

Press release



„New Law Courts“, Caen, France
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Fundamental and transparent

„New Law Courts“ | Caen, Frankreich

Paris, August 2016 – The law courts of Caen redefines a new domain of urban planning in the centre of the City. The original design from the office of Christian Hauvette& associés was revised by Baumschlager Eberle Architectes together with the Atelier Pierre Champenois a former partner of Christian Hauvette.

It comes with a simple geometry which comprises several duties and responsibilities: the cube underlines the importance of jurisdiction by the means of its architectural form. The fundamental necessity of justice and the elementary methods of architecture correspond with each other as is the long tradition in Europe. The cube also clearly reflects its location and surroundings. The building and its public spaces constitute a self-confident district within an area which is under development.

An orthogonal pattern constitutes the base for the internal organisation of the law courts. The main rooms are adjacent to the facades; the corridors throughout the building always terminate at the facades. This results in good lighting and comfortable working areas. But this pattern involves more than a pragmatic and optimized organisation

of the building – it involves an experience of interior space. The circular centre spans all 5 floors; it is the heart of the law courts, a landmark and also a parameter for the interior area. A horizontal band highlights the first floor where the court rooms are located. In so doing, the new law courts of Caen in Northern France communicate a message both to its users and to pedestrians: transparency, stringent shape and essential architectural means. Therefore it is not so far away from what a European civilisation expects from jurisdiction. But our civilisation today expects even more from a building – it should simply add to the longevity of our world.

The buildings sustainable strategy is driven by two axis: the project offers both high comfort to the users and optimal energy performance. The passive and active strategies ensure the building achieves low energy consumption: a very compact volume, a double skin façade system and a bioclimatic atrium which helps to reduce heat loss while increasing thermal inertia. This project is part of the Ministry of Justice’s goals to provide the courts a contemporary environment, corresponding to the current requirements of functionality, safety and serenity, while providing optimal public reception conditions.

Facts & Figures

<p>Building type public administration</p>	<p>Architect Baumschlager Eberle Architectes 7, rue Debelleye Paris, F</p>	<p>Site area 9.000 m²</p>	<p>Competition 2011-12</p>
<p>Location Rue Dumont d’Urville, Caen, F</p>	<p>Project lead Anne Speicher</p>	<p>Building footprint 2.097 m²</p>	<p>Start of planning 2012</p>
<p>Client Ministère de la Justice, APIJ Paris, F Cicobail, Caisse d’Epargne Normandie Charenton-le-Pont, F</p>	<p>In Charge of Project Manon Vaillé</p>	<p>Gross floor area 8.840 m²</p>	<p>Start of construction 2013</p>
<p>Photography Eduard Hueber, Brooklyn NY, USA archphoto.com</p>	<p>Team Charlotte Chebassier Benjamin Grousselas Jean-Marie Lesène Marc-Antoine Servella Mihaela Stanescu</p>	<p>Net floor area 5.800 m²</p>	<p>Completion July 2015</p>
	<p>Partner atelier d’architecture pierre chamenois Montreuil, F</p>	<p>Primary Energy Consumption: heating, cooling, auxiliary energy, lighting 51 kwh/ m²/a (RT2012°)</p>	
	<p>Landscape Architect Sempervirens paysagiste Paris, F</p>		
	<p>Energy Concept Egis Concept - Elioth Montreuil, F</p>		
	<p>Housing technology Egis bâtiments, Centre-Ouest Ifs, F</p>		



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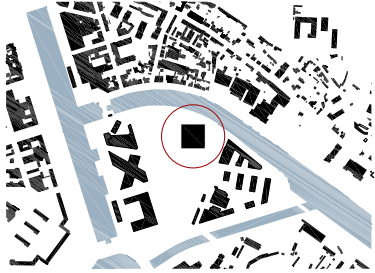


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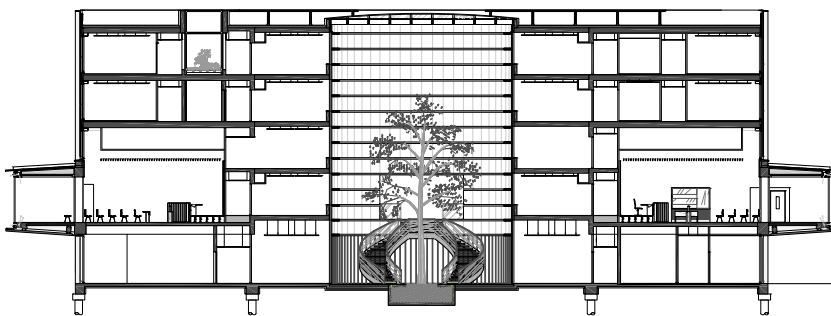
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black plan



south facade 1:500



section 1:500