THE FACTS BEHIND A ‘HISTORIC’ SOLUTION

For the new cube-formed building of the regional archives of Marne in Reims, RMIG has supplied 3,000m² of aluminum panels that decorate the facades, ceilings and walls.

- Raw material: Aluminium EN1050
- Pattern: REM50T60 and RAS30T60
- Thickness: 2.0 mm
- Surface treatment: Powder coating
- Architects: Hamonic + Masson & Associés
FOR THE REGIONAL ARCHIVES IN REIMS, FRANCE, THE ARCHITECTS WANTED TO COMBINE AN IMAGE OF REFINEMENT WITH THE USE OF INDUSTRIAL MATERIALS TO EMPHASISE ELEGANCE, YET SOLIDITY

Le centre de Reims des Archives départementales de la Marne in the north of France, houses a major part of the history and heritage of this county. The archives have existed since 1796 and contain a unique collection of historical documents, some of which date back as far as the 10th century. For the expansion of the archives, architects Hamonic + Masson wanted to construct a building that fitted in perfectly with the university campus in Reims where the archives are located, and together with RMIG, they found a tailor-made solution. According to the architects, an archives building must have a high level of stability, with a “solid” expression, reminiscent of both bunkers and heavy industry. The cube form chosen for the building creates a significant visual impact.

The creation of an optical illusion
The architects chose perforated and embossed aluminium panels from the RMIG City Emotion programme for both the interior and exterior of the building. The interior is elegantly decorated with stylish panels in white and gold. The exterior is distinctive in appearance due to the texture and colour of the material. Reflections and ever changing colours on the outer metal coated walls ensure an uninterrupted relationship between the surrounding landscape and the building itself. Depending on weather and light, the colours and appearance of the facade can go from dark to sparkling, from opaque to transparent, from dull to glossy or from brown to golden, making them as diverse and multi-facetted as the historic archives themselves.
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