



Green spaces



PLACE BASSE

This small square is planted with holm oaks cut to resemble parasols. An expert mix of Chinese and Mediterranean shrubs including nandina, rosemary, lavender, jasmine and escallonias are planted in containers sculpted to depict the heads of women, designed by the artist Shelomo Selinger.



PLACE DE L'IRIS

Since the 1990s, this square has been adorned with spring-blooming Japanese cherry trees. Between April and May, these small trees produce stunning white or pink flowers and in the autumn, their foliage has an attractive yellow or red hue. A natural spectacle that changes through the seasons.



COURS GAMBETTA

This garden is situated on the site of the ancient Gambetta viaduct, along the path that connects Courbevoie to the esplanade. It is light with a small lake and miniature trees and has sloping green sides to create a haven away from the hustle and bustle of daily life and vehicle emissions.



ESPLANADE DU GÉNÉRAL DE GAULLE

The Esplanade is a truly magical place to walk in the shade of 450 plane trees all in a line to form a curtain. An avenue of green that lines the historical axis linking the Louvre to the Grande Arche. People come to stroll, play bowls, relax on benches or steps in their lunch hour or after work.



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PARC DIDEROT

A themed garden with a large waterfall, a collection of rhododendrons and azaleas, box trees sculpted into balls or squares, lines of yews following the sharp sloping terrain: parc Diderot is one of the jewels of La Défense. This 10,000 sqm space created by landscape artist Allain Provost is staged over two levels separated in height by 10 metres. The upper level contains calm and relaxing lawn areas whilst the lower level is dedicated to sporting activities and children's games. Two sets of steps in the centre run parallel to the spectacular waterfall that gives the park its unique fresh feel.



FUTURE WORK

Landscape planning and upgrading of park equipment.



JARDINS DE L'ARCHE

Located at the foot of the Grande Arche in the continuation of the historical axis of Paris, the Jardins de l'Arche cover a surface area of 3.3 hectares. Designed by Gilles Clément, these gardens are known for their "jetty", a 450-metre overhead bridge connecting the foot of the Grande Arche to the centre of the gardens. The garden also boasts a central platform which was designed using materials and plants to symbolise the four elements water, fire, earth and air.



Walk Run Eat



VIGNE DU CLOS DE CHANTECOQ

At the foot of the glass buildings and futuristic skyscrapers, nature stands firm. At the very end of the Esplanade stands the Clos de Chantecoq vineyard. Containing 750 plants, half chardonnay variety and half pinot noir variety, the vineyard carries on the wine-making tradition of the Ile-de-France region which dates back to the XVIIIth century. The vineyard is still looked after the traditional way.



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SQUARE DES COROLLES

This local square built in 1995 is located at the "Lorraine" apartment block. With an orchard theme, it also has benches and games for children. Its beautiful rows of clustered shrubs flower each season: *Prunus subhirtella "Autumnalis"*, amelanchiers, Indian lilac, alternated strips of lawn, and a wide variety of other shrubs.



PLACE DE LA DÉFENSE

This 1800 sqm turf area is home to a work of art entitled *Arc déplacé*, created in 1994 by Christine O'Loughlin. On warm days, every square centimetre of this green carpet is taken up by the masses of workers meeting to picnic.



