



## CASE STUDY: MAISON DU PORTUGAL, PARIS

PROJECT: Maison du Portugal – Résidence André de Gouveia

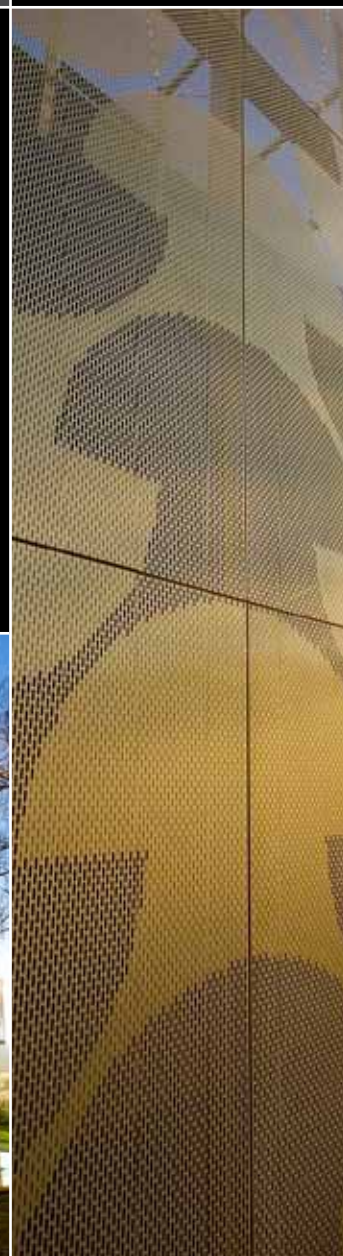
MATERIAL: Perforated Aluminium Panels

APPLICATION: Decorative Architectural Cladding

LOCATION: Paris, France

Precision perforated aluminium cladding from RMIG has been used to create a translucent 'veil' around the Maison du Portugal building at the City of Paris International University.

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## PROJECT OVERVIEW

Originally constructed in 1967 and officially known as the Résidence André de Gouveia, named after the sixteenth century Portuguese education reformer, the Maison du Portugal provides accommodation for 170 students and is one of 39 buildings, within the City of Paris International University, which is dedicated to hosting overseas students, researchers and visiting academics.

Architects Vincent Parreira and Antonio Virga designed the refurbishment scheme, which not only includes the new exterior cladding, but also the renovation of the building's interior cultural areas together with a 100 seat theatre and an adjacent exhibition hall.

## DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION

From the outset, the architectural team was keen to explore the properties of reflected light and the potential of creating a translucent or opaque cladding solution that would allow light to pass through and provide diffused interior lighting during the day while giving the building a unique character at night.

As the architects felt that the existing building was disadvantaged by its lack of character, due to numerous previous alterations, as well as being hemmed in by a sports ground and overshadowed by the nearby Maison du Brésil designed by Le Corbusier, their task was to give it a new identity and bring 'new life' to the original structure. Maison du Portugal is a perfect example of RMIG's 'City Emotion' philosophy, which exists to capture the passion for creative and exciting urban design.







## THE RMIG GROUP

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