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Our development project aimed to achieve a sharp reduction in vehicular traffic together with the creation of two bus lanes, while also improving the operational effectiveness of the waterfront facilities. The alteration and upgrading of these facilities constituted an essential condition in order to convert the space into a semi-pedestrianised public zone.

For the quays a unified and continuous surface was chosen, with a very "mineral" and contemporary visual impact. The quays have now been transformed into spacious areas that are entirely accessible to pedestrians.

The Quai de la Fraternité thus becomes an outstanding area boasting a width of up to 45 metres, with more than 60 per cent of its surface being pedestrianised. The pavements along the street front have also been widened. In this zone, the traffic volumes have dropped sharply from 2,600 to about 1,000 vehicles per hour at peak times of day.

Comparative views of the Old Port before and after the intervention. From left: Quai de la Fraternité Quai Rive Neuve, and Quai du Port.