SQUARE REGNAULT

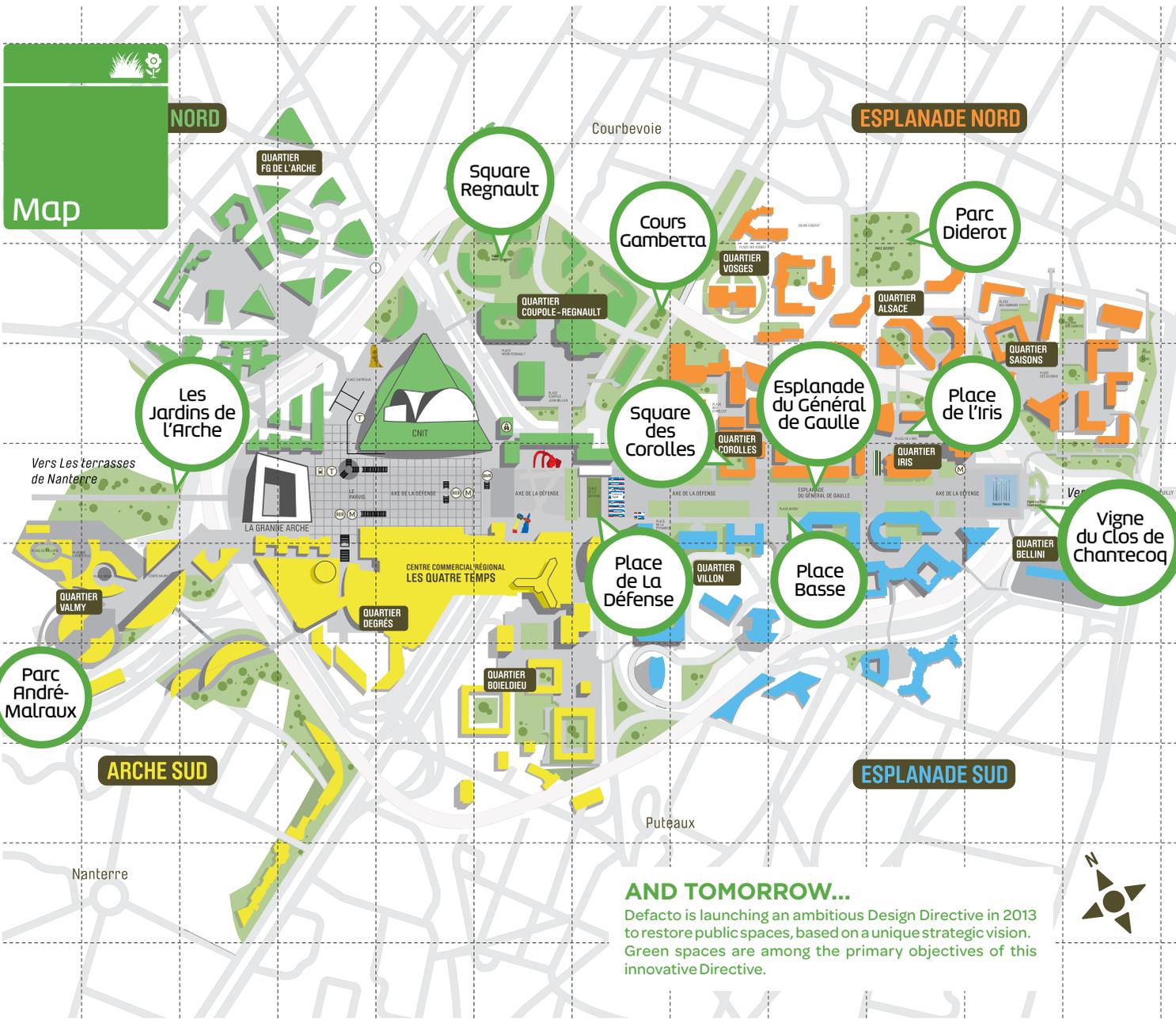
Well-known by the residents of the Les Dauphins and Leclerc apartment blocks and Gambetta Tower, Regnault square has been completely renovated. In addition to new equipment, around sixty trees were planted: birches, plum trees, common maples, ashes and amelanchiers. The square also contains new perennial shrubs, flowering grass and other grasses. The square will have an additional 1000 sqm of planted surface area in total.



PARC ANDRÉ-MALRAUX

André-Malraux park is a 25-hectare landscaped park with a number of paths winding between gentle hills, lawns, play areas, water features and a canal, a flower garden and a botanical garden. The buildings that line the edges of the park literally open onto the park itself.

Map



AND TOMORROW...

