

International School Complex, Grenoble

Client
Région Rhône-Alpes

Consultant
Territoires 38

Program
Creation of an International School
Complex (middle school and high
school for 1,200 students)

Selection method
Public competition

Team
Groupe-6 (Architect, Lead consultant) -
Ingénierie 84 (Engineering) - Thermibel
(MEP)

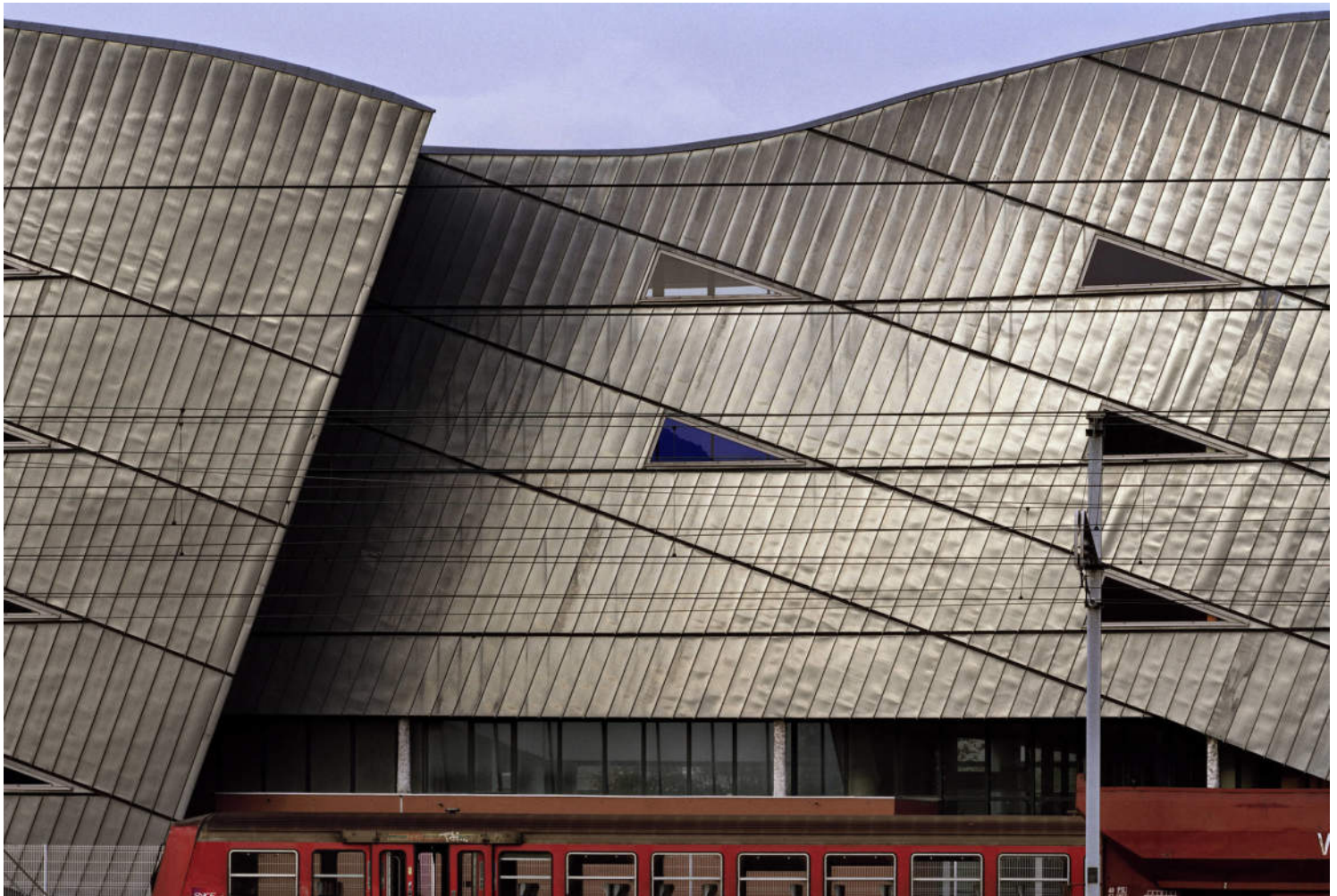
Completion
2001

Surface area
17,500 m²

Capacity
1200 students

Construction costs
12 M€

Location
Grenoble



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The international school complex in Grenoble is a single building which houses a middle school and high school for 1,000 students of 40 nationalities. The school offers international courses taught in Arabic, English, German, Italian, Portuguese and Spanish. It is built on a narrow lot, bordered by railway lines to the north, Avenue Louis Weil to the south and the tramway to the southwest. The complex is made up of four learning pavilions which divide the lot into different sections. The pavilions create a line of facades which runs from east to west, providing an

optimal orientation for all classrooms. The pavilions are connected by indoor passages which run along the “shield facade,” which is both wind and sound proof. The zinc-clad facade swells to form a corbel arch over the train tracks. The pavilions straddle the courtyards and gardens in order to open up as much space as possible – the one ingredient lacking for the project. The library and cafeteria offer a broad opening towards the south and communicate with the public space.

