

# GARONNE RIVERFRONT, TOULOUSE

Client: Toulouse Métropole

Design team:

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The Garonne riverfront refurbishment project has no clear defined limits, or the ones it has are undefined, multiple, oscillating between the overall renewal strategy, the urban design of its major public spaces, the architectural renovation of the monumental quay walls and private initiatives activating the water surface. The project is composed by:

1. Conversion of the old ports of the Garonne. The three old ports are opposite and each offers a unique perspective on the city overlooking them. The specific character of each port was enhanced; Place Saint Pierre as lieu de contemplation, Place de la Daurade as collective green garden, Port Viguerie as evenemental space.

2. Pacification and refurbishment of the streets connecting the riverfront with the inner city; Rue Pargaminières – Romiguières, Rue Jean Suau, Rue Gambetta, Rue des Lois, Rue Viguerie. These streets form a strategic cordon between the symbolic center of Toulouse and the Garonne.

3. Creation of a bicycle path in the shade of the plane trees all along the Garonne on the right bank from l'Empalot to the Port de l'Embouchure.

4. Complete restauration of the original brick protection wall (monument Saget) and lower quays. The quays are now being transformed into spacious esplanades entirely accessible to pedestrians.

5. A coherent light plan, reducing light pollution and a global enhancement of the different public spaces and the mise en scène of the monuments longing the river.

6. Temporary arrangements to activate the water space: Floating Restaurant (La Guinguette), River taxi shuttle, water skiing platforms, Théâtre de verdure

