

Project

WYETH HEADQUARTER

Architects

SYNTAXE ARCHITECTS

Address

Boulevard Baudouin 1er, 1348 Louvain-La-Neuve

Programe

Low energy office building, high efficiency condensing gas boiler and green roof.

The project has received the award for architecture and urbanism in 2010 in the category non-residential building.

About

The program asked for a iconic building at the entrance of the city (university campus), breaking the monotony of the neighboring blocks. Originally designed to accommodate 160 employees of the firm WYETH PHARMACEUTICALS, our mission also included the establishment of the financial leasing. The program has changed during construction with the hostile takeover of the company by a direct competitor. SYNTAXE has shown remarkable adaptability in managing the construction site so that no delays in the delivery of the building occured. Designed as a "variable geometry" building, 6 wings are arranged around a central core, hosting a dramatic freestanding spiral staircase, inviting to interdepartmental contacts.

The "wings" of the building are dedicated to offices and organized onto rectilinear, simple and effective spaces. Natural so called "first day" light is everywhere. Each wing about "points" to a particular point in the environment: one wing tip to the center of the roundabout, giving visibility and composition from the public domain, another is pointing the nearby castle below, a third is focused on the boulevard, etc.

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Typology

Offices (include mixed use)

Status

Built

Conception

2008

Delivery

2010

Client

BESIX REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT s.a.

Total budget

10.255.650 ? HTVA

Per square meters

1.580

Area

7.500



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OTHER PROJECTS:

RTBF BROADCASTING CENTER

- 2008 2011
- Liège

Atis & Watis

- 2007 2008
- Evere

JODOIGNE POLICE STATION

- 2008 2012
- Jodoigne

PFIZER R&D CENTER

- 2009 2011
- Louvain-La-Neuve



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