



View of the Old Stock Exchange, St Petersburg

Anonymous.
 La Bourse.

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The Old Saint Petersburg Stock Exchange (also Bourse) and Rostra Columns are significant examples of Greek revival architecture. Designed by French architect Thomas de Thomon, and inspired by the Greek Temple of Hera at Paestum. The rostra columns erected on either side of the Stock Exchange were completed in 1811. The Old Stock Exchange is sited to fill the majestic sweep of the Spit (in Russian Strelka) of Vasilievsky Island, just opposite the Winter Palace. A monumental sculptural group similar in form to a quadriga featuring Neptune, and symbolizing maritime commerce, is mounted above the portico.

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