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Business parks of the Huveaune Valley

The Huveaune Valley, where the surrounding Sainte-Baume and Garlaban mountain peaks contrast with lands that have been shaped by human hands, is a major corridor between Marseille and Aubagne. This area is home to the Les Paluds-Plaine de Jouques and Domaine Vallée Verte business parks.



ARE YOU GOING TO BE WORKING IN AU



CHOOSE YOUR LIFESTYLE!

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ARE YOU A CITY PERSON?

Find a place in **Marseille eastern** or **southern districts**. To the East, **La Capelette** is a happening spot. The creation of the Parc du XXVI^{ème} Centenaire, the construction of apartment buildings and the opening of the Palais Omnisports Marseille Grand Est (complex for ice sports and skateboarding) have certainly boosted its attractiveness. Do you prefer grand boulevards? Go with the **Prado district**. Do you dream of your own house and garden? **La Valentine** is the spot for you, as high-quality subdivisions have been built there.

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DO YOU PREFER THE COUNTRYSIDE?

La Penne sur Huveaune, **Aubagne** and **Gémenos** are all towns of a manageable size that have many advantages. Multi-family housing, country chic traditional Provençal houses at the foot of Mount Garlaban, residential subdivisions...the variety of housing on offer is extensive. At the weekend, get back to nature in the communal forest of La Penne sur Huveaune. Is your heart set on a quaint village? **Roquevaire**, **La Bouilladisse** and **La Destrousse**, located to the north of Aubagne, will welcome you with open arms.

WOULD YOU PREFER A PLACE BY THE SEA?

If you love the seaside, **La Ciotat** is sure to win your heart with its promenade by the water and its beaches. This bathing place is also a green town that promotes green modes of transportation with the opening of the Voie douce or green lane, a route and walking path reserved for alternative modes of transportation. Culture has not been neglected either: the Eden-théâtre, the grande dame of cinemas that just re-opened in 2013, is the crowning jewel of the town's many eclectic cultural options.



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BAGNE, GÉMENOS OR LA VALENTINE ?

A GUIDE TO THE BUSINESS PARKS

Going to work

From the motorway:

Domaine Vallée Verte: A 50
Zone des Paluds (Aubagne): A50 - A501
Gémenos Business Park: A 501

Using public transport:

Domaine Vallée Verte: RTM Bus and
SNCF (Barrasse Train Station)
Zone des Paluds (Aubagne)
and Gémenos Business Park:
Cartreize Shuttles

ECO-INITIATIVES

Business-to-business transportation plan for employees of Paluds - Aubagne - Gémenos.

Carpooling is promoted through the www.tousecomobiles.org site for the employees of these business parks.

Soon there will be the Val'Tram, an inter-city tram that will connect Bouilladisse to Aubagne.

Free access to public transport:

- in the Pays d'Aubagne et de l'Etoile metropolitan area (metropolitan Bus Network)
- for employees of the Domaine Vallée Verte business park: a free shuttle connected to the SNCF network (Barrasse Train Station) and the RTM bus network.



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Medical Services

Aubagne has two hospitals: La Casamance private hospital and Edmond-Garcin medical centre, which offer high-quality technical infrastructure and a full range of treatment regimens. The **Charrel Medical Services Centre** is open seven days a week from 9 am to 10 pm, rounding out the care options.

Marseille hospitals are located near the Valentine site. Boasting France's second largest healthcare network, Marseille has one of the nation's best ranges of healthcare options. «*Marseilles has always had great doctors*»¹

¹ Pr Yves Baile, Chairman of Marseille's Medical Heritage Conservatory

Accommodation Rental rates

Geographical sectors	1-bed apt.	2-bed apt.	House
La Capelette (Marseille - 10 th)	€500 - €750 CC	€720 - €920 CC	€890 - 1100 CC
Aubagne	€580 - €700 CC	€690 - €780 CC	€900 - 1200 CC
La Ciotat	€600 - €820 CC	€800 - €1100 CC	€900 - 1200 CC

A few purchase prices

A one-bedroom in the new eco-district in the western part of Aubagne: **From €139,000**

A two-bedroom in La Capelette just a short walk from the Parc du 26^e Centenaire: **From €176,000**

A four-room house in La Ciotat in a residential neighbourhood: **From €341,500**



Rental rates and prices are not contractual and are provided as guide only



Lunch near your workplace

In Aubagne, the bustling centre of the Paluds business park boasts cafés and restaurants and the Auchan shopping centre has many options for people looking to grab a bite. Gémenos also has a large range of dining options to choose from with over 40 restaurants. Employees at Domaine Vallée Verte can head over to the Valentine shopping centre when they are feeling peckish.

