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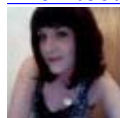
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