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Our approach

1 For nearly 50 years, Pro Urba has specialized in the development of public and private spaces, with particular expertise in the design and implementation of active play spaces and water play areas.

active play spaces

We are dedicated to creating environments that support children's development, foster social connections, and actively combat sedentary lifestyles.

Pro Urba plays a key role in promoting well-being and addressing issues related to sports and health through projects designed for communities, schools, parks, and private facilities.

2 Pro Urba works closely with its clients to understand their needs and integrate tailored solutions.

design studio

With a tailored approach and its integrated design department, the company adapts its projects based on the spaces, environmental constraints, and the wishes of end users.

3 Pro Urba highlights the expertise of its partners, true specialists in their respective fields, for the design and development of playgrounds.

custom manufacturing | durability

Our partners bring valuable expertise in mastering noble and innovative materials, ensuring high-quality solutions.

Their expertise, combined with Pro Urba's custom design approach, enables the creation of unique projects that are perfectly tailored to the requirements and needs of each client.

Pro Urba is always looking for new opportunities to take on challenges and innovate with materials and manufacturing processes, such as with its partners in 3D printing.

All equipment complies with European safety standards for playgrounds (EN 1176), ensuring safe and child-friendly spaces.

Moreover, the company prioritizes eco-friendly practices in its material choices and manufacturing processes for custom structures, thanks to its in-house fabrication workshop.

4 We work hand in hand with landscape architects and designers to bring their creations to life.

360° expertise

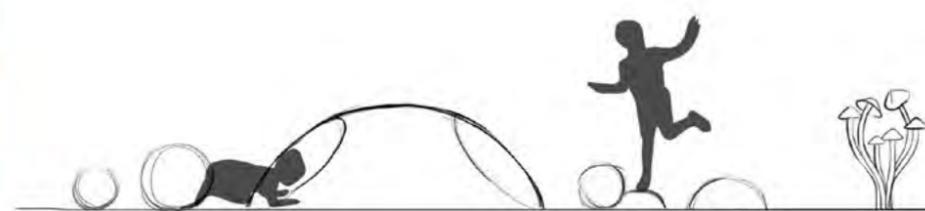
With its unmatched expertise and diverse skills — whether in water play, dry play, surfaces, or sports areas — Pro Urba exceeds expectations to create spaces that blend innovation and passion.

With Pro Urba, every project is meticulously managed from start to finish through our integrated services:

- Bold Design
- Cutting-edge Engineering
- Custom Manufacturing
- Expert Installation
- Responsive Maintenance

Our ability to control every step of the process ensures a flawless and unique realization, in line with the vision of the designers we collaborate with.

To sum up, Pro Urba stands out for its ability to transform spaces into places of gathering, fun and discovery, where play becomes a vehicle for learning and sharing.





Le Pal



Le Pal is a French amusement and zoo, located in the Allier region (03 - Dompierre-sur-Besbre).

As part of the redevelopment of the former giraffe enclosure, Pro Urba was selected to create a 7,500 m² play area. One-third of the space is dedicated by water play, and two-thirds to dry play.

/ Specifications

Choosing sustainable materials that blend with the natural environment of the site; integrating an educational aspect (creating a connection between the equipment and the animals of the Pal); installing relaxation and picnic areas; providing a discovery path where both young and old will find joy!

/ The technical challenges

Management of a project in its entirety (water features + dry play areas + masonry + surfacing and landscaping).

Coordination of various trades, creation and development of custom monumental structures (8 meter-high lion), integration of a lookout to provide accessibility for people with reduced mobility to the "Jungle" structure.

Design and integration of educational signage, working in sensitive occupied site (presence of animals).

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Bayonne



The playground is inspired by Basque legends and echoes the imaginative ideas of children.

It is entirely designed around a central thread that highlights Basque culture, based on its legends and mythical creatures, with unique and custom-made play structures. The majestic Basajaun, a prominent structure that is visible from afar and highly attractive, marks the entrance to the square and stands as a monument in the city.

Every detail is carefully thought out, including the information panels that immerse visitors in the legends that inspired the playground.

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The proposed course is progressive: we wanted to play with the linearity of the area by installing gradual equipment, suitable for different age groups.

We made it a priority to integrate the playground into its natural and historical environment, working with natural textures, materials and colors.

Our proposal is structured into three zones:

- **The Basajaun Forest:** for older children (7-12 years old)
- **The Laminak Trail:** for middle-aged children (3-7 years old)
- **The Laminak Village:** for younger children (0-3 years old)

In each area, the play structures are custom-designed to represent a Basque legend.

For example, the Laminak bridge, which separates the area for older children from the area for middle-aged children, tells the legend of the « Pont de Licq-Athérey » which one stone is missing.







Giverny



A brightly colored playground at the Village des Marques in Giverny

Pro Urba **designed and created** the brand new playground for the McArthurGlen Paris-Giverny Outlet Village! A true challenge to design a playground that is both visible and identity-driven.

As part of the redesign of a complex and hard-to-access rooftop terrace, the design team took on the challenge of creating a **one-of-a-kind playground**, bursting with color and fun while respecting various constraints. The goal was clear: to offer an unparalleled playful experience, while ensuring optimal visibility of the slide without disrupting the flow of visitors.

The centerpiece of this playground is a **custom-designed structure** with a flared shape. The complexity of its fabrication required expertise to meet the site's constraints, such as the rooftop terrace and difficult access. By opting for a high-quality stainless steel structure, the team ensured the durability and safety of the installation, while maintaining the aesthetic appeal of the layout.

The slide, a central feature of the playground, was strategically placed to maximize visibility while preventing any obstruction to visitor flow. This clever arrangement was successfully integrated, providing an attractive feature without compromising the smooth circulation of people within the shopping center.

The shade cloth, a necessity to protect children from the sun while adding an aesthetic touch, was carefully integrated into the overall design. Its thoughtful placement ensures sun protection while creating a bright and welcoming atmosphere.

The flooring was equally complex to design. With a varied color palette, the flooring provides a playful and vibrant look that perfectly complements the stainless steel structure. The combination of **high-quality, durable and non-slip flooring materials** creates a safe surface while achieving a visually pleasing overall effect.

In conclusion, this playground embodies the perfect union of **creativity and technical engineering**. It stands as the flagship playground within the shopping center, offering visitors an immersive and entertaining experience.



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Hourtin



This playground offers an immersive experience into the world of cowboys, centered around a central tree and designed with a thematic course.

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A totem-like climbing structure rises in front of the entrance.

Behind it, the blacksmith's hut serves as a passage to the cart carrying barrels, inviting the youngest to play.

The blacksmith's hut connects the large structure with the small cart. It's through structure, marking the pathway and allowing children to enter imagine their stories, and move from one area to another.







La Garenne Colombes



The new square at Théâtre de la Garenne-Colombes is a garden-playground area, minimalist in design, seamlessly integrated into its urban surroundings. Design to bring together both children and adults, it provides a breath of fresh air, offering a haven of greenery and biodiversity right in the heart of the city

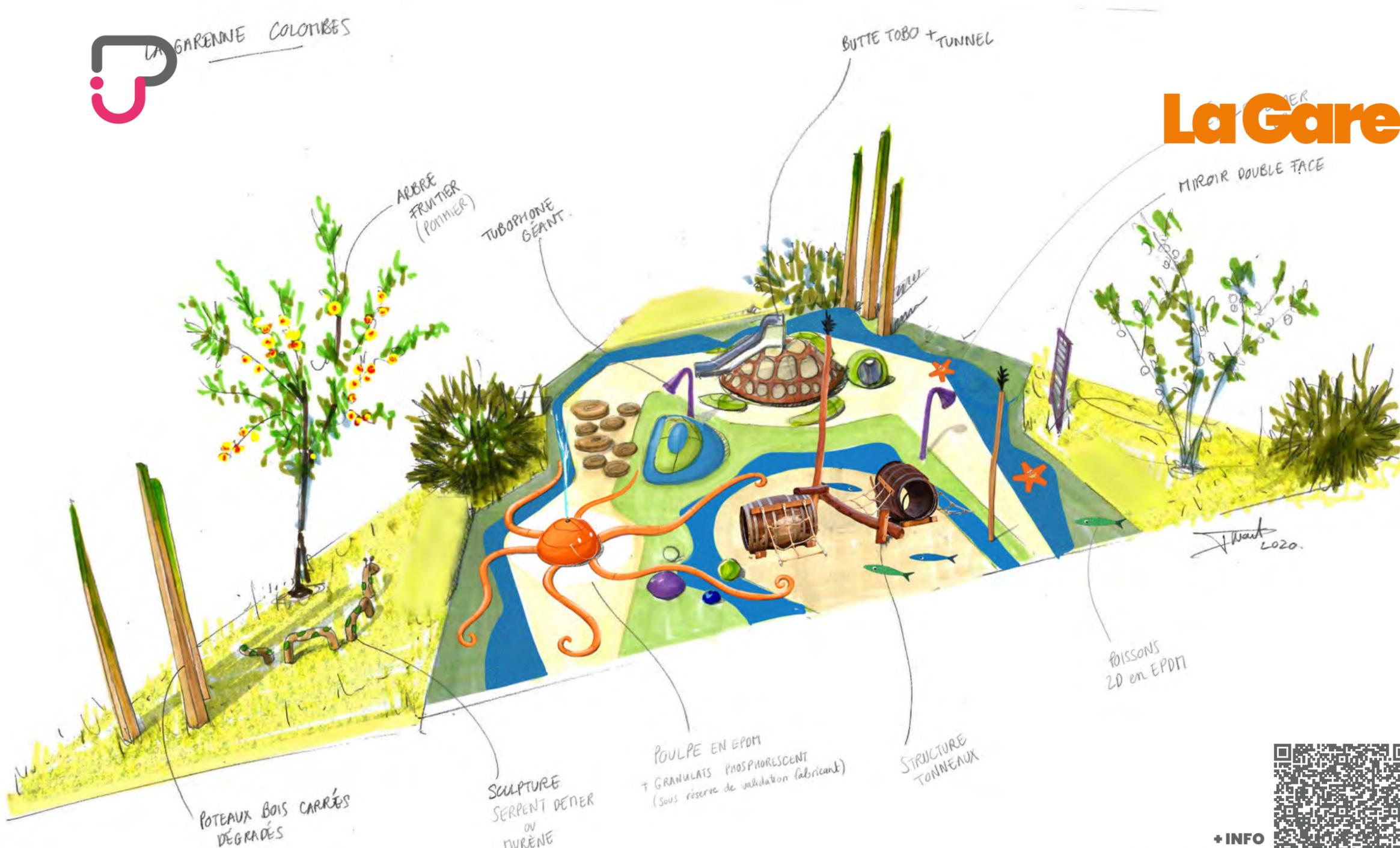
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Composed of two play areas: one for toddlers aged 0 to 3 years and another for children aged 3 to 6 years, this development has been designed as a garden, planted with fruit trees, shrubs, and nectar-rich perennials that attract pollinators, creating a biodiversity space right in the heart of the city.

