



LOCATION  
CLIENT  
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BUDGET

Brussels, Belgium  
GROUPE S  
A2RC ARCHITECTS  
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10 200 m<sup>2</sup> above ground  
18.000.000 € - excluding taxes

## GROUPE S

### Reconstruction of the islet at rue des Ursulines, rue de la Roue and rue de Terre Neuve

The project involves the reorganization of the islet so as to construct an office building along the rue des Ursulines, with housing and a nursery at the rear.

The islet is now mostly occupied by the offices of Groupe S, a petrol station and a garage on two corners.

The planned redevelopment releases the islet on the rue de Terre Neuve and rue de la Roue side, in order to build a 3-storey building with a shop on the ground floor, a crèche on the first floor open to local residents, homes on the 2nd floor and a roof terrace with plants, laid out as a garden terrace above the homes, which will give a pleasant view to the surrounding buildings.

All these functions are accessible to local residents and separated from the office building by two gardens opening onto rue de Terre Neuve and rue de la Roue.

The new offices of Group S are along rue des Ursulines, and provide a sound buffer between the railway lines and the residential areas of the district behind the building. The position of these offices is deliberately away from rue de Terre Neuve and rue de la Roue, in order to restore the sunlight to neighbouring residential buildings.

On the rue des Ursulines side, the south façade features a curtain wall protected from the sun by metal slats, set in a frame of light-coloured stone, designed inter alia to reduce energy consumption for cooling.

On the rue de Terre Neuve and rue de la Roue side, the choice is a more classical façade, composed of filled and empty spaces of light-coloured stone, which mimics the softness of the curtain walls with rounded corners on the street frontage.