



Axe Immobilier et Plateau Urbain settle an emergency accomodation centre of « Cités Caritas » in Montreuil

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Two years after the settlement by Axe Immobilier and Plateau Urbain of more than 340 organisations from the associative, cultural, artistic, craft and social economy fields, the building East Village (formerly OPALE), located in Montreuil, has been hosting an emergency accommodation centre managed by Cités Caritas since the 16th of January 2023. An intermediate, mixed and social project.

This building of 10,000 sq m has been made available to Plateau Urbain by Axe Immobilier for over two years. An emergency accommodation centre for 50 people managed by Cités Caritas now hosts families with the support of the Regional and inter-departmental administration for the accommodation and housing (DRIHL) and the City of Montreuil.

“The provision of the building OPALE (renamed East Village) by Axe Immobilier enabled us to develop third places receiving more than 340 organisations since its opening in February,2021. Today, we have succeeded in partnership with Cités Caritas in including to this program a 50-bed emergency accommodation centre in this old office building: a small step towards temporary reversibility of office building into emergency accommodation centre.

With this new configuration, this third place will take on another dimension and allow us to work on the acceptability of emergency accommodation centre in Ile-de-France Region. Opale now offers a double exchange for those who daily visit it: the discovery of a social project for organisations already settled and new integration facilities’ for people working in the social field.” Said Simon Laisney, founder and CEO of Plateau Urbain.

Cédric de Lestrang, CEO of Axe Immobilier adds “ our 2-years partnership with Plateau Urbain expresses our desire, with the city of Montreuil to have inhabited, lively buildings and in communication with the city, even during the planning and designing stages of a large-scale urban project,. We are delighted to contribute to democratizing these mixed, intense, lively places conducive to the creation of new goods and services. Because temporary occupation is more useful and creative than a society of guards.”

“Hosting of families in this interim emergency accommodation centre, open during the winter and located in an area, the city of Montreuil where the association is well established provides a new opportunity for Cités Caritas to support and integrate these families sustainably.” Says Cités Caritas.

Patrice Bessac, Mayor of Montreuil and president of Est Ensemble: “faced with the harsh reality where the number of people in situations of social emergency is increasing, we defend the right to housing as a fundamental right. That is why Montreuil, faithful to its values as a city of solidarity and welcome, is proud to see a new emergency accommodation centre being established on its territory.”



The temporary occupation of the future building “East Village” will continue until August 2023. Axe Immobilier’s urban project, which will provide Montreuil and its businesses with a tertiary complex of reference for quality of life and occupational health, at the heart of Montreuil’s dynamism , will be the natural and ambitious extension of the success of this temporary, solidarity, and creative occupation.



Axe immobilier is an indépendant group founded in 1993 by Alain Beynet and Alain Delaporte. It is currently managed by Cédric de Lestrang. Axe Immobilier designs and builds projects in the heart of large cities.

The business is organised around three areas of expertise:

Axe Immobilier Development, Axe Immobilier Engineering and Axe Immobilier Management.

Based on their experience of multiple disciplines, the creativity of their teams and the diversity of their projects, Axe Immobilier has become a well-known and appreciated player for the quality of their projects and the strength of their partnerships. Our ability to invent new real estate solutions to guarantee our clients perfect control of costs and schedules results from our history and our internal organisation, as well as our expertise. We are one of the few developers to have our own project economics and construction management subsidiary, Axe Immobilier Engineering, which evaluates and manages projects for and on behalf of our clients, right through to delivery. This allows us to consolidate our motto: **Imagine, Build, Create Value**

Plateau Urbain is a transitional urban planning cooperative that makes available vacant and affordable urban spaces in lively and creative places conducive to common projects. These third places are intended for organisations from cultural, associative and social economy fields. Since 2013, it has made it possible to provide a new utilisation to some forty sites hosting nearly 1,500 organisations over more than 100,000 sq m : Les Grands Voisins (Paris 14th), Césure (Paris 15th), La Halle des Girondins (Lyon), les Cinq Toits Paris (Paris 16th) , Coco Velten (Marseille).

Cités Caritas : National association with social purpose and recognised as being of public interest, Cités Caritas has been working for over 30 years to promote the inclusion of individuals facing severe poverty, exclusion or disability. Within the Caritas France network, the association aims to contribute to the evolution of society and support it offers to vulnerable individuals. Its actions are structured around 4 axes: welcoming, accompanying, and supporting access to housing; advocating for an inclusive society; studying and contributing to raising awareness of the social realities faced through collective advocacy actions and partnerships; and innovating to invent the solidarities of tomorrow by experimenting with new responses through cooperation and co-construction with those supported and actors committed to solidarity." .

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