



## BORDEAUX SPORTS HALL

Bordeaux, France

The Palais des Sports was built in the 1960s on the site of a large metal market and was later transformed into a performance hall to host the ONBA. In 2011, the City of Bordeaux, wishing to once again make the Palais a landmark for sports in the heart of the city, entrusted Atelier Ferret with its transformation.

**A new relationship between the Palais and the city.**

We aimed to develop a harmonious and dynamic relationship between the stone city and this large concrete vessel. Through the wide glass doors opening onto the arena, passersby can now glimpse the heart of the Palais. From inside, one can enjoy the view toward Rue Ravez. Looking up, the new glass crown reveals the sky and the tops of the stone buildings.

Sporting activities now enliven the city, and the city itself serves as a backdrop to the spectacle of sport. The walkways have been completely reimagined to generate urban vitality. We positioned all of the Palais' reception areas within them. Previously, these walkways were merely transit spaces. Today, they are vast meeting areas with the atmosphere of a contemporary nave.

In the evening, as the great concrete vessel fades into the darkness, the slender silhouette of the concrete arches is accentuated by a precise lighting system, highlighting its status as a public building.

**A revealed concrete skeleton**

The concrete skeleton was the identity of the Palais des Sports, its soul. Its elegant geometry simply needed to be awakened, in a manner both subtle and bold. Quite simply, the building (...)

Client

City of Bordeaux

Program

Renovation of the Bordeaux Sports Hall

Surface

5,284 m<sup>2</sup>

2,800 seats

Cost of Work

4,500,000 € ex-tax

Status

Delivered in 2016

Environmental Quality

AGORA Prize 2017, Rehabilitation Category 2016

High-performance HQE target

HQE approach, HQE Reference

"Sports Facilities 2009," FFBB

Regulations, EN 12193 standard for sports fields.

Eco-construction targets | Relationship with the immediate environment:

Urban and heritage integration (...)

Arena

Patrimony