The permeable surfaces and numerous planted areas allow rainwater to infiltrate without being discharged into the network. Most of the play equipment is made from **robinia wood**, ensuring good resistance to insects and weather conditions.

These facilities ensure the safety of children (entrance/exit airlock to control access to the adjacent streets) while giving them the opportunity to have fun, climb, run, jump and let off steam in a green space.

A particular focus was placed on the **integration of vegetation** and its intertwining within the play area (planted enclaves crossing the soft ground areas, the tunnel passage of the large structure above the plants, the use of **Terragreen** (reinforced hybrid grass) to ensure walkable grass surfaces year-round, wooden paths misting posts, animal sculptures to climb and cuddle scattered throughout the garden, and game posts representing seaweed...).



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STRUCTURE TONNEAUX

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Lacanau



The Squirrel Playground. A fully custom-designed space in Lacanau.

In 2024, the Pro Urba teams designed **a unique playground** to fill both children and adults with wonder. Nestled beneath the majestic pine trees of the campsite, the giant squirrel « Coco Bel Oeil » now watches over a playful, nature-inspired space that complements the site's existing sports and water facilities.

/ A clear goal: to play and learn while respecting nature

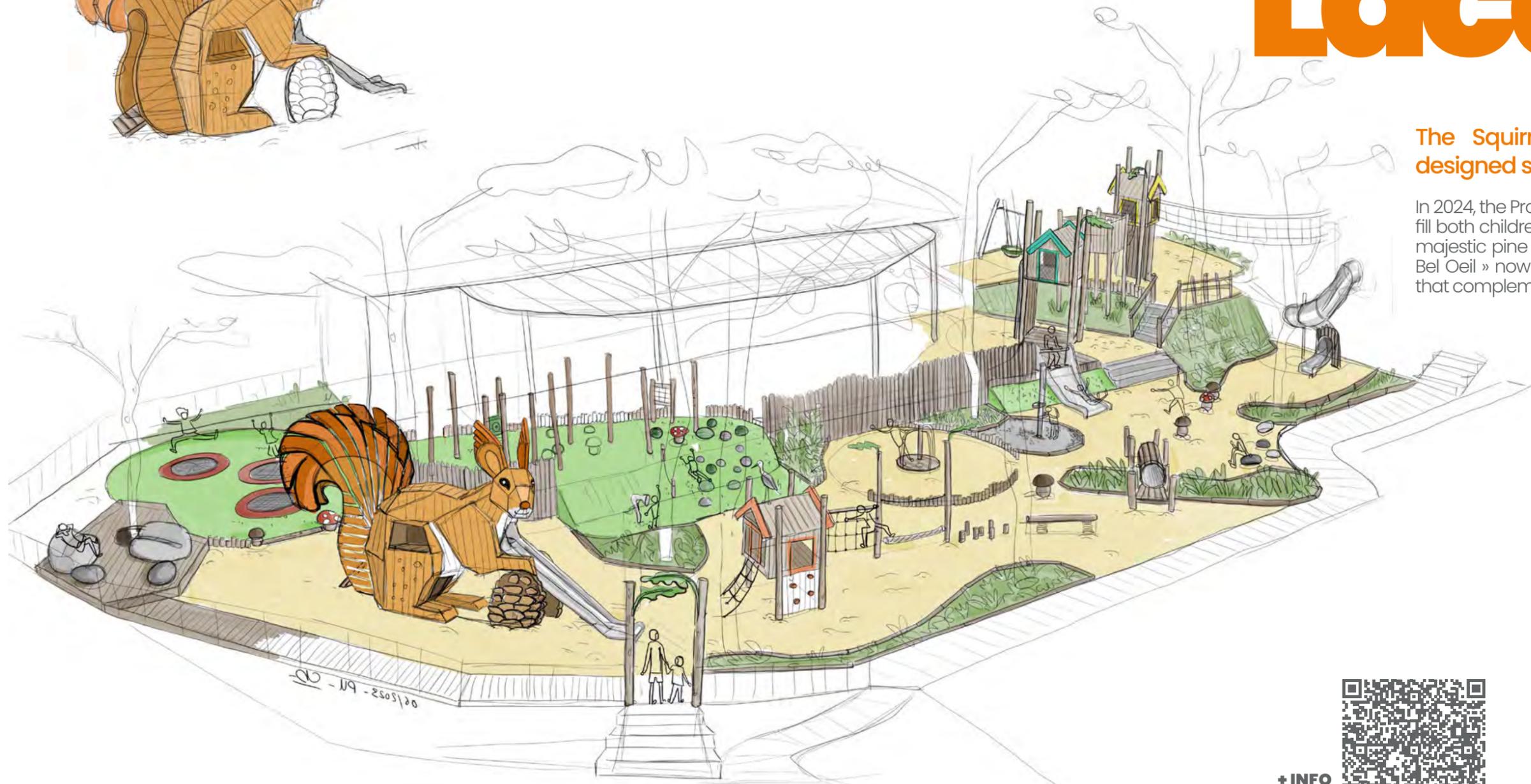
The goal was simple: to offer an immersive play experience that respects the local environment, while providing a fun and educational adventure in a magical setting!

/ A complete and visionary renovation

The client wanted to fully renovate the existing play area, adding new play features while preserving the existing towers and aerial walkway. Our teams were given full creative freedom to design a **unique space with a monumental structure**. The chosen theme draws inspiration from the Médoc undergrowth and the beaches of Lacanau.

/ A project shaped by nature

During the initial site visits, our **design teams** were inspired by the many possibilities it offered: a terraced terrain perfect for playing with levels, trees and natural vegetation ideal for a playground surrounded by greenery, as well as multiple access points allowing for the creation of distinct areas for different age groups.



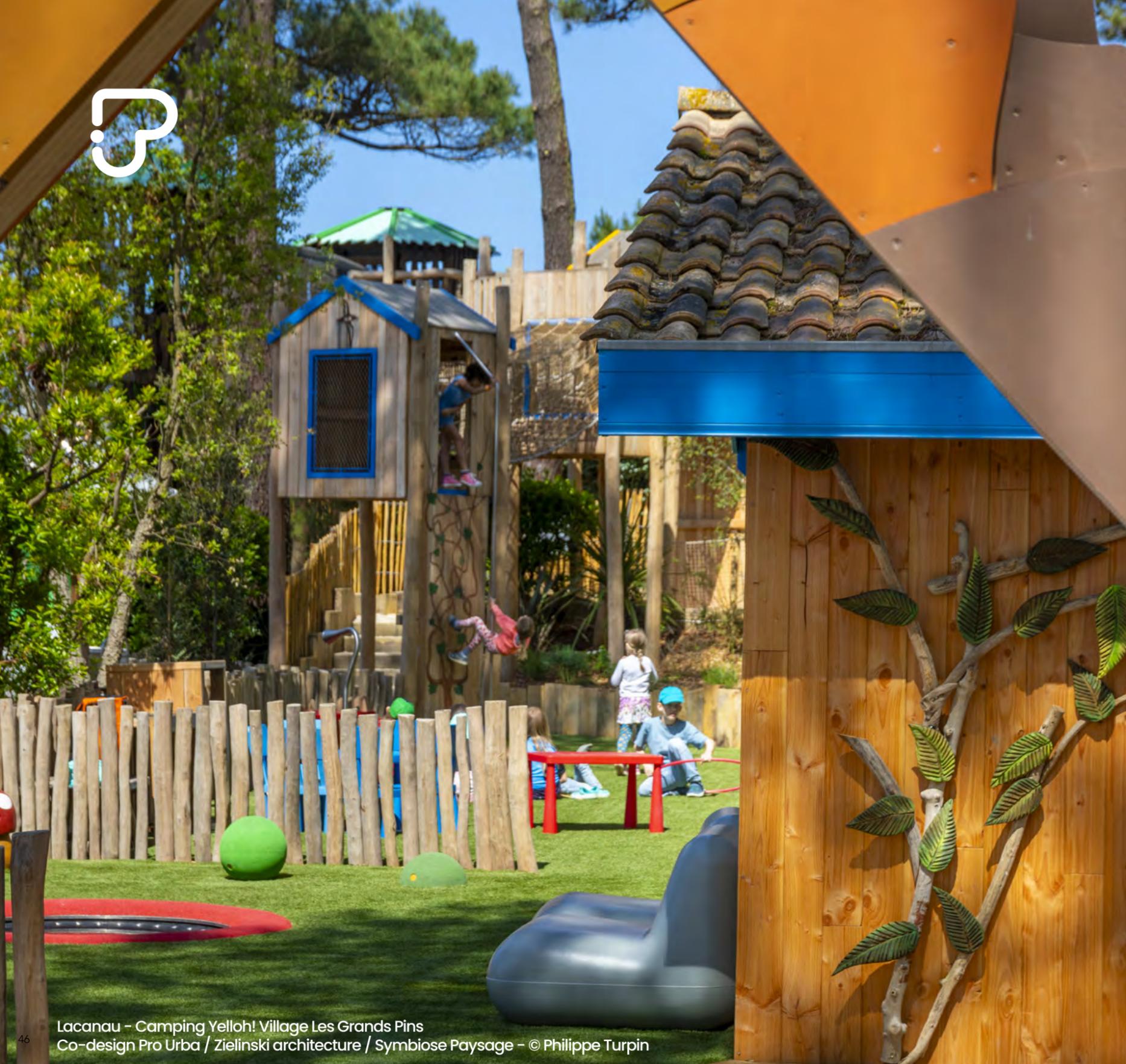
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Le Bourget-du-Lac



Imagined by our design studio, in collaboration with the project managers ARTER and BARON, this playground draws inspiration from the rich nautical heritage of Lac du Bourget.

/ Combining aesthetics and sustainability

Four boats sail towards the horizon to reach the lake, offering children the chance to play at being little sailors. The structures **were custom-design** and made from robinia wood to ensure durability, safety and a seamless integration into the landscape.

Thoughtfully designed down to the smallest detail - with natural materials, cohesive and realistic colors, and high-quality finishes - they are both playful and attractive, offering a durable and picturesque play space.

