University Library
Annecy Le Vieux, France

Built on the grounds of an old farmstead, the Annecy-Le-Vieux University Library is designed to reflect the area’s agricultural roots. The two gabled, barn-like buildings are connected by a contemporary glass building – literally connecting the past to the present. Drawing inspiration from mathematician, physicist and philosopher René Descartes’ metaphysical meditations, the entire structure has been wrapped in a stainless steel veil, giving the library an aura of modernity.

Environment: rural
Use: panel façade
Material: 304 with a Uginox MAT finish
Manufacturer: Aperam
Architects: De Jong Architects
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