

L'esplanade shopping centre in Louvain-la-Neuve

L'esplanade, which is situated in the centre of Louvain-la-Neuve, is an urban concept and home to the city's shopping centre. It has 95 shops and a new car-free shopping street, called rue Charlemagne, with quality housing on either side of it. The street, which is an extension of the shopping centre, has over 30 shops and a cinema. All the ingredients for transforming your next shopping trip in a fun and pleasant experience.

L'esplanade helps make this university city a major attraction for all the region's inhabitants.

The three-storey shopping centre is partly built over the SNCB/NMBS station and the city's ring road.

Parking spaces were built under the new housing as well as a three-storey underground car park, in addition to the shopping centre's existing parking facilities. The latter were refurbished in the framework of the project, bringing the total to 6,000 parking spaces.

Pedestrians can use the wide vertical and horizontal walkways, which enhance mobility in the city while also harmoniously ensuring mobility for the disabled.



Client	Wilhelm & Co
End client	Compagnie de Promotion de L'esplanade
Mission services*	Construction project management
Architects	Chapman Taylor Benelux in a joint venture with Christian Sauvage/M. & J-M. Jaspers - J. Eyers & Partners
Location	Louvain-la-Neuve
Project type	New-build
Building type	Urban design including a shopping centre, cinemas, housing, car parks, public roads and a square
Time frame	25 months
Time frame	From 1999 until 2005
Surface area	52,000 sq.m. of new car parks and renovation of the existing car parks with about 2,000 spaces, 35,000 sq.m. shops, 230 dwellings
Cost	€ 65,000,000

* Immo-Pro working within another structure