/ Original furniture

In addition to wooden benches and seating, custom bike racks and an ILO charging station have been installed. This innovative charging station allows users to recharge their mobile phones while exercising. Combining sport and technology, this eco-designed solution is a perfect fit for this park.



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Le Grand Bornand



In the town of Grand-Bornand, residents can now enjoy a playground featuring a giant dahu, a legendary animal from the mountains.

Made up of play equipment such as slides, balance courses, and small houses in robinia wood, metal, and stainless steel, this space offers children aged 3 to 14 years the opportunity to blossom in a playful and unique environment.

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In addition to these numerous installations, a giant dahu, a mythical mountain creature, was designed and created to allow both children and adults to play endlessly and come up with extraordinary play scenarios.

It can be recognized by its horns and beard, similar to those of goats. But most importantly, it is its legs that distinguish it from other animals: shorter on the left side, they only allow it to walk up the mountain in one direction! In the other direction, it would

fall!

This massive playground invites children to play and burn off energy, while offering easy access for parents who wish to go with them.

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Le Lavandou



The two playgrounds invite children to dive into the life of red squirrels, a national species that is endangered.

The older children enter through the large archway, which leads them into the secret squirrel forest, where an entire course takes them toward the giant hazelnut.

Along the way, they can imagine their entire adventure in the secret forest through the playful sculptures scattered around the course and discover incredible stories in the mobile trunk.

/ Playground for older children

Once in the heart of the secret forest, children are invited to take the squirrel's trail, which leads them to the highly sought-after prize: the giant hazelnut!

To reach it, they will need to showcase all their climbing and balancing skills: spider net, movable ropes, beams, bridges... The journey through the giant squirrel will guide them to the hazelnut tower, from where they can zoom down the slide.

/ Playground for younger children

The younger children have their own play area, *Le Clos des Noisettes*, echoing the theme of the larger area.

Here, they enter the enclosure of giant hazelnuts and can follow the little squirrel trail to their food (mushrooms and obstacles to cross, tubophones, climbing sculptures).

A playful structure accessible to people with reduced mobility offers various interactive activities: mirrors, jingles, marble games, and an abacus.



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Lille



Urban transformation in Lille: when heating pipes become an attractive playground.

Located between the Louison Bobet gym and the « INSTEP » building, this custom-designed playground evokes the iconic shape of the mascot of the Descartes-Montesquieu school, the dragon.

The overhead heating pipes of the Lille Metropolitan Area network, crossing Louis-Blanc Street, have been cleverly concealed and transformed into a **playful and attractive structure** for children.

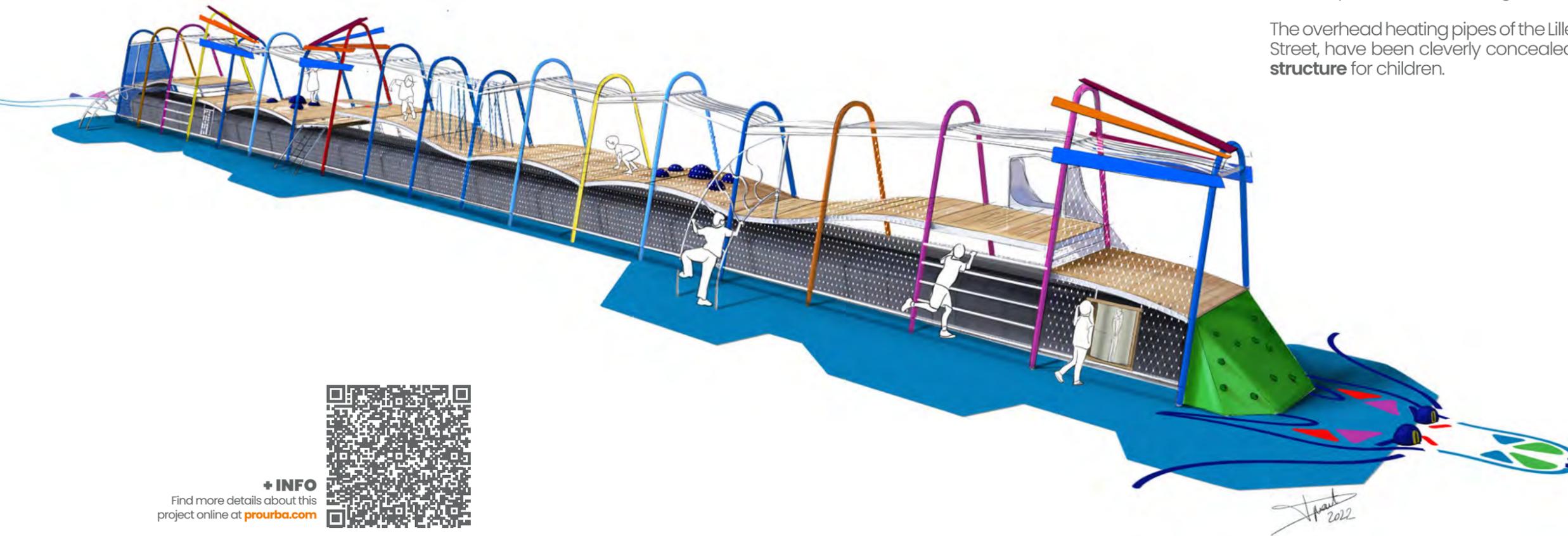
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With the city of Lille, we took on the challenge of designing a **play area** that is both functional and aesthetically integrated into the urban landscape, while considering the technical constraints related to the weight and anchoring of structures on a civil engineering work.

Indeed, the play structures were installed to conceal two 42m heating pipes on a bridge. A space has also been preserved for the market planned in the same location. **The playground** is entirely independent and separate from the networks and its future casing to allow for maintenance.

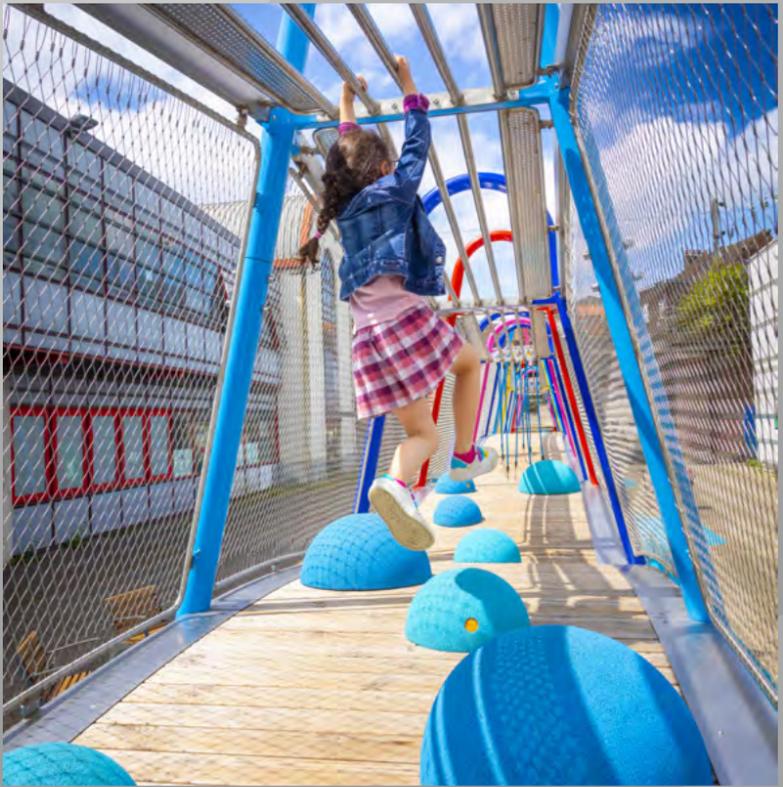
The added benefit of this play space: **the overall structure** was designed so that parents can accompany their children in the play areas while still being able to watch them play through the structure.

Themed playful panels, featuring the image of the giant dragon, have been installed at the base of the structure to allow younger children to play.



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Puteaux

In the city of Puteaux, a colorful playground inspired by magical and fantasy worlds takes children on a journey, immersing them in a wonderful and enchanted dream.



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For the city of Puteaux, the goal was to create a gathering space for residents and transform it into a magical zone for both children and adults. Within the Square des Merveilles, the idea is to recreate a fantastical world in a vibrant, colorful playground.

Children can now have fun and cool off in this colorful playground, which blends seamlessly with the existing greenery.

This space features numerous play structures such as towers, slides and tunnels. It also includes water games, allowing everyone to cool off while having fun during the hot weather!



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Rennes



A playful and accessible playground made with recycled materials for the city of Rennes.

The Parc des Gayeulles now features a new playground. The city's goal was to create a space for interaction, allowing everyone to play and engage together.

In addition, the city of Rennes aimed to promote access to nature and biodiversity to raise children's awareness, for example, by developing areas for huts and adventure grounds.

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This inclusive and wheelchair-accessible play area was designed to give everyone the opportunity to create fun play scenarios and let their imagination run wild.

It features three custom-built towers with two slides, along with a dragonfly, butterflies, and leaves made from 100% recycled plastic, manufactured in Saint-Étienne by the company PIC (designer Guillaume Crédoz). Children can peek their heads into the dragonfly and see the world from a different perspective, playing with the colors and light filtered through the material.

