

Transformation of an iconic building

(Rennes, France)

The architecture of the Palais du Commerce is the main subject of the night-time identity of Republic Square. We propose to compose a nocturnal lighting scheme that magnifies this architecture to make it a driving force of atmosphere that will revitalise this place. It will be sublimated, giving it greater visibility at nightfall. We also propose to compose the lighting of the building by not limiting it to the façades, but extending it to the roofs. In

the centre, the dome is illuminated by lighting revealing its dormer windows and sculptural decorations. Particular emphasis is given to the top of the dome, with a neutral light, revealing the historic zinc work in the crowning. The lighting of the remarkable staircase thanks to a led strip integrated in the handrail allows the diffusion of a warm light inside the structure.

contracting authority
FREY & La Poste Immo
architect
MVRDV & Bernard
DESMOULIN
lighting design
les éclaireurs

budget 80 000 000 € e VAT surface area 18 000 sq.m completion 2025