Archives Lille

Lille, France

Lille’s new Department of Archives not only serves as a striking addition to the surrounding landscape, it also plays an important role in preserving the trove of historic books and documents that call it home. The seven-story building is covered in perforated 304 grade stainless steel mesh. Thanks to its matt appearance (Uginox Mat), the square building reflects the urban lights that surround it. By incorporating all existing facilities, the new building also adds a number of common areas, including interior patios that are bathed in warm natural light.