Gorgeous Corten Facades That Gracefully Withstand The Test Of Time

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Steel is not usually known to rust but that only applies to certain types of steel. There are also cases when rusting is encouraged and appreciated. We're talking about corten steel, also known as weathering steel. This ally was developed to allow a rust-like appearance to be gained if exposed to the weather (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Weathering_steel) for several years in order to form a protective coating. This layer develops and regenerates continuously when exposed to the weather. Corten steel gave us some really amazing building facades which we'll have a look at right now.



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When building an extension or an annex for an existing structure, architects basically have two options: to make it blend in and match the main building or to make it stand out and contrast with everything else. The latter option was chosen by Rocco Valentini (https://www.roccovalentini.it/newsite/) when they renovated a 19th century home and gave it a corten addition. The new section connects two existing volumes and includes a new entry foyer. The glass and weathered steel facade and geometric form contrast with everything else on the site.