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Hangar 14 - Bordeaux, France

What was once a building unit for harboring storage in the 1930s, was retrofitted by the City of Bordeaux in France, to capture the architecture of the old ports near the Garonne river. This explains the shipping crate form located at the main entrance. Hangar 14, was designed by the Architecture firm Lanoire & Courrian, but the architect allowed many sections from the building's older outer facade to contrast the newer frost glazing. This highlights the major change in functionality that the building serves.

The project converted the old transportation storage unit and is now a venue for companies, private events, artists, conventions, and more to host their events. The venue features 2 floors that span about. The top floor consists of an outdoor terrace and hall. The ground floor has a larger hall but contains more structural support systems. Due to the gridlike layout of the structural members throughout the ground floor, it is ideal for conventions or events that are sectioned off into separate areas. The top hall is ideal for formal events and smaller gatherings as it contains 2 private rooms, a hall, and an outdoor terrace that spans 600 square meters.

Although the building is mostly rectilinear, the HVAC systems and interior plan designs can be almost entirely asymmetrical. Additionally, the outer facade facing the river has a slight bend, as if it is simultaneously symbolizing the aspiring want of blending into its environment.

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