

Child psychiatric center

Mental health care institute for children and adolescents.

CLIENT

MGEN

TEAM

Patriarche (Architecture, Interior Architecture, MEP Engineering, EBQ, Cost, BIM, Urban Planning, Landscape, Narrative Design, Signage, Graphic Design)
Partners:
ATGT Ingénierie - 74, DB Ingénierie, Studis, Apave, Arhies, Alpes acoustique
Credits: ©Patriarche

KEYPOINTS

64 beds.
4 care units: post-crisis, SSR petits, SSR grands, day hospital.
5 covered terraces (1 for each level and each building wing).
Therapeutic garden.
City stadium.

SUSTAINABILITY

Label HQE : RT 2012 level E3 C1.

The project was conceived on the basis of a clear conviction: the space and environment in which an individual finds himself have psychological effects directly correlated with the healing process. With this in mind, our design objective was to create a therapeutic architecture to support the care process, in line with MGEN's ambitions.

The Institut Médical de l'Arc Alpin (IMAA) is designed to accommodate different types of patient, divided into appropriate units: a 21-bed "petits" unit for children aged 10 to 14, and a 26-bed unit for "grands" aged 14 to 18, both of which are complemented by a 17-bed post-crisis unit to accommodate adolescents for a three-week period, as well as a day hospitalization service for children and adolescents requiring more occasional care.

To ensure an efficient care service, the institute is structured around different areas: the reception area with an administrative section, the technical platform for paramedical activities, the school area, the restaurant and its production kitchen, the staff area and the logistics area.



Typology	Construction cost	Status
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GFA	Location	Project delivery
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Interior Architecture

The architecture of the place is complemented by its interior design. Indeed, to support users throughout their time in the medical institute, the project offers a bespoke layout that plays with colors, materials, and textures to provide a unique, reassuring, and soothing experience.

To create spaces for meeting, privacy, and learning, the interiors are carefully segmented. Refuge areas have been created in the child psychiatry unit, featuring fixed foam, alcoves, and elevated hideouts so that children can make them their own. These refuges are also found in the rehabilitation unit, where one can enjoy light therapy as well as quiet spaces to recharge or interact.

The spaces play with soft, soothing colors and gentle, warm, natural materials that absorb noise, creating a sense of calm for the users.



The rooms are designed following the same model to improve patients' quality of life and ensure they have a private space.

The common areas are carefully planned to encourage interaction while maintaining the initial intention of calm. The same shades of colors and materials are used to create a sense of continuity between the different spaces.



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