

ITTUE

An architectural rendering of a modern, multi-story brick building with a courtyard. The building features large windows and balconies with dark metal railings. The courtyard is lush with green grass, trees, and flowering plants. Several people are depicted in the courtyard, including a woman sitting on a bench, a man sitting on a picnic table, a woman standing, and a group of people lying on the grass. The scene is set against a clear blue sky.

Who We Are

We shape challenges, needs, and visions into bold, bespoke architecture.

Through thoughtful planning and unwavering attention to detail, we craft distinctive buildings that combine durability, well-being, and functionality.

With over a decade of experience in Quebec and Ontario, we are recognized for the creativity of our work and the consistent quality of our services.

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SERVICES

Inspiration. Creativity. Commitment.
Plenty of enthusiasm. Work hard. Work
smart. Reuse. Do more with less.

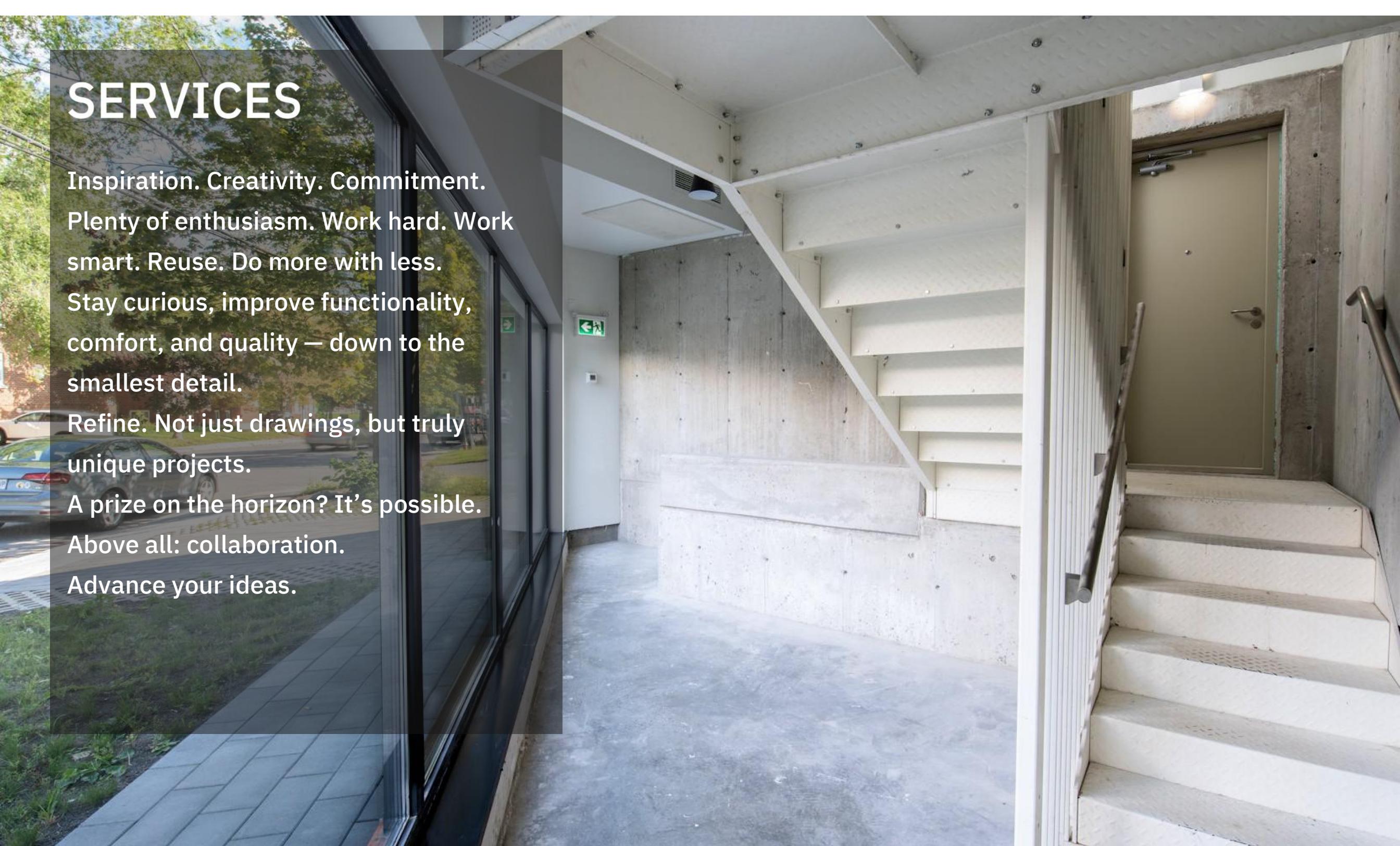
Stay curious, improve functionality,
comfort, and quality — down to the
smallest detail.

