

THE GRAND HOTEL-DIEU GETS A NEW LEASE OF LIFE

A new social neighbourhood in the heart of Lyon



The InterContinental Lyon – Hôtel-Dieu, 13.237 m2, set in the very heart of the listed former Grand Hôtel-Dieu, is definitely the centrepiece of this new complex that opened April 27th, 2018 after five years of colossal construction work.

It took 800 workers on a 2.2 hectare site to transform the former Lyon hospital into a new social neighbourhood in the centre of Lyon, in an area listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1998.

In all, 51,500 m2 of buildings were renovated and converted to accommodate businesses and over forty shops and stores covering four different sectors: Gastronomy, Fashion, Design and Well-being. This is the largest privately planned transformation of a historic monument to be carried out in France to date.

In addition to the InterContinental Lyon, the new Grand Hôtel-Dieu houses shops and restaurants, a convention centre, housing, a private car park as well as a City of Gastronomy.

Having functioned unremittingly as a hospital for eight hundred years, the Hôtel-Dieu, no longer suited to modern medicine, closed its doors in 2010. The reconstruction project was officially launched in April, 2015, after the asbestos removal and the archaeological

excavations. The existing structures were laid bare, the roofs and frameworks removed and restored by qualified French artisans. At its busiest, the site saw some 1,200 people working together at the same time. Workers from Italy restored the inner walls while the people of Lyon gradually rediscovered the outer facade adorned with statues that had disappeared under a layer of grey dust, due to pollution.



A total area of 60,000 m², 40,000 m² of facade, 15,000 m² of roof, 1,400 windows, a stupendous glass roof containing over 170 tons of glass and steel, 22,000 tons of waste sorted then removed, 2 million working hours on a project that lasted for more than eight years: the restoration of the Grand Hôtel-Dieu in Lyon has broken all existing records...with a vengeance!

Wishing to offer a welcome to all, the Grand Hôtel-Dieu opens onto the city with as many as eight entry points, seven of which are open to the public. This new neighbourhood, in the heart of the Presqu' île quarter, enjoys a wide range of public transport (metro and bus), and an underground car park with 134 parking spaces.

One of the main attractions is the new International City of Gastronomy (opening in autumn 2019) that seeks to promote trades, expertise and local, French and international cuisine and catering. Designed as a development and management tool for professionals in the food industry and the nutritional health sector, it aims to promote the cultural and economic vitality of Lyon within France and internationally.

The phases of the project

- November 2010: Eiffage wins the competition organised by the Hospices Civils de Lyon
- February 2011: Signing of the lease agreement between Eiffage Construction and the Hospices Civils de Lyon
- November 2011: Classification of the entire site as a Historical Monument

- 2011-2012: Programming-Project Design-Consultation (Regional Cultural Affairs-City)-Information (local residents)
- July 2012-January 2013: Archaeological excavations, 1st phase
- December 28th, 2012: Prior declaration for permit to work on Historic Monuments (DAT MH in French)
- Spring 2013 until October2013 : Archaeological excavations, 2ne phase
- June 2013: Procurement of permit to work on Historic Monuments
- 3rd quarter 2013: Procurement of all other necessary authorisations
- December 2014: Signing of the construction lease between the Hospices Civils de Lyon and Eiffage Construction
- April 3rd, 2015: Purchase of the Grand Hôtel-Dieu, excluding the International City of Gastronomy, by Crédit Agricole Assurances in partnership with Crédit Agricole Centre Est
- April 2018: Delivery of the first fraction: commercial outlets, restaurants and offices
- Second half of 2018: Delivery of the full project: the InterContinental Lyon Hôtel-Dieu and its Académie conference centre and the International City of Gastronomy

Key figures

- The project covers an area of 51 500 m²
- 40 000 m² of buildings restored and converted
- 11 500 m² of new buildings
- 8 000 m² of courtyards and gardens on a 2,2 hectare site

A mix of activities

- Trade: 17,635 m² (Gross Leasable Area)
 - 45 shops and medium sized stores
 - 9 restaurants and bars
- Offices: 13 422 m²
- InterContinental Lyon Hôtel-Dieu with 144 rooms 13,237 m²
- Académie conference centre by InterContinental: 2,500 m²
- 11 apartments: 837 m²
- The International City of Gastronomy 3,900 m² open
- Private car park with 134 parking spaces