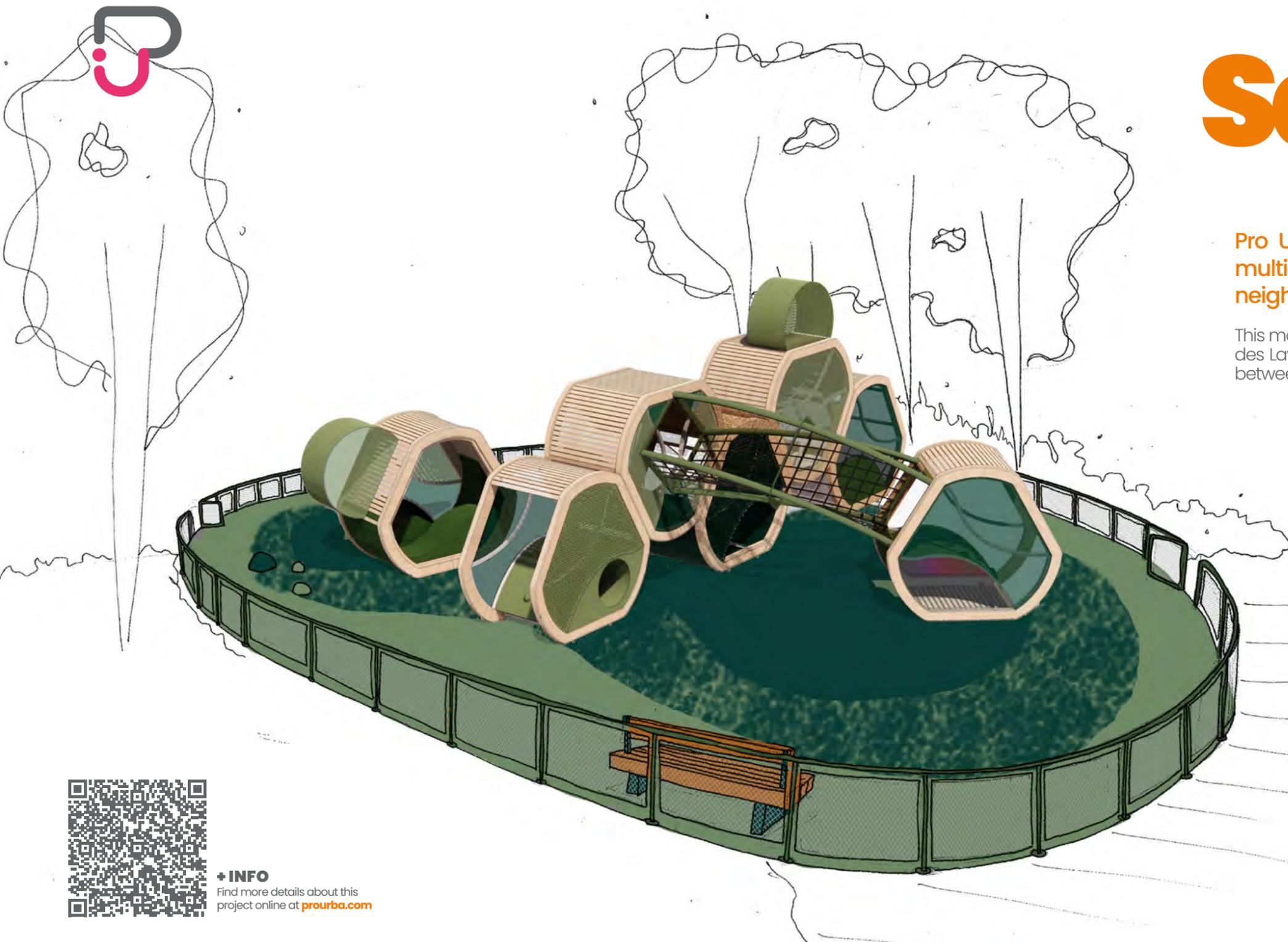
The playground also includes a range of educational and creative play elements (distorting mirrors, interactive panels and posts, bead mazes), as well as a balance trail made of wooden stepping logs, interwoven beams, and a spring-mounted play feature.

Designed to be as inclusive as possible, most of the play features are accessible to people with reduced mobility.









Saint-Ouen



Pro Urba took part in the creation of three-custom designed, multigenerational playgrounds as part of new Les Docks neighborhood in Saint-Ouen.

This major project led by the city of Saint-Ouen and Frey aimed to revitalize the Cours des Lavandières. A new living space has emerged, creating true areas of exchange between shops and residences.

/ Colorful and attractive playgrounds

The project owner, Sequano, recognizing the importance of revitalizing the Cours des Lavandières, expressed the need for colorful and inviting playgrounds. For this project, we prioritized materials that are both easy to maintain and transparent to deter vandalism.

For Playground No. 1, the Pro Urba teams presented a **distinctive proposal** by designing, in collaboration with Carve, a **custom-made structure** never seen before. This innovative approach effectively met the specific needs of the project.

For Playground No. 2, the approach was the same, with a specification requiring a metal structure made from **durable materials** such as stainless steel mesh and HPL, while ensuring transparency to prevent misuse.

The playground needed to be suitable for younger children, visible from afar without being too imposing (height limited to 3.4 meters), and offer a variety of play elements, such as a rope tunnel, climbing wall, viewpoint, interactive play features, and mirrors.

The construction of this playground required significant effort, particularly from our **designers and engineers**, as the unique aspect of this installation lies in its ease of maintenance, thanks to removable coverings and durable materials.

The objective of Playground No. 3 was completely different: to attract passersby from the surrounding streets to the Cours des Lavandières. We therefore focused on height and colors. The initial concept came from Speedy Graphito, who created a design featuring his iconic symbol: the rabbit. Pro Urba adapted the concept to make the playground technically and normatively feasible while adding as many playful features as possible.



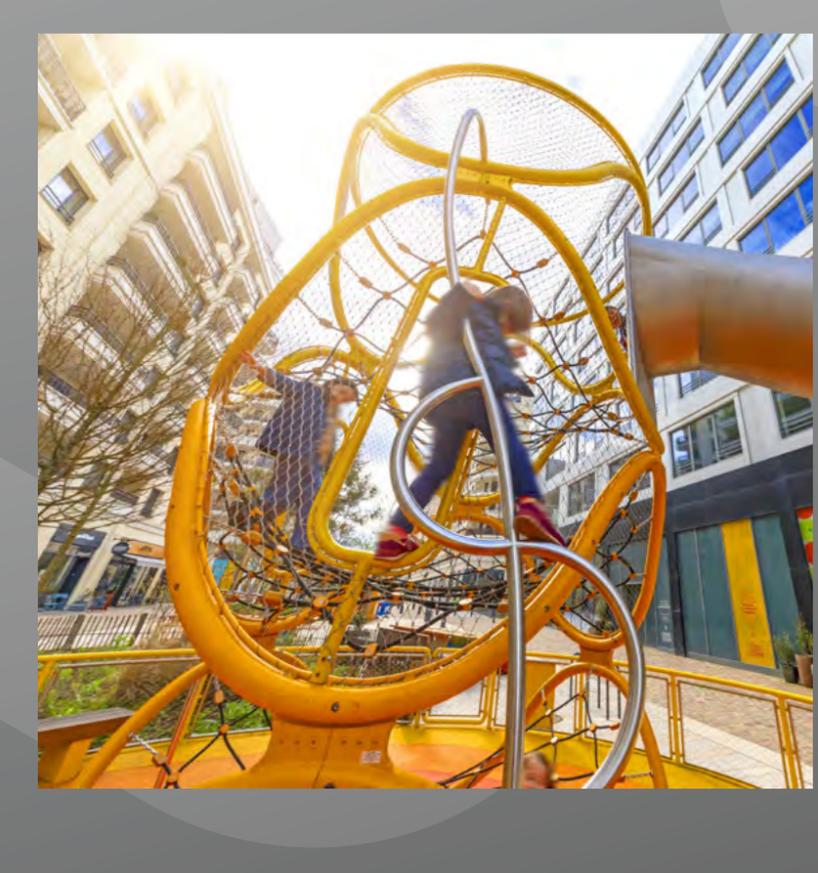
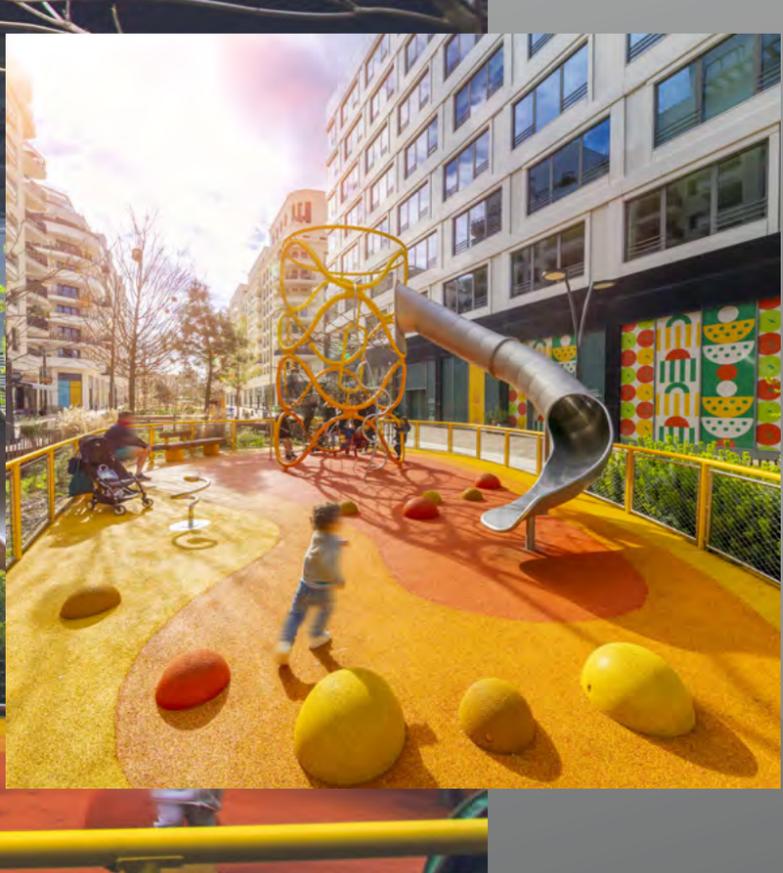
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Soustons



How to create a unique and multi-activity playground starting from a lamprey?

By doing some research on the characteristics of this vampire fish and after a few sketches... The tail becomes a ramp, the scaled body turns into an agility course, and the funnel-shaped mouth opens up to a slide!

/ Description

In the city of Soustons, a new recreational and sports area has been developed to satisfy both children and adults! Within the space, the city aimed to create a playground and street workout structures made from robinia wood, echoing the elements surrounding the beach.

/ Design by Pro Urba

To design its playground, the city chose to install a structure in the shape of a lamprey, a local fish from the Southwest. This custom-made design was created by our Design team and made from robinia wood.

The lamprey structure forms a giant course divided into two zones: one for older children aged 8 to 12, and another for younger children aged 5 to 8.

The area for older children, the lamprey's head, includes a slide starting at a height of 2.5 meters, a rope tunnel, and a climbing wall. As for the area for younger children, forming the body of the fish, it features climbing nets, a balance rope, a wooden bridge, and a fireman's pole!

The playground also includes a final area for children aged 3 to 5, featuring a custom-designed cabin made of robinia wood, spring-based toys, and water manipulation games!



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Vernier



For the Etangd district, Pro Urba, Boccard, and Agence TER designed a colorful and elevated playground. A fully custom-made space where children can play, move, burn off energy – or simply relax!

Featuring an impressive 10-meter tower, custom-designed by our design office in collaboration with Carve, this playground is both modern and vibrant!

