



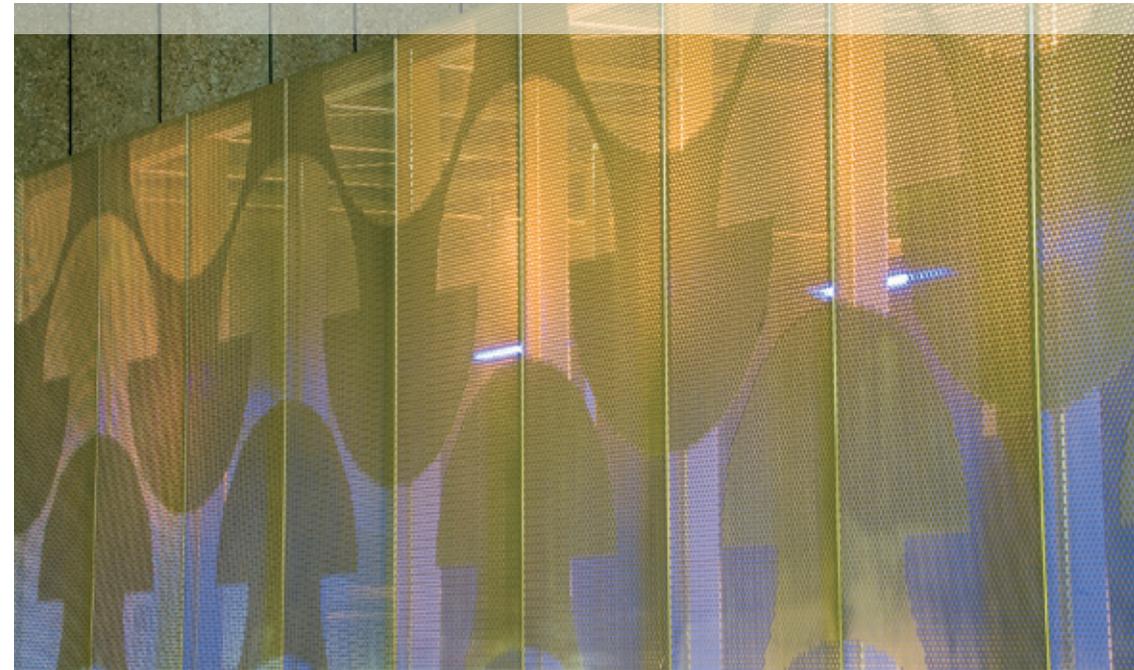
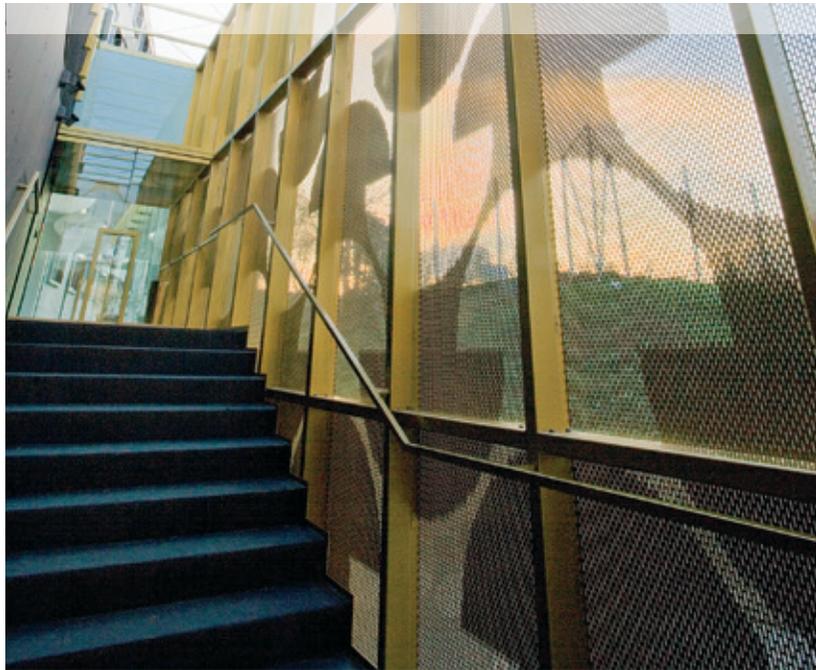
# The rebirth of Maison du Portugal



## THE FACTS BEHIND AN ARCHITECTURAL FACELIFT

Perforated panels from RMIG played a vital role in giving a new identity and character to the Maison du Portugal in Paris.

- Raw material: Aluminium EN 1050
- Thickness: 3.0 mm
- Pattern: LR3x20Z24x30 and LR7x25Z24x30
- Finishing operation: Bolt holes and bending
- Surface treatment: Wet paint coating
- Perforated area: 700m<sup>2</sup>
- Architects: AAVP Architecture and Antonio Virga



## THE ARCHITECT'S GOAL OF GIVING A NEW IDENTITY TO THE MAISON DU PORTUGAL HAS BEEN ACHIEVED BY CREATING A TRANSLUCENT FACADE WITH PERFORATED ALUMINIUM PANELS FROM RMIG

The Maison du Portugal (officially known as the Résidence André de Gouveia) provides accommodation for 170 students and is one of 39 buildings within the City of Paris International University. A major renovation scheme for the Maison du Portugal encompassed both the facade and the building's interior.

Architects Vincent Parreira and Antonio Virga were responsible for this project and wanted to give a new identity to the building by improving the character of the original structure from 1967 and making it more prominent in relation to its surroundings. To achieve this goal, they chose a bold solution with an exterior cladding made of perforated aluminium panels.

### A translucent veil around the building

By using precision perforated aluminium sheets from RMIG's City Emotion programme, the architects were able to explore the properties of reflected light, making it possible for them to design a facade that creates a translucent veil around the building. A facade of this kind filters the sun's rays during the day and produces a subtle shimmering effect when the building is lit up at night and each of the 250 perforated panels were given a painted gold finish to enhance this effect even more. A complex sequence of perforations, using patterns with the same pitch but different hole sizes, creates a repeating geometric design which runs through the entire facade.

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