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ADPI wins the design competition for the new French Embassy in Bangkok



Aéroports de Paris engineering subsidiary ADPI has just won the competition to design the new French Embassy in Thailand.

This new project is the latest in a string of recent successes for ADPI in designing landmark public buildings, including the French Embassy in Tokyo, the headquarters of the European Commission in Tokyo and the Alliance Française in Bangkok. It further confirms the expertise that ADPI teams bring to bear in preparing bids in response to specifications imposing exceptional demands in terms of efficiency and functional rationality.

It also strengthens the presence and raises the profile of ADPI in the fast-growing markets of Southeast Asia, where there are many opportunities for development.



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The scheme submitted by ADPI and its local partner ACT won the Ministry of Foreign Affairs competition largely as a result of an original demolish-rebuild concept, replacing the French Embassy building on its existing location.

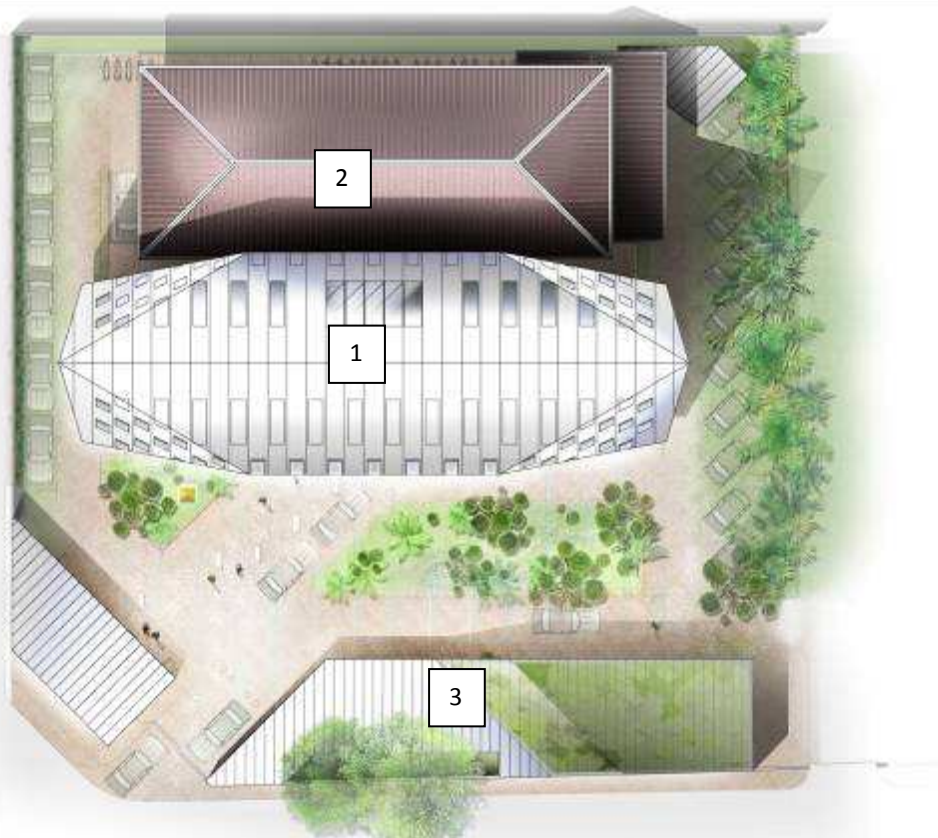
The solution offered by the ADPI teams is a compact layout retaining some of the existing buildings.

The new embassy will comprise:

- a new 6-storey building in the centre of the plot (1)
- a south wing created by refurbishing the current chancellery (2)
- a 'ribbon' building hugging the boundary wall, to be used as a reception area for visa applications and security checkpoints (3)

A new main courtyard is created at the entrance to the site.

With a total floor area of 3,200 m², the scheme falls within the budget set by the project owner.





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A design revisiting the local architectural style

Monolithic and prismatic in appearance, the new embassy offers a very contemporary take on the local architectural style, echoing the lines of the broad, steeply sloping and overhanging roofs of traditional Thai houses.

With its roof and walls wrapped in a continuous external skin finished in white, the symbol of purity and longevity, it makes a new, substantial and identifiable statement that will give the French government institutions it houses an efficient, economic and unique home.



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Addressing environmental imperatives

The scheme proposed by ADPI in response to the specifications is also distinctive for its demanding approach to energy and environmental performance.

The first response is the architectural concept, reusing an existing building to reduce the amount of demolition and new construction work required, thereby improving the overall carbon balance of the project.

Secondly, the material proposed for the wall cladding of the new building offers powerful opportunities for improved energy and environmental performance. Created from natural minerals and acrylic resin, it is recyclable, easy to maintain and offers exceptional resistance to heat and fluctuations in temperature. Its white colour is also perfect for reflecting the heat of the sun.

Project data:

- Location: Bangkok, Thailand



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- Floor area: 3,212 m², including 490 m² of refurbishment
- Handover scheduled for: 2013
- Design: ADPI
- Architecture: Dominique Chavanne, Architectural Committee Chairman and Mabel Miranda, Architect
- Project Manager: Jean-Yves Coulot

About ADPI

ADPI is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Aéroports de Paris, and a French engineering design company operating worldwide on architectural and major infrastructure projects, including airports and urban expansion developments, as well as complex construction projects, including airports, stadiums, high-rise towers and theatres.

ADPI provides its services as a Consultant, Project Manager or Prime Contractor Support provider. ADPI teams can make a valuable contribution to projects, from initial design right through to commissioning.

ADPI brings together a multiplicity of skills delivered by engineers, architects, design specialists and construction supervisors to deliver services that combine realism with creativity.

Formed in 2000, ADPI is currently engaged in more than 100 projects worldwide. The company reported revenue of €99 million for 2010.

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Aéroports de Paris builds, develops and manages airports including Paris-Charles de Gaulle, Paris-Orly and Paris-Le Bourget. With 83.4 million passengers handled in 2010, Aéroports de Paris is Europe's second-largest airport group in terms of airport passenger traffic and the European leader for freight and mail.

With an exceptional geographic location and a major catchment area, the Group is pursuing its strategy of adapting and modernizing its terminal facilities and upgrading quality of services, and also intends to develop its retail and real estate business. In 2010, the group revenue stood at 2,739 million euros and the net income at 300 million euros