/ Overall site design



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In addition to this playground, the neighborhood features **3 distinct play areas**, each designed for different age groups:

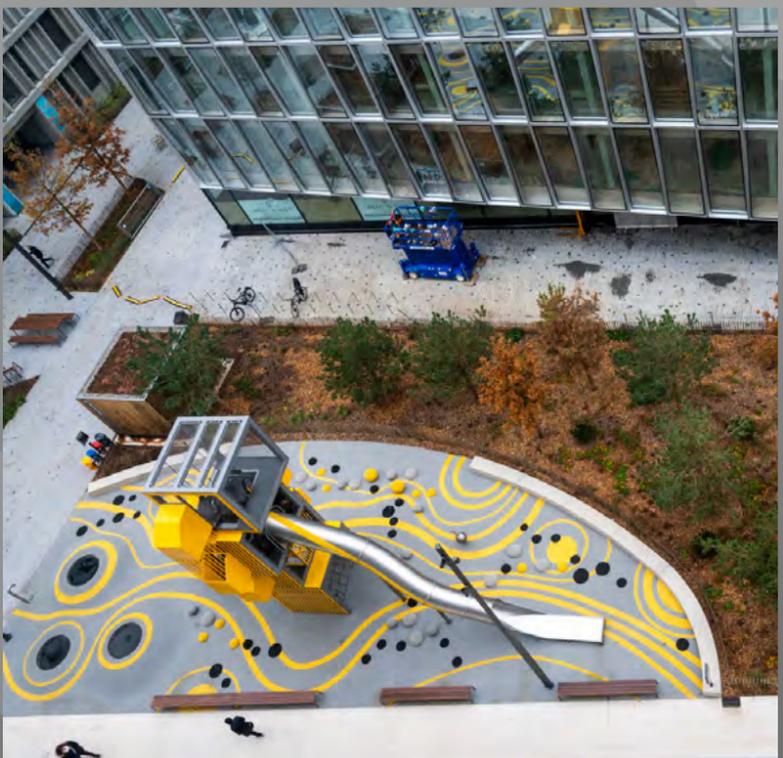
- « **Experiencing the topography** » invites children to play on the slope.
- « **Following the line** » encourages them to trace the yellow lines all the way to the 10-meter-high tower.
- « **The jungle** » features themed play equipment for an immersive adventure.
- « **The racetrack** » is inspired by vehicles, with a checkered floor for that racing vibe.

A space, a setting, and a world of imagination for every child!

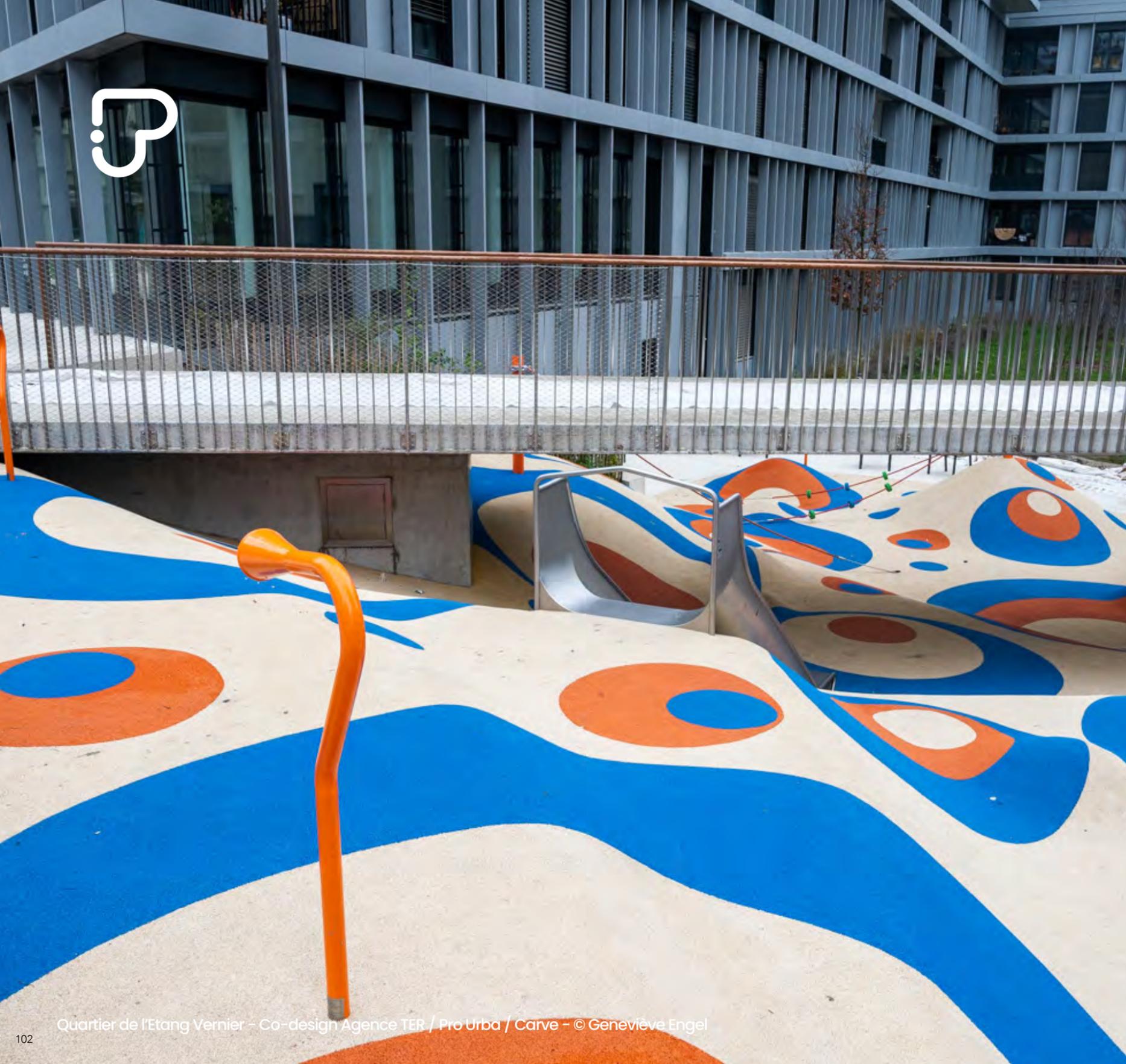
Complemented by custom-designed urban furniture – wooden benches, concrete and wood seating, and steel-and-wood shelters for bulky waste – the space also includes a bespoke shelter for public restrooms.

To let off steam, an Islander Citybox multisport structure is also available for football and basketball games.











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Saint Brevin les Pins – Promenade Padioleau – Design Agence Magnum / Pro Urba
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Design and creation of a hybrid space that, depending on the time of year, serves as either a water playground or an urban sliding area.

Morges - Design Pro Urba et Aqua Pro Urba
Project owner: City of Morges



Glomist - © Vortex

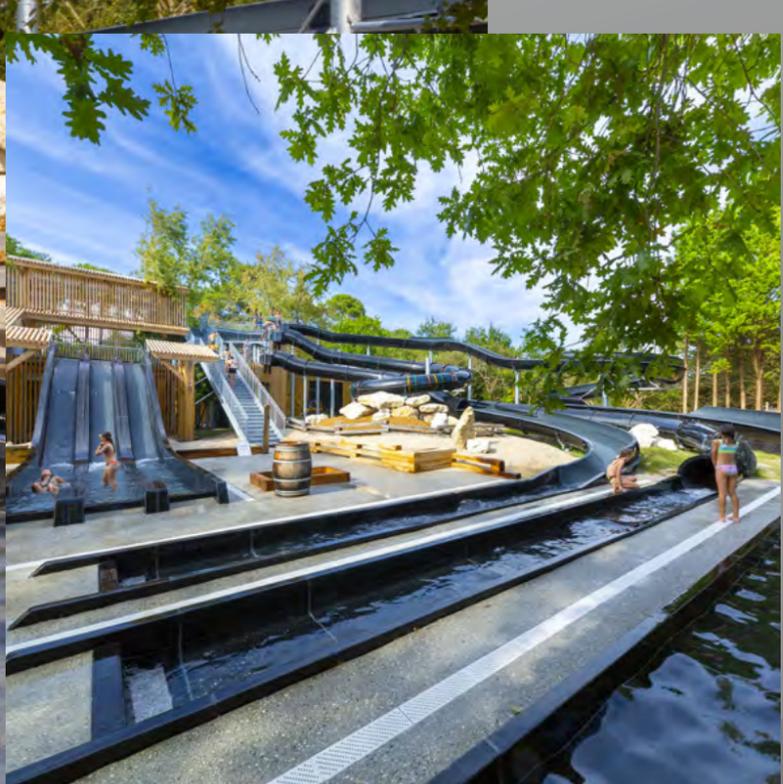
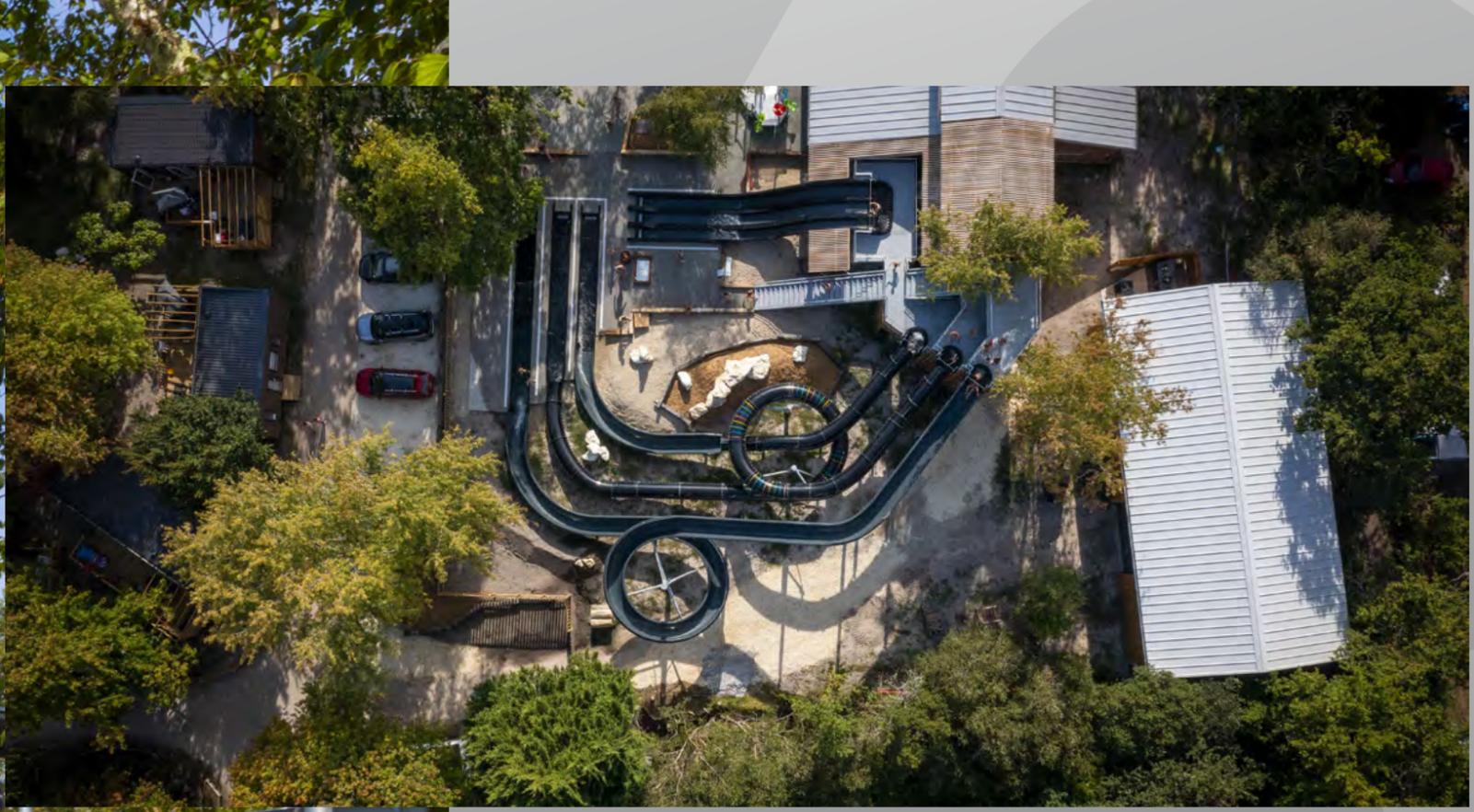


