



54. Modernist complex

The modernist heritage of El Cabanyal-El Canyameler-Cap de França is a significant example of popular Valencian modernism, one of the most important sites that remains standing today. On Escalante Street we can find several adjacent buildings erected in the early 20th century.

Modernism had a popular interpretation throughout the agricultural area, most significantly in Poblats Marítims, where the language —still influenced by the cultured works built in the city for the bourgeoisie— was manifested with great interpretive freedom and with its own nuances mainly derived from the lack of rules, the socioeconomic conditions, availability of craftsmen and the great creative potential of the users.

The style is mostly portrayed in residential architecture, specifically in the finishes and details; the morphology of the elevations, layout of the homes, construction system and building materials remain unchanged, following the local construction tradition.

The neighbourhood's modernist heritage is mainly comprised of ceramic tiling on façade, without forgetting their use inside the homes on staircase props and in the main rooms, also in kitchens, bathrooms and stair risers.

Other modernist elements include the tops of the façades, carpentry, ironwork, balustrades, cornices and decorative elements.

This popular architecture is known for the uniqueness of each home or residential building, forming an outdoor museum.