

Open Sky Shopping Center

Location: Metz, France

Architects: Gianni Ranaulo Design

To enhance the effect of this re-designed row of shop windows, the architect, Gianni Ranaulo Design used mirror-finished stainless steel (Uginox Bright) to completely cover the structure. The stainless steel finish covers the entire building extending from the two internal and external façades through to the broad canopy that covers the route followed by visitors. The design was created in the form of a vast, radiant and flowing wave forming a boundary that stretches for the entire length. To attach the variable wave cawling, a special cladding system was developed using large honeycomb panels covered with bright annealed stainless steel. Spliced together without visible joints, these panels are each around 6 metres long and 1.5 metres wide, creating a continuous and flowing reflective surface. The façade was fabricated by Compagnie de Phalsbourg, using stainless steel produced by Aperam.

Details

Environment:	urban
Grade/surface:	AISI 304 [EN 1.4301]/ Uginox Bright
Date of completion:	2014
Manufacturing company and material supplier:	Campagne de Phalsbourg, Aperam
More information:	uginox.com



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