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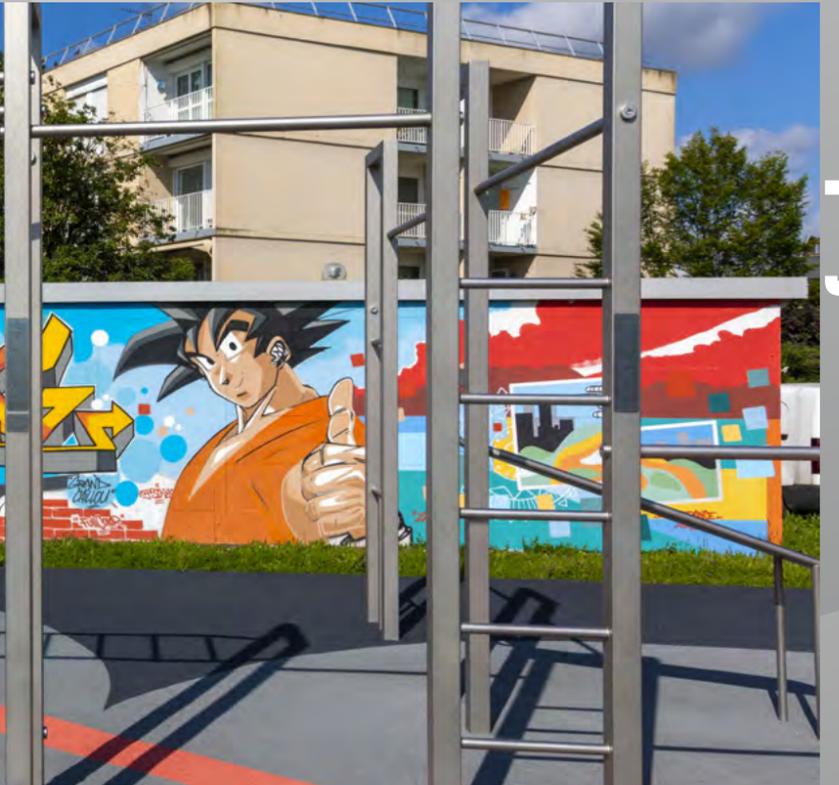


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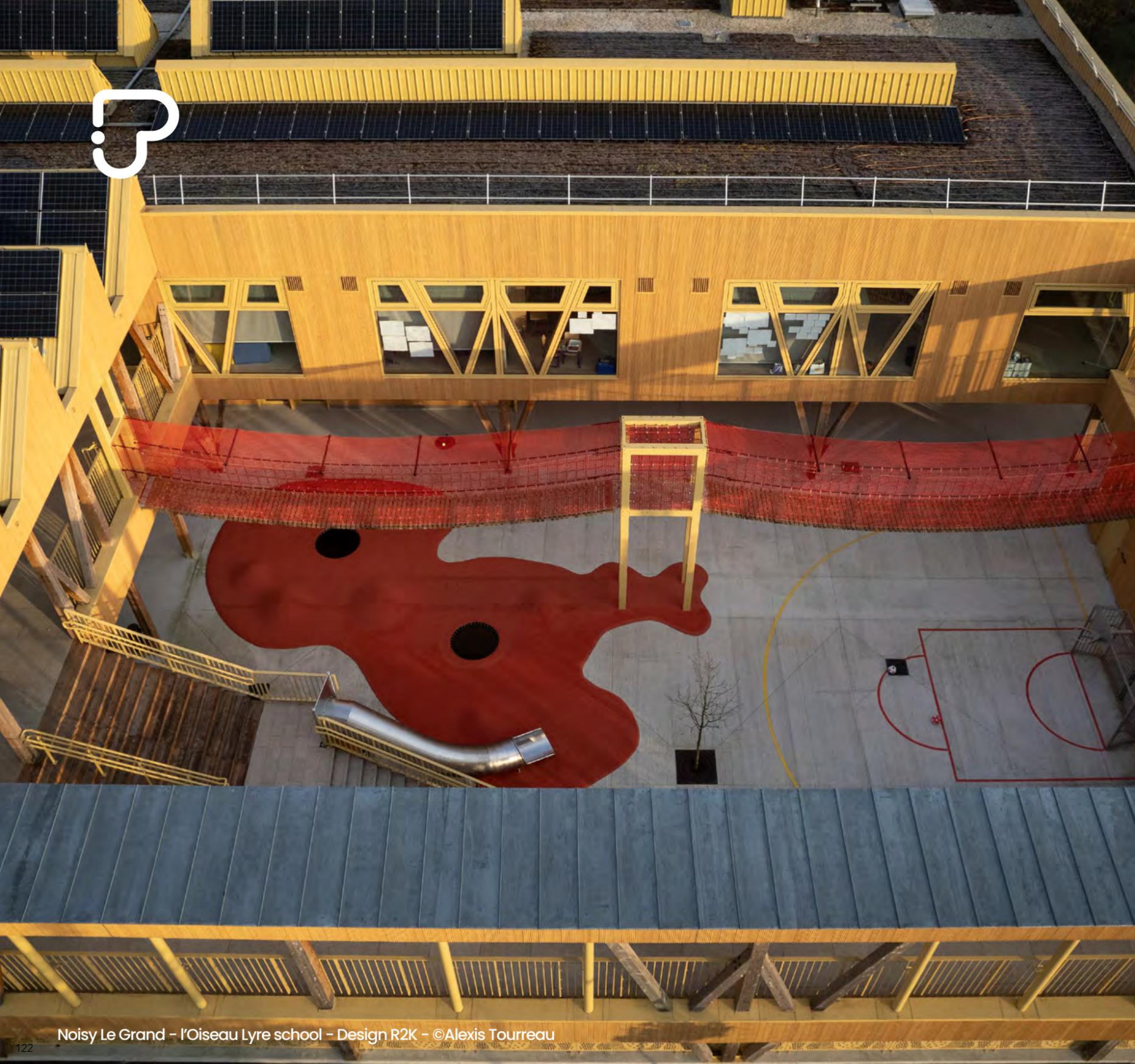


Camping Yelloh Village - western village - Hourtin - Design Polymidi and Aqua Pro Urba
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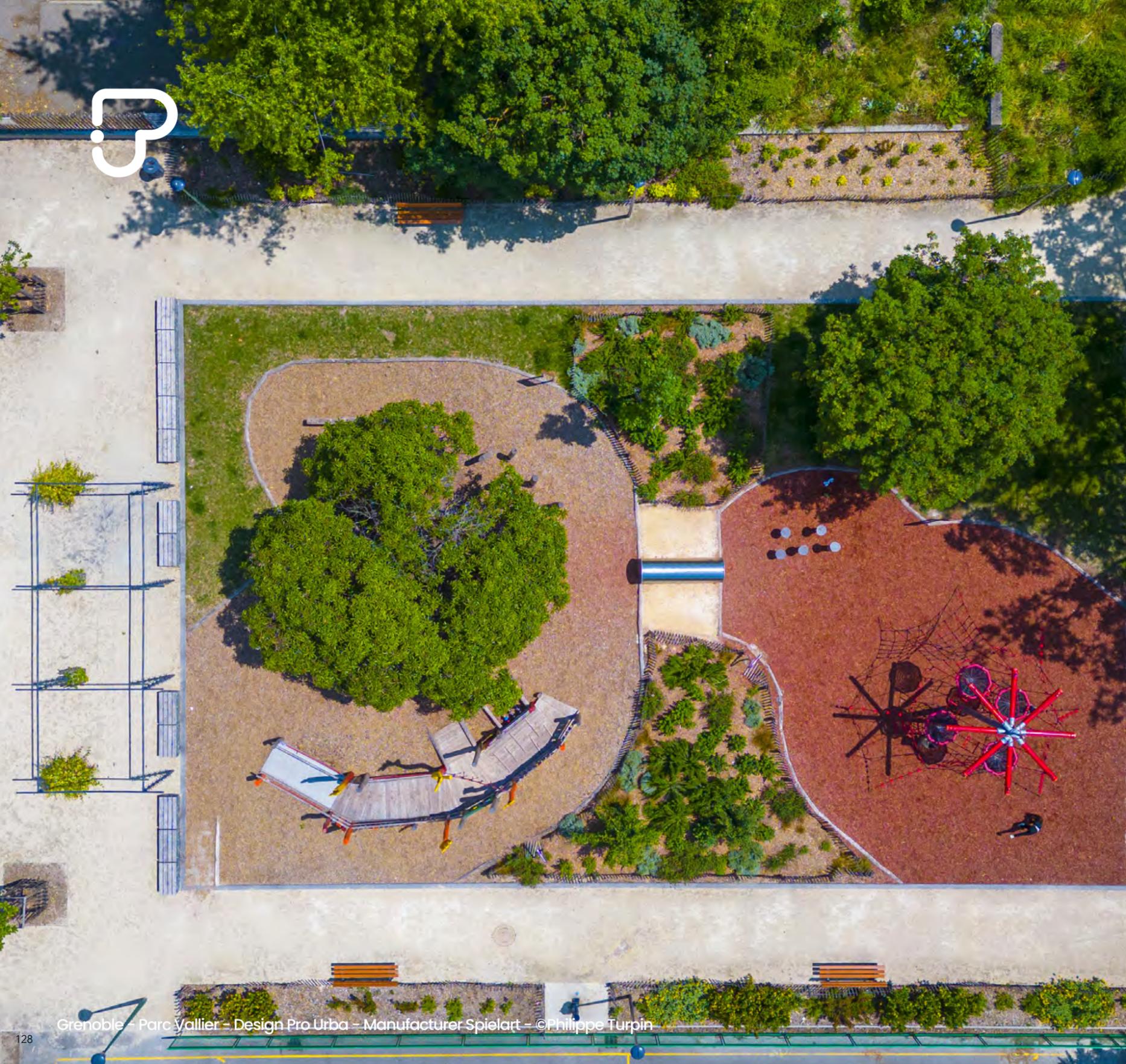


