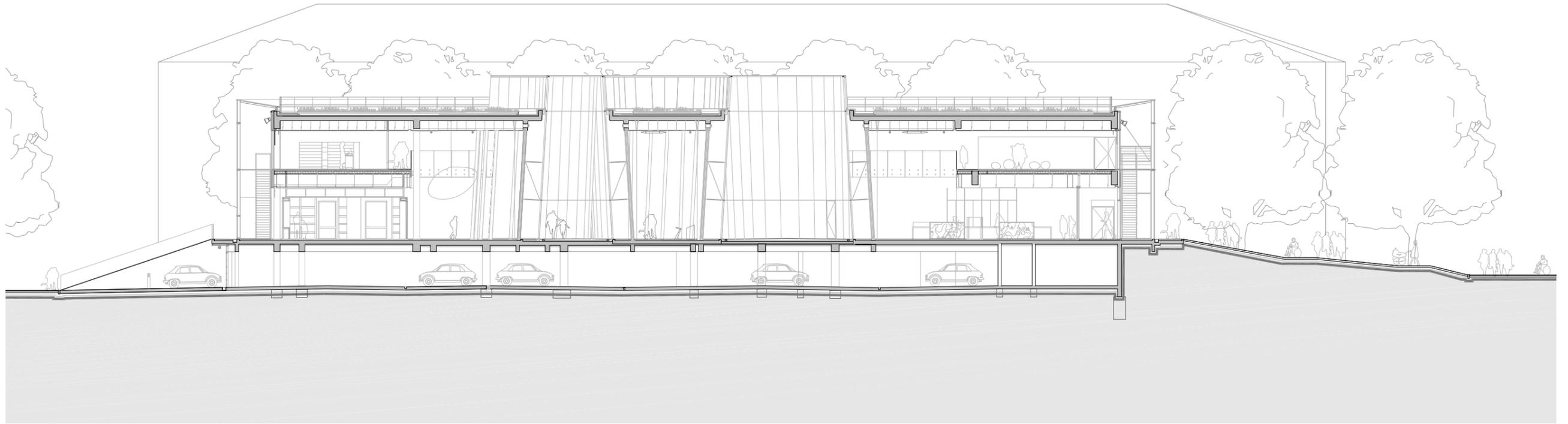


Access to 1st
floor

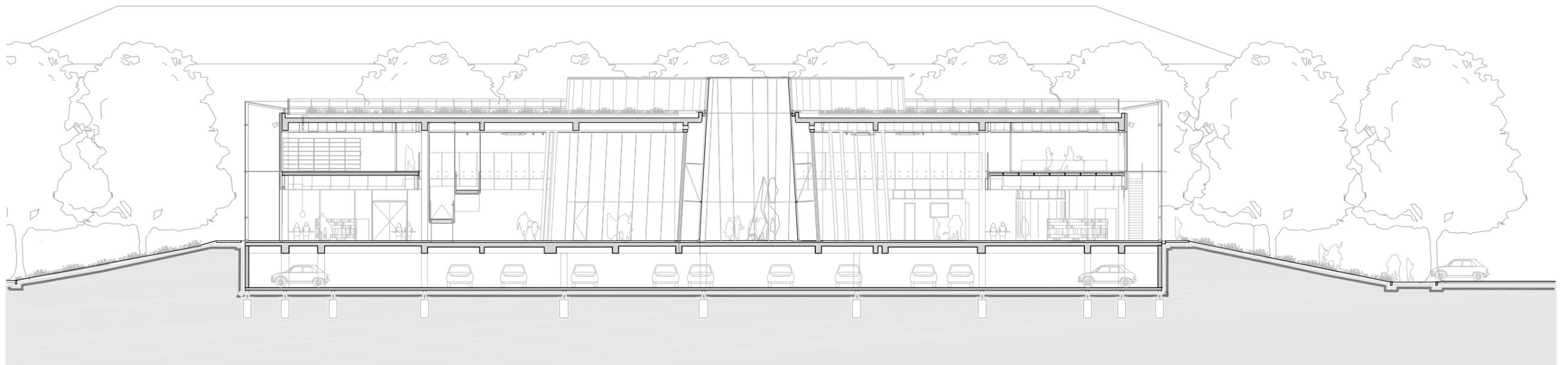


Auditorium





Sections



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archi5 studio



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The singular in plural.

archi5 was founded in 2003, the fruit of its founders' common agency experience and the approach they share to architecture.

A context-based approach to projects is key : the site, the programme, the social and cultural challenges are all examined, analyzed and compared. These data are then transformed into questions.

The projects offer a dynamic and comprehensive response to those issues to the highest standard that has come to be archi5's trademark.

This approach is visible, legible in every building. It confers meaning and form and is perceptible in the projects' applications, spaces and environmental impact. It is the essence of our confidence in architecture, its capacity to enhance humankind's environment.

The agency uses its acumen and know-how to instill this ethos throughout and to guarantee its continuity. archi5 has a staff of 35 working out of Paris and Warsaw. Establishing strategic links with the best technical partners and expert consultants the agency further develops its skills.

The success archi5 has achieved in public contract tenders and the private sector has allowed the agency to expand its horizons beyond Europe. archi5 currently has big urban development projects in train in Argentina and Brazil and a Museum in Rabat.

We propose an interpretation of a form of architecture that is sensitive to the challenges it deals with, mindful of those who will live with and in it, ambitious in its convictions.

Recent and future projects



Marcel Sembat high school, Sotteville lès Rouen
Haute Normandie District
12 764 m²
35 320 318 € Excl. Tax.
Completion 2011



Léo Lagrange Stadium, Toulon
Toulon Provence Méditerranée
4 500 m² SHON, 42 000 m² sport grounds
27 888 000 € Excl. Tax.
Completion early 2013



University sports centre, Villetaneuse
Paris XIII University, Villetaneuse
4 182 m²
2 989 000 € Excl. Tax.
Completion 2011



Groupe scolaire Lamoricière, Paris
Ville de Paris
3 180 m² SHON
7 165 000 € HT
Livraison sept. 2011



Multisports complex, Antony
City of d'Antony
3 989 m²
9 765 000 € Excl. Tax.
Completion 2011
In association with Tecnova architecture



57 Dwellings, Cugnaux
GOTHAM
5 060 m²
6 700 000 € Excl. Tax.
Completion 4th quarter of 2014



Louise Michel high school, Clichy /s Bois
Seine Saint Denis Department
9 043 m²
31 000 000 € Excl. Tax.
Completion 2014



Louise Michel & Louis Aragon high schools, Gisors
Haute Normandie District
19 150 m²
20 989 919 € Excl. Tax.
Completion 2014



J. Verne school, Châtenay Malabry
City of Châtenay Malabry
10 063 m²
19 555 335 € Excl. Tax.
Completion 2016



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