Refine. Not just drawings, but truly
unique projects.

A prize on the horizon? It's possible.

Above all: collaboration.

Advance your ideas.



SERVICES

PROJECTS

Residential

Living is about more than just occupying a space. It's about feeling at home—safe, comfortable, and connected to your surroundings. At ITTUE, this understanding shapes every residential project we undertake. Whether it's a single-family home or a thoughtfully transformed multi-unit dwelling, in the city or the suburbs, we design spaces that meet the real needs of their inhabitants. Functional, bright, and welcoming, our architecture becomes an inspiring framework for everyday life.

Industrial

Moving beyond conventional designs, we create industrial buildings that are anything but ordinary. We are committed to delivering distinctive, cost-effective facilities where functionality, safety, and efficiency take center stage. Our designs are purpose-built to enhance productivity and elevate the overall experience for their users.

Offices

As technology continues to reshape the way we work, it's also transforming office environments. This evolution calls for innovative spatial configurations, functional flexibility, and thoughtful material choices. In our studio, we expertly navigate these challenges in designing new office buildings, interior layouts, and renovations. Collaborating closely with our clients, we create spaces that are not only functional but also inspiring—fostering greater engagement and productivity among occupants.

Commercial

In our team, we recognize that commercial buildings serve a triple purpose: they act as strategic spaces, essential work environments, and meaningful expressions of a company's identity. Our design approach is holistic and strategic, thoughtfully integrating these vital roles into every project. The result is commercial spaces that are not only highly functional but also elevate success and brand presence.

Institutional

Understanding the pivotal role institutions play in society, we are dedicated to creating designs that are both thoughtful and impactful. Specializing in daycare, school, and worship facilities, our goal is to create spaces that go beyond functionality to offer security, stimulation, and inspiration. By prioritizing natural materials and maximizing daylight, we design environments that foster well-being, uplift, and truly support their users.

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TYPES

New Construction

New construction presents numerous opportunities in areas like architectural design, building materials, and functional layouts. However, this creative freedom comes with essential responsibilities, including durability, comfort, equity, adaptability, and low maintenance costs. As ideas, goals, and aspirations are translated into architectural form through our design process, they ultimately become lasting markers of their time.

Transformation

The transformation of existing buildings symbolizes a dialogue between the old and the new, often with one prevailing over the other. In many cases, preserving old structures is not only worthwhile but necessary for various reasons. Although it can be challenging, selective preservation offers both intriguing and rewarding opportunities.

Interior Fit-out

The building envelope serves as the interface between the structure and its external environment, while also projecting its image to the world. While the exterior may be spectacular or visually appealing, it is the interior spaces that truly define the experience for its occupants. That's why we focus on designing functional, comfortable, and welcoming interiors that prioritize the well-being of those who live or work within.

Urban Design

For us, well-designed outdoor spaces complement the architecture, providing a seamless connection between the surrounding environment and the project site.

Furniture

Furniture plays a crucial role in shaping our perception of a space's functionality. That's why, in our office, we design distinctive and ergonomic furniture with careful attention to every detail, both for interior and exterior spaces.

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STAGES

Preliminary

The preliminary documents stage marks the point where the project starts to take form, through a series of compliance studies and architectural exploration. It's during this phase that the functional and technical requirements of the client's program are transformed into a concrete building design. In some cases, this stage is preceded by the pre-design and schematic design phases, as necessary.

Building Permit

One of the first crucial steps in any architectural project is securing a building permit. The building permit documents outline the preliminary design in detail and necessitate basic coordination with other consultants, such as structural and MEP engineers. Ultimately, these documents serve as the foundation for obtaining approval from the relevant authorities, such as the urban planning department, for the building design.

Working Documents

Once the building permit is obtained, the architectural documents progress to the next stage—consolidated documents. These are crucial for the construction process, providing the necessary details for builders to begin work. In essence, consolidated documents encompass critical construction details, material specifications, and require thorough coordination with all other consultants involved in the project.

Tendering

A tendering process is typically employed when selecting a construction contractor. During this stage, the consolidated documents are provided to multiple bidders, along with administrative details such as the project schedule, site conditions, payment terms, and cost breakdowns. This allows contractors to submit competitive bids. The owner then reviews the bids and, based on specific criteria and possibly through post-tender negotiations, selects the most suitable contractor for the project.