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Avignon - Square Indochine - Design Pro Urba - Manufacturer Spielart - Edu playground



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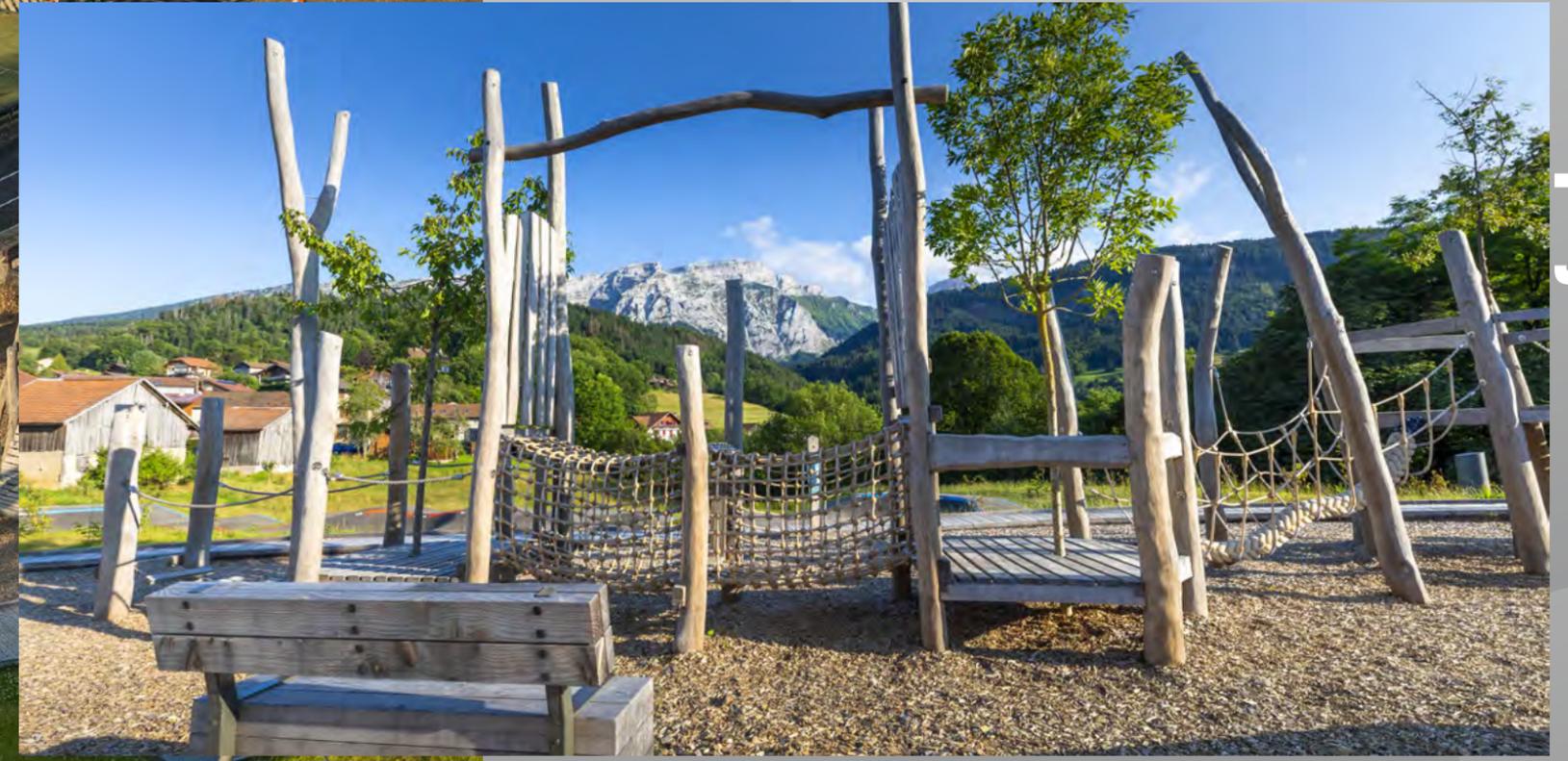