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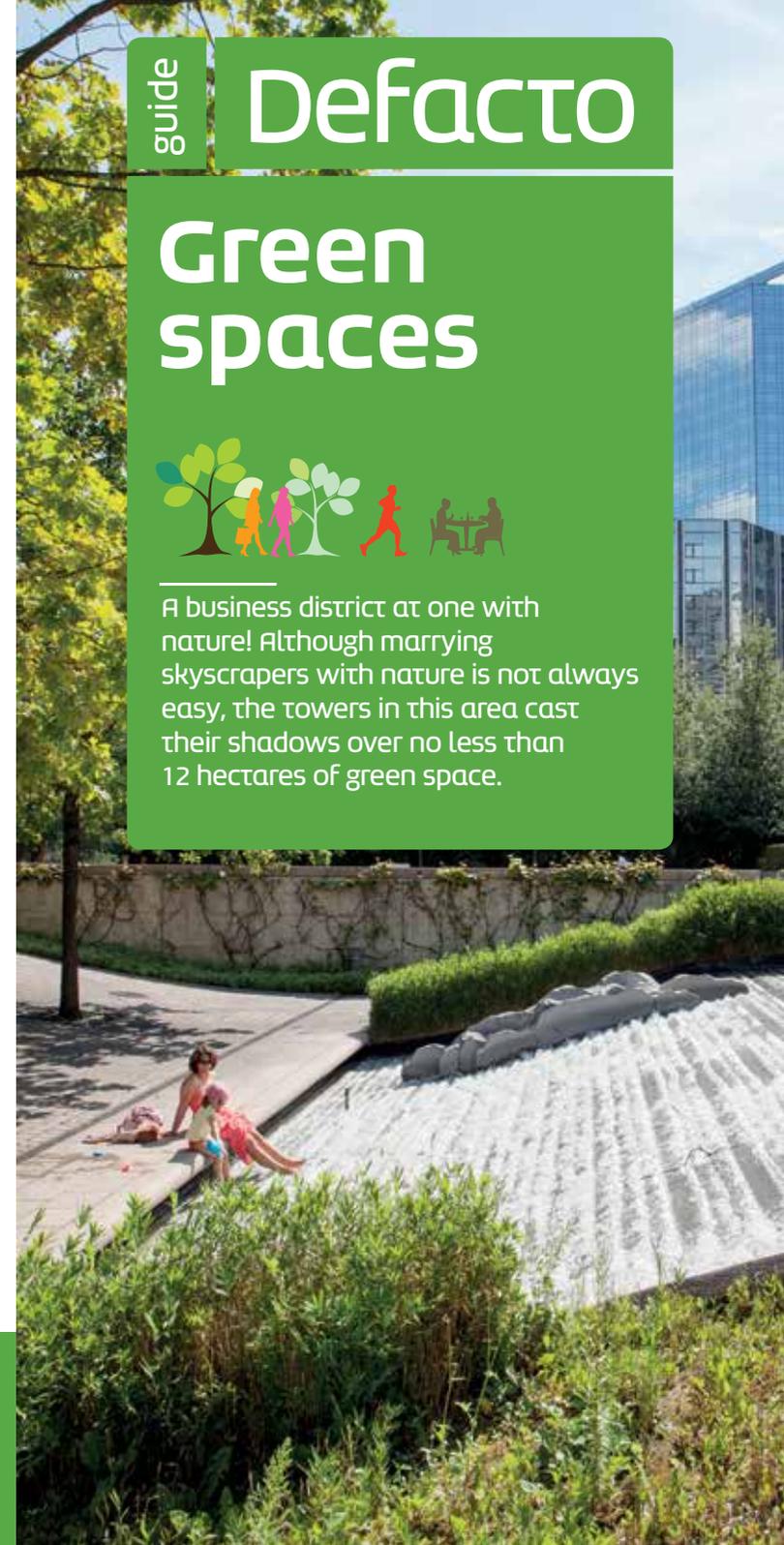
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A business district at one with nature! Although marrying skyscrapers with nature is not always easy, the towers in this area cast their shadows over no less than 12 hectares of green space.



Walk



Run



Eat



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