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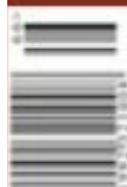
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## Château de Versailles History Gallery



**T**he Château de Versailles, classified thirty years ago as a world heritage site and located some twenty kilometres southwest of Paris, is one of the treasures of European art and history. Constructed as a simple hunting lodge by King Louis XIII in 1624, it has been successively enlarged to become the renowned palace it is today.

The palace's historical gallery project was awarded to Projectiles studio in a contest organised between February and April 2010. It was noted for its contemporary dimension and for its audacity aimed at writing a new historical era for the palace's architecture. The project proposed an interior landscape in direct contrast with that of the palace, while maintaining the principal aesthetic and geometric qualities of the palace.

The interiors are defined by a three part system. One part explains the history and protects the artworks: the nineteenth century panelling by Louis Philippe is conserved but totally repainted, and supports contemporary luminous extrusions made in DuPont® Corian® technosurface. Another area provides a backdrop for paintings: the traditional tapestry wall covering is replaced by a specific and contemporary skin in DuPont® Corian®. The final part of the three-tiered system controls the light: a monolithic looking 'chandelier' made of DuPont® Corian® is suspended in the centre of the room.

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