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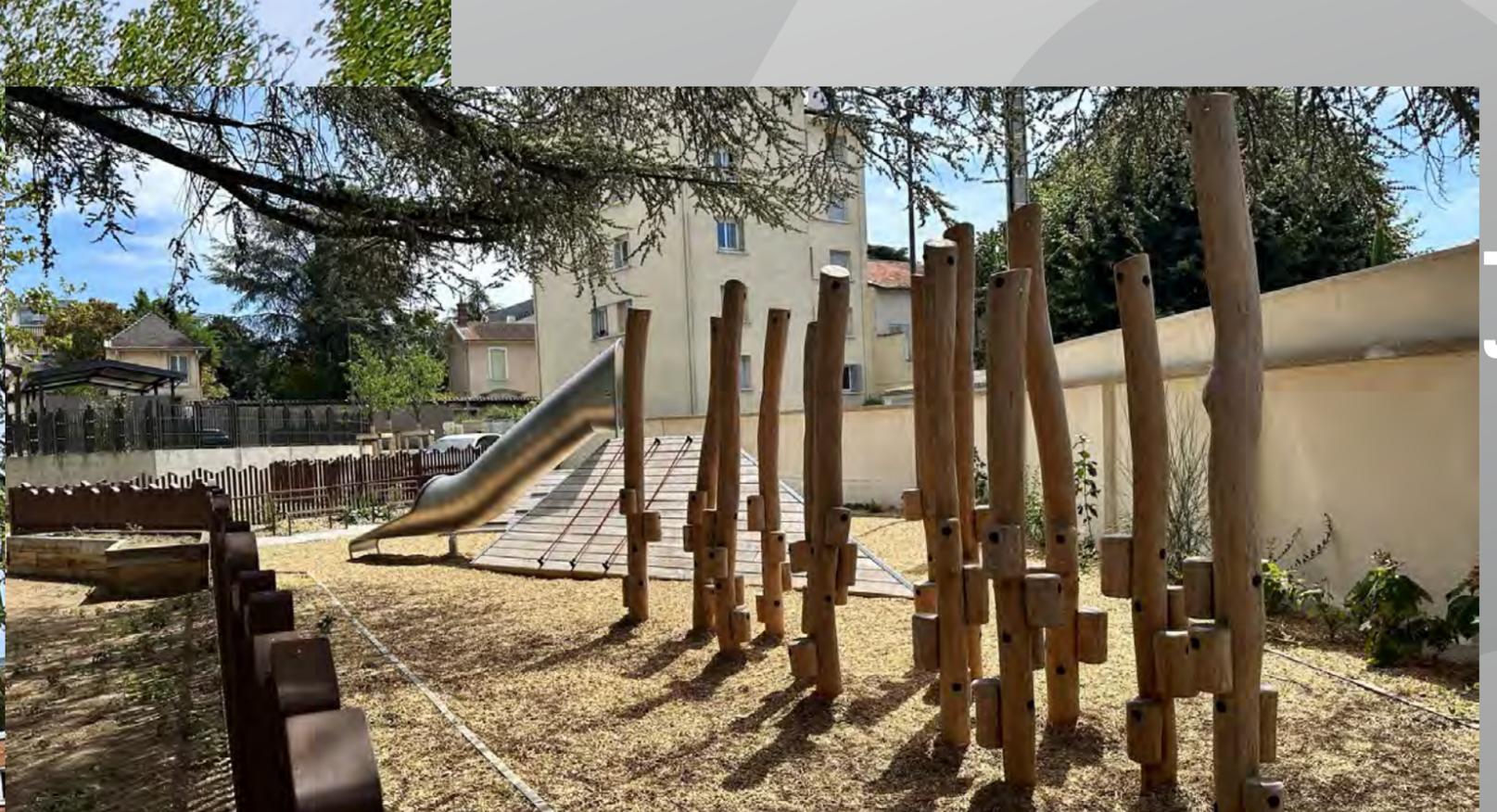
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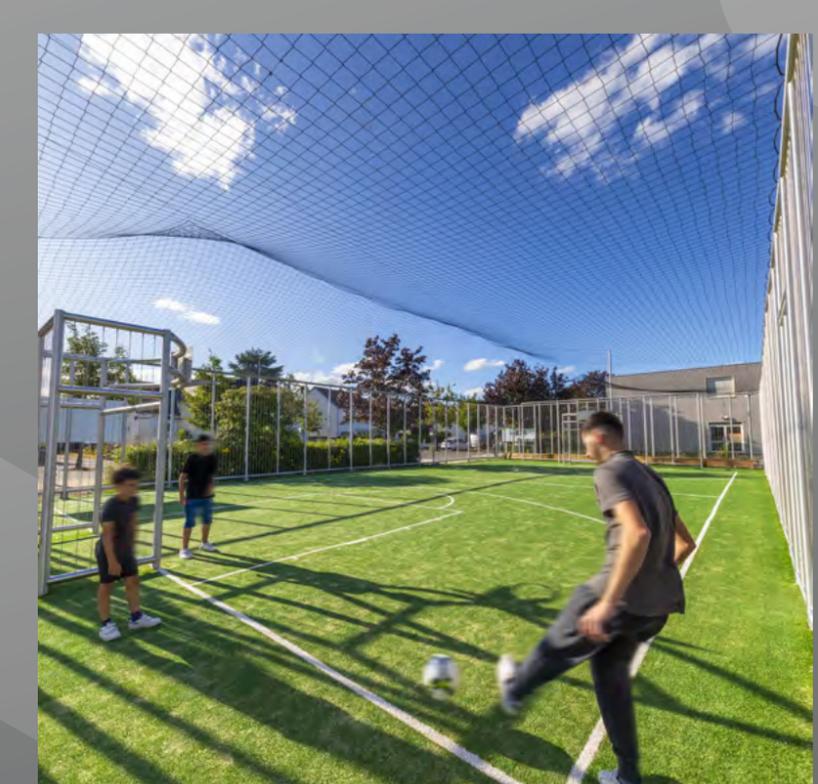
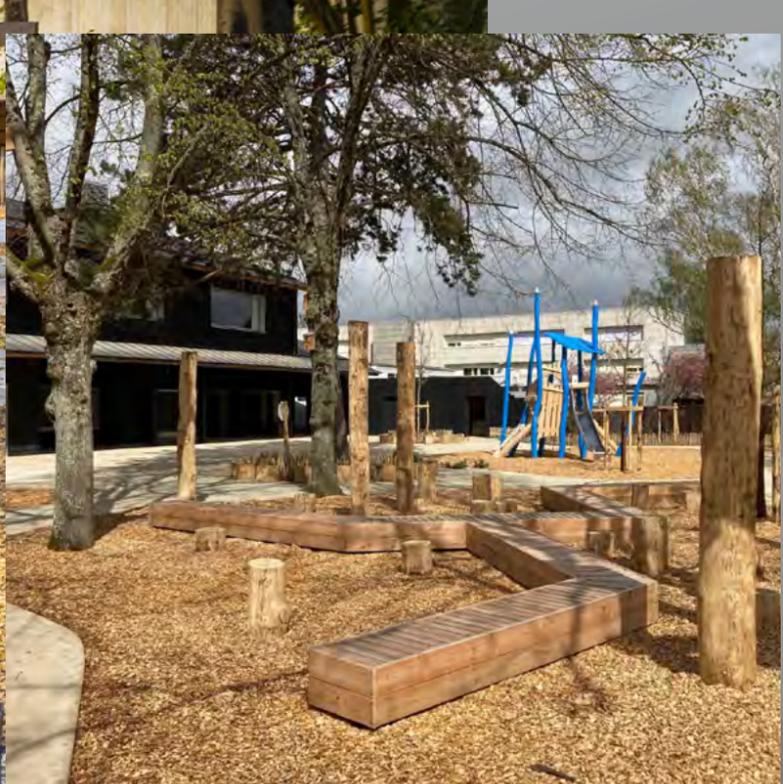
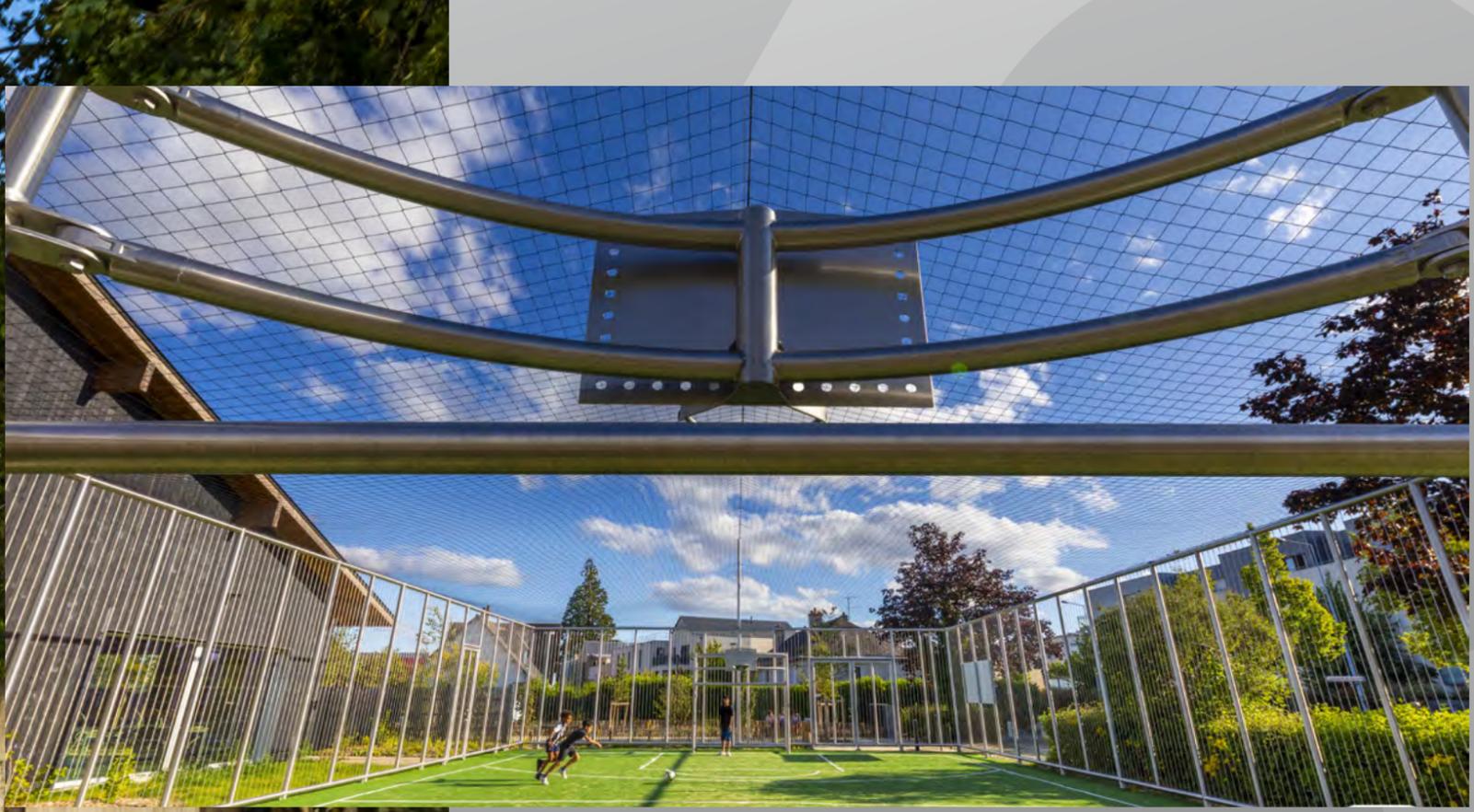




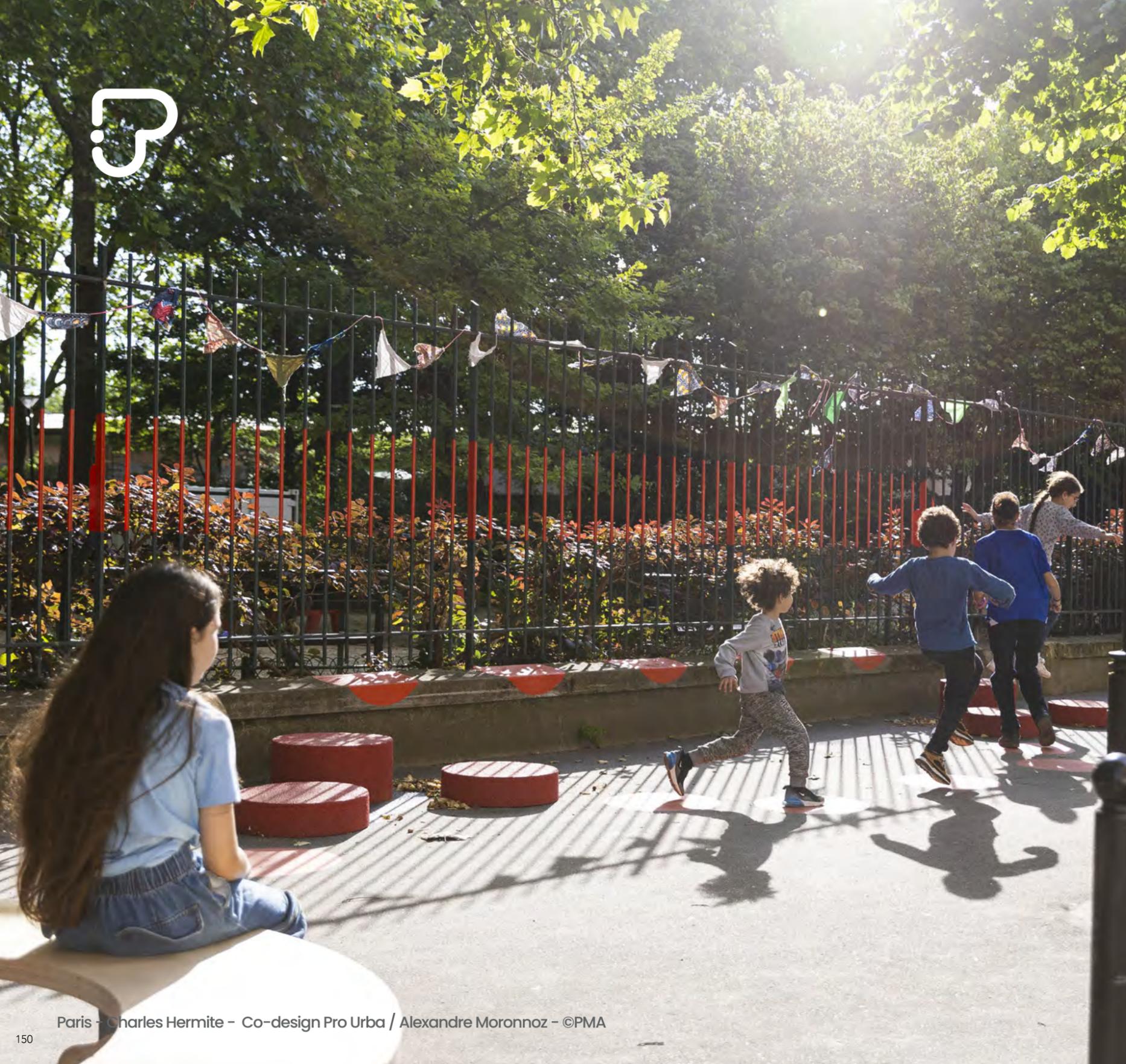
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