



*Before modification*

Originally a rural house. Roduit House was built in stages in the nineteenth century. It now consists of three adjacent areas on different levels.

As heritage restrictions vary greatly between projects—and especially by the region in which they are located—the practice must be certain about how this will factor into their strategies. For their barn conversion in Praz-de-Fort in the Val d’Entremont there were no heritage constraints, as the buildings were originally designed to be moved.

However, Roduit House was heritage-protected, so the practice had to negotiate all of the legal requirements. But the architects are comfortable with these limits: “It is right that the authorities give certain rules for the preservation of buildings.” And they clearly flourish despite—or perhaps because of—the constraints provided,

respecting the original building and expanding it with purpose, but only when required.

“We have a contextual approach, whether it is a new construction or a transformation,” says Savioz. \_\_\_\_\_