Sports

Gémenos has built a municipal sports complex with a pool, tennis court, basketball court and running track. If you are into football, the Marseille Foot Indoor in La Valentine is for you! Eight pitches spread over 7000 sq. metres are reserved for football, a sport that runs in the veins of Marseille natives! Swimmers can get in their laps at the Chartrel pool in Aubagne, made famous for being the site where Olympic champion Alain Bernard trained.

Shopping

Are you looking to hit the shops? The Martelle shopping district in Aubagne is sure to please. Thirty-nine major brands (in home furnishings, entertainment, sport and home improvement) are all to be found in this commercial hub. Located east of Marseilles, the Valentine commercial district is home to 200 shops.

DO YOU HAVE CHILDREN?

From nursery to high school

In the communes of Aubagne, Gémenos, La Bouilladisse, La Ciotat, La Destrousse, La Penne sur Huveaune, Marseille (southern and eastern districts) and Roquevaire²:

- **30** DAYCARE CENTERS,
- **18** MIDDLE SCHOOLS,
- **88** PRESCHOOLS AND ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS,
- **19** HIGH SCHOOLS.



International programmes, with some classes taught in foreign languages, have been opened in several middle and high schools in Aix-en-Provence (German and English), Marseille (German, English, Arabic, Spanish and Italian) and Pennes Mirabeau (English).

- AMU (Aix-Marseille University): **the largest university in the French-speaking world**
- Wide-ranging and multidisciplinary education options that encompass all disciplines: The arts, humanities and social sciences, Economics and management, Health care, Sciences and technology, Law.
- **A university with a global outlook:** 45 degrees through international partnership arrangements and 10 Erasmus Mundus programs.
- **IAE Aix** (Aix Marseille Graduate School of Management): **ranked among the 30 best schools of management in the world**³.
- **Elite higher education institutions:** Arts et Métiers ParisTech (Aix-en-Provence), Centrale (Marseille), Mines St Etienne ISMIN (Gardanne), Ecole Nationale d'Architecture (National School of Architecture, Marseille), Kedge Business School Marseille, Polytech (Marseille), Sciences Po (Aix-en-Provence)...

² Data is for information purposes only and may be modified in the future

³ Financial Times 2013 ranking

Whether they're (still) babies or (already) teenagers, rest assured there will be a pre-school, primary and secondary education option to suit your needs.

Higher education

90,000

students (Académie Aix Marseille)

5

large campuses

doctoral schools

12



The 2013 Shanghai rankings

ONE OF THE TOP 150 UNIVERSITIES IN THE WORLD (OUT OF 500)
AND ONE OF THE TOP 6 FRENCH UNIVERSITIES.

PALUDS BUSINESS PARK PLAINE DE JOUQUES : AUBAGNE-GÉMENOS

200

hectares
494 acres

909

businesses

11,500

jobs

DOMAINE VALLÉE VERTE

20

hectares
49 acres

17

businesses

700

jobs

Companies based IN THE BUSINESS PARKS

Several major groups have chosen to set up operations here, including:

ADLINKS & ASSOCIES - ADREXO - ALTEA - B+ EQUIPEMENT
BEUCHAT INTERNATIONAL - BIOTECHNI - BISCUITERIE
CONFISERIE DU LACYDON - CABESTO - CEPASCO - FREYSSINET
FRANCE - GEMALTO - GEM'INNOV - GROUPE TESTA - HEINEKEN
INNOVATECH - INTUISENSE SAS - MEDIAPOST SA - MISTRA
SERVICES - MONETECH SARL - MOTA - NEOTYS - ONYX
MEDITERRANEE - GROUPE VEOLIA - PEBEO - POIVRE BLANC
POLYROTO - SARTORIUS STEDIM - SEMANTIA - SEBO SOLAR
SIBELL - SOLUSCOPE - SPIGOL - THE BAKERY

"I was born in Mexico and came to France with my three-year-old son last year through a job opportunity at the Gemalto head office.

I moved to Aubagne. To get to work I take public transportation, which is free throughout the metro area. It takes just 20 minutes to get to the office.

Aubagne is a nice town. There is always a dance performance or a pottery fair to go to and, at Christmas, the santon fair is magical! The weather is mild (even in winter) and the natural setting is ideal: both the mountains and beaches are nearby.

I don't regret the changes I've made. My only fear before coming here was about how my son would handle the change. It only took a few months for him to learn French and now his friends are learning Spanish with him!

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