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Judiciary Police Headquarters

Lisbon

Designed by architecture firm Saraiva + Associados, the Judiciary Police new headquarters covering an area of 98,000sqm in the heart of Lisbon, Portugal was built on a hierarchy of geometric recessions to reduce the impact of its scale on the urban surroundings.

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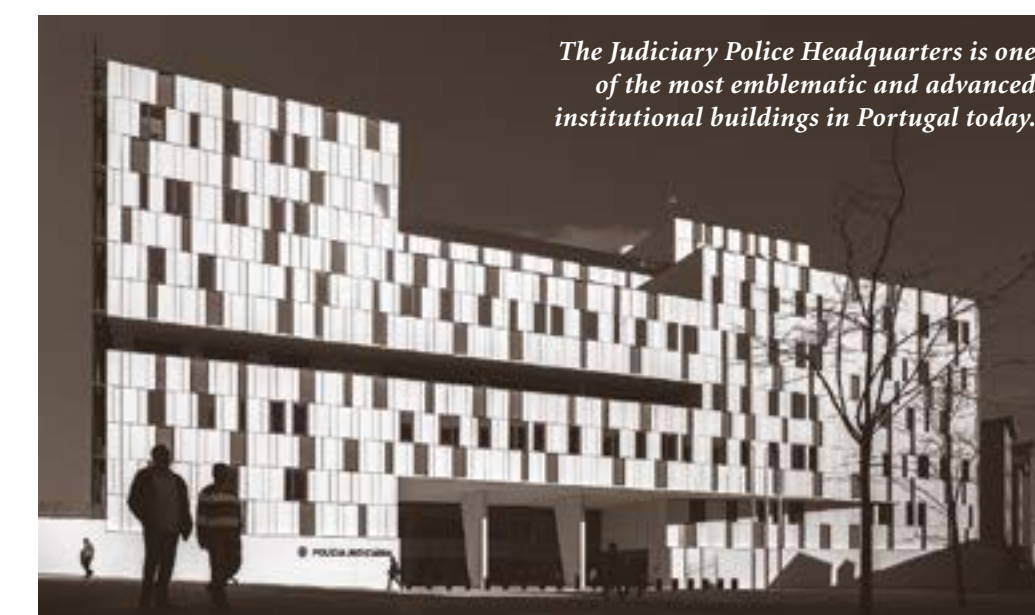
The project concept evoked greater proximity between the traditional logic of public building of this type, making the whole complex on a humanized scale, rigorous but not austere, dominant but not dominating. We wanted to show its character as an institution without having to boast an oppressive scale.”
Miguel Saraiva



A monochromatic façade delineated by clean geometric and regular spacing of rectangular windows on walls are the elements that combine the separate volumes of the building into a consistent whole.

It is an enormous building that houses many departments set in the centre of the heavily-populated and developed Portuguese capital. To minimise the look of bulk and severity, care was taken to design a building that had clean lines, through glazed facades interspersed with opaque elements, giving it a balanced composition of volumes. This volumetric approach led to the creation of courtyards with natural light and ventilated spaces. The main concepts of the project development were: identity, functionality, security, flexibility and integration.

