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Tivoli High School

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Project info

The area is located in a new master plan of Brussel: TIVOLI. It is surrounded by an industrial area, a primary school and a "park" established by that master plan. At a more global scale, it is also a transition in relation to what exists today: the Marie-Christine neighborhood, Tour & Taxis and the Canal Albert. It primarily represents the ending point of a green path established by the landscaping project of T&T: the school is a focal point for the district.

The school interacts with its environment: the mass is sculpted by the external flows and the volume of the building is designed as a continuous educational ascent, with as a low point the entrance of the school facing due south. The ascent is in confrontation with the buildings of the new master plan to come to an end in front of the tower hosting the neighborhood house: the school and the tower are a signal of your entry into the new Tivoli neighborhood. From the courtyard, this ascent is clear and visible as the corridors are facing south and the classrooms grow on the north side in order to benefit from a constant light.

The main entrance of the school is seen as a warm meeting place, it connects between two worlds: the one from the street and the one from the school. The main courtyard of the school, the heart of the project, can be seen as an extension of the public space. It can indeed serve the residents in the evenings and on weekends. From the court, the flow splits to allow access to floors dedicated to classes as well as sports facilities and a multipurpose space that can be used on weekends.