General Review

General review refers to a series of architectural services carried out during construction, which involve inspecting, assessing, and reporting on representative samples of the work. Throughout this phase, the client is kept informed about the progress and quality of the construction, as well as any defects or deficiencies identified during site visits and reviews.

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STRENGTHS

Creativity

Creativity is often linked to design and aesthetics, but for us, it extends far beyond the surface. It infuses every aspect of our work, driving us to develop innovative solutions to challenges of all sizes, from the simplest to the most complex.

Experience

Experience is as crucial as knowledge, and we pride ourselves on both. Our team consists of versatile architects with over 25 years of experience across a wide range of architectural programs and work environments.

Technicality

Brilliant ideas need the right technical expertise to become a reality. At ITTUE, we combine bold design concepts with robust technical skills to bring those ideas to life.

Rigour

Rigour enhances our inspiration, knowledge, and skills. It's a core element of our work ethic, ensuring that every step we take leads to results that truly speak for themselves.

Consistency

Regardless of size, we approach every new project with equal interest, attention, and enthusiasm.

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METHODS

BIM

We leverage cutting-edge technology, specifically Building Information Modeling (BIM), to design, detail, and coordinate our projects. By utilizing BIM software, we can create and update the virtual model of the project in real time, incorporating elements such as building components, performance metrics, materials, quantities, and more. This advanced tool ensures a seamless transition between project phases, faster delivery times, and enhanced quality control at every step of the process.

Surveys

Any transformation project demands a thorough understanding of the existing structure. That's why all of our transformation services include detailed architectural surveys to ensure an accurate foundation for the design and planning process.

Regulations

When approaching a project, one of the first and most crucial steps is understanding the regulations that apply to it, typically involving municipal bylaws and building codes. We ensure that these regulations are thoroughly respected and seamlessly integrated throughout the entire design and execution process.

Coordination

One of the key aspects of our role is coordinating the project team. We provide essential project information to other design consultants and guide them through each phase as needed. In essence, we ensure seamless collaboration, making sure everyone is aligned and working towards the same goal.

Communication

In the best interest of all stakeholders, we maintain open lines of communication with both clients and consultants throughout the entire project. This ensures transparency, smooth collaboration, and the alignment of goals at every stage.

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PRICING

Fixed Fee

A fixed fee is ideal for large, well-defined projects with a clear and consistent scope, where the work involved can be accurately estimated from the outset.

Hourly Rate

An hourly rate is typically used for smaller projects, exploratory work, projects with an undefined scope, or when changes are made to the original scope of services.

Fee Estimate

This is the method we use most frequently. We typically provide our clients with a fee estimate based on our hourly rate. This approach ensures predictable final fees for our clients while also ensuring fair compensation for the services we provide.

STUDIO

We are a dynamic and creative architectural practice, perfectly sized for efficiency. With solid experience across a wide range of project scales and programs, we are driven by a passion for delivering high-quality service. Our focus is on helping clients achieve their business goals and personal objectives, all while offering an excellent benefit-cost ratio. It's all here.



STUDIO

FOUNDERS



Ciprian Ionescu-Ittu

With extensive experience as an architect on international projects, Ciprian has also developed deep expertise in the execution and management of multi-family housing projects in Quebec. Since relocating to Canada in 2001, Ciprian has honed his entrepreneurial spirit through roles in various architectural firms and with a developer in Montreal. In 2015, he founded his own office, which has since become an integral part of ITTUE.



Felix Tue

Felix brings extensive experience in building design, construction, and project coordination. Having managed a diverse range of projects, he is committed to providing ITTUE's clients with high-quality services and distinctive architectural designs. Before co-founding ITTUE with Ciprian, Felix worked for over 10 years at two prestigious Montreal firms and led his own practice, EST, from 2013 to 2020.

Membership

Ordre des architectes du Québec
Ontario Association of Architects

STUDIO CONTACT

Architecture is fundamental. It surrounds us, shelters us, and often becomes a part of our emotional experience. To begin, one must start with a clear vision, taking care not to miss a step. From building permits and tenders to execution, the process is complex—sometimes challenging. It requires control, support, and a balance between visionary design and practicality, all in line with the latest codes and standards. The journey demands time, energy, and enthusiasm—meticulous technical drawings, attention to detail, and a sharp eye on-site. Communication flows through emails, phone calls, French and English, coordinating all disciplines, particularly architecture and engineering. It transforms beautiful 3D renderings into tangible reality. There will be reiterations, no doubt. One thing is certain: you need an architect. The choice is simple, and it's right at your fingertips.

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