

Liverpool Interlomas

Mexico City, Mexico

Understanding the new role shopping centers play in today's society, in which they have become a magnet for social and cultural encounters, Rojkind Arquitectos was commissioned to design a façade for the new 18,000 square meter department store as part of a new era in the company's pursuit to re-brand itself. Liverpool department stores, with a 164-year-old history, have for the most part always been one of the main anchor stores for large shopping centers in Mexico.

Located in the northern car-dependent suburb of Interlomas on the outskirts of Mexico City, this relatively new suburb is characterized by a lack of open public space and a myriad of roads on which pedestrians are not welcomed.

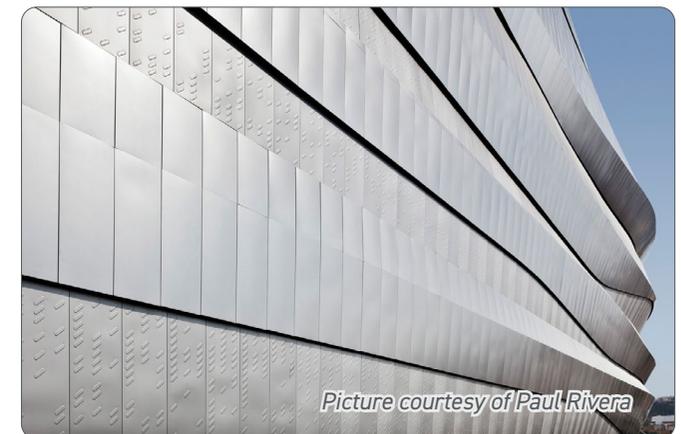
The new façade responds to the fast pace of everyday

Environment:	urban
Material:	angel hair polished stainless steel
Manufacturer:	ZAHNER
Architects:	Rojkind Arquitectos
Photographs:	Paul Rivera
More information:	rojkindarquitectos.com



life in this isolated suburb, sitting in the middle of a very congested intersection of highways and overpasses, which give it a futuristic "Blade Runner-like" feel.

The double-layered façade shelters the store and its users from its chaotic environment. Its sleek stainless steel machine-like exterior is intended to evolve in a very fluid way as the intense sun bathes it throughout the day. It's a contradiction to the grit and chaos of its surroundings; a juxtaposition that becomes a new reference for this part of the city. At night, the hollow cavity between the layers of the façade is engulfed in light that subtly escapes through the fine reliefs formed at the folds in the skin. The façade transforms at night from its solid monochromatic appearance during the day to a dynamic form accented by light.





Picture courtesy of Paul Rivera