

MORANGIS RETIREMENT HOME

in Paris, France

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Designed by Vous Êtes Ici Architectes
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French studio Vous Êtes Ici Architectes completed a retirement home in the southern Parisian suburb of Morangis. The building is wrapped with a timber façade while the doors, windows and recesses are picked out in yellow ochre.

The Morangis Retirement Home is divided into three wings within a Y-shaped floorplan. Vous Êtes Ici Architectes arranged the Siberian larch in vertical strips over the façade of the building to form canopies across the three entrances. The main entrance that leads into the center of the building is located at the junction of two wings. Other entry points are positioned along the northern façade for service access, and the southern façade for private resident's gardens.





The building houses four floors that provide functional and administrative areas. Communal rooms, health facilities and staff areas have been grouped together on the first floor. Shared dining rooms, living rooms and other social areas are arranged around the southern elevation and open onto the private resident's garden. The three upper floors of the building are taken up by bedrooms. The areas on the second and third floor accommodate typical residents and are divided into clusters of 13 bedrooms with built-in dining and activity rooms. The fourth floor is dedicated to patients suffering from Alzheimer's and other neurological diseases. Central corridors provide access between different sections of each floor. The designer has also planned two roof terraces with direct access to ground level via a pair of outdoor staircases.

In addition to artificial lighting, large windows have been introduced to allow natural light to filter into the interior helping to provide a fresh atmosphere and create an open space for the residents.

