Court of Strasbourg

Strasbourg, France

Built in 1898, the massive sandstone Palais de Justice is one of the most recognizable buildings in Strasbourg's historic Neustadt district. However, to remain viable as a court, more space was needed. So, between 2014 and 2016, this architectural icon was transformed into a modern, 21st century courthouse – all while maintaining its classic 19th century charm. The renovations included expanding the building’s surface area by 60%. But the extension is more than just an annex, it’s a bold statement of modernity. Although the new section is set back from the street, it is by no means hidden. Thanks to an abstract, origami-like stainless steel roof, the court’s new addition mirrors the classic architecture of the past while magnifying the building’s commitment to the future.