

Casanova Block, mixed-use building in Chartres, France

Client
Chartres Développement Immobilier

Program
Construction of a mixed building in Chartres, France (dwellings, offices, services)

Selection method
Competition

Team
Groupe-6 (Architect, Lead consultant) - Edeis (Engineering) - Groupe-6 (Quantity surveying)

Completion
2016

Surface area
7,000 m²

Capacity
Offices and services : 2 000 m² / Housing : 5 000 m²

Construction costs
15 M€

Location
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The Ilot Casanova building in Chartres is the first emblematic development forming part of the Pôle Gare scheme. Featuring 75 flats as well as offices and services, the building combines mixed use with energy efficiency. The flats are in four adjacent “town houses” with direct access to a shared garden; the offices and services overlook the street and gardens at ground floor level. With

its easily identifiable outline inspired by the mediaeval buildings in the historic centre, the building’s pre-patinated zinc skin folds like an origami figure, extending down from the roof to form the façade. The double-skin façade on the street side has loggias set into it and lights up in the evening, making the building into an illuminated landmark.

