

META ARCHITECTURE OFFICE

ATLAS BUILDING

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PROJECT Atlas Building

PROGRAMME office building

CONSTRUCTION 2006

ADDRESS

Carnotstraat 110

2060 Antwerp

ARCHITECT

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In 2003 the city council of Antwerp organised a competition for a flexible multipurpose building to bring together the Integration Department and the Dutch Language Centre. The competition was won by META Architecture Office on the basis of an austere, no-nonsense proposal. The architects erected a new four-storey block on the street-front, renovated an existing building at the back and between the two created a courtyard that can be laid out as an urban garden. The new building contains all the public facilities, an exhibition area and offices, while the renovated building in the Provinciesteege at the back houses the lending service and its offices. As far as the design was concerned, the principle was that a socially and politically charged programme is best served by a structure that is easily adaptable and as neutral as possible. For this reason, no distinction was made between structural and completed building work in either the new or the renovated building.

Sven Sterken, *Flanders Architectural Yearbook* edition 2008



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