

# Les Villages d'Or

The project concerns the extension of an office building to double its capacity from 450 m<sup>2</sup> to 875 m<sup>2</sup>. The original building lacked significant architectural quality, and the project's budget constraints prevented extensive renovation of the existing structure.

We chose to work with the existing window sizes, maintaining their alignments to give the building a new overall scale. This approach helped to reintegrate the building into the Avenue de la Mer and enhance the value of the glass elements that formed the entrance.

The structures were constructed using cement blocks and masonry to minimize intervention costs. Cladding was applied to the building to prevent inevitable cracking, and a green wall was installed along Avenue de la Mer to provide shade for the south-facing openings. The separation of the original façade walls and the airflow generated by the vegetation helped to regulate temperature.

Circulation within the building is facilitated by suspended file cabinets, creating a frame in front of each office. The construction was carried out while the site was occupied, with the company only closing for ten days during the Christmas holidays for the installation of the hollow-core slabs covering the entrance hall.

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**LOCATION** Boirargues, 34970 [Hérault]

**CLIENT** Private | Les Villages d'Or

**SURFACE** 862m<sup>2</sup> including 441 m<sup>2</sup> of new construction and 421 m<sup>2</sup> under renovation

**PROGRAM** Les Villages d'Or headquarters

**COST** 1 050 000€ excl. taxes

**PHASE** Delivered in 2017

**MISSION** Stages 0 to 6, from strategic definition to handover and close out

**PHOTOS** Marie-Caroline Lucat