A former laundry ready for adaptive reuse hits the market near Paris

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Courtesy Patrice Besse

Voluminous, timber-framed spaces lie within this Ile-de-France building which is ripe for renovation and has an ornate exterior.

The Chessy building was designed as a laundry in 1840 by Swiss architect Joseph-Antoine Froelicher for a nearby chateau and was later used as a factory. Just 28 km from Paris, it's basically a shell but comes with planning permission for conversion as a home, hotel or hospitality project.

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The French property – on sale with Patrice Besse for €3.5m – features large, empty spaces set within its listed exterior, making it an ideal blank canvas for an adaptive reuse project.

While it presents a serious renovation challenge, there are still plenty of historic features to work with. The building has a vast, oak-framed attic – once used for drying laundry – while its front façade features a glazed brick arch and an overhanging upper floor with wooden embellishments.

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