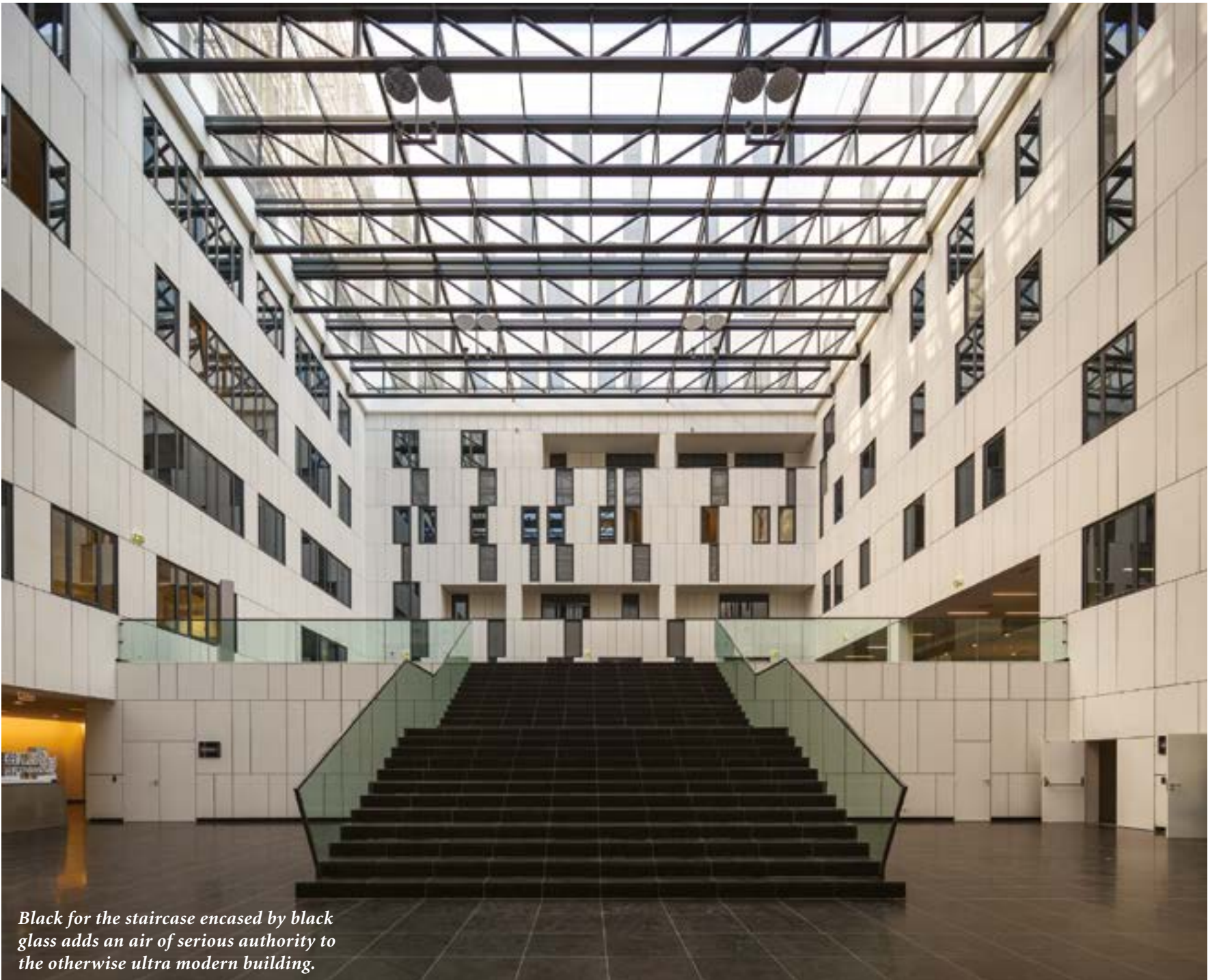
Said CEO and leading architect of Saraiva + Associados Miguel Saraiva, “The Judiciary Police Department is undoubtedly one of the most prestigious and emblematic institutions in Portugal. Although we associate rigor, discipline and austerity to this institution, its new headquarters has a corporative but humanised image, without an austere scale. The geometric skin gives the new building a unified image, reducing its impact on the neighborhood.”



The Judiciary Police Headquarters is one of the most emblematic and advanced institutional buildings in Portugal today.



Courtyards break the blocks that rise to 11 floors allowing natural light and ventilation to enter the building while providing private recreational areas for the employees.



Black for the staircase encased by black glass adds an air of serious authority to the otherwise ultra modern building.



Using wood panelling for the walls, matching chair seats and a surging ceiling with round lights, the auditorium features the first soft approach to the design which complements the whole.

The building is equipped with high technology and safety features that make it one of the most advanced institutional buildings in Portugal.

It has a Northeast/Southwest orientation, with maximum volumetric of 11 floors above the ground level and two large central courtyards that interleave the volumes and unify the built set. Its interior courtyards provide natural light, creating a pleasant workspace.

POLICE JUDICIARY REGAINING ITS SOCIAL SIGNIFICANCE

By the late 1970s, the old Judiciary Police building had exhausted its capacities and no longer met the Police Judiciary's functional needs. José Maria de Almeida Rodrigues, the national director of the Judiciary Police said, "Indeed, PJ was confronted with new forms of crime



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such as the international trade in drug trafficking and vehicles, and phenomena of terrorism and criminal association. (...) From an early stage we experienced severe functional deficiencies, namely in terms of security and preserving the identity of employees. (...). As from 2014, Portugal now has one of the best headquarters, at worldwide level, of a criminal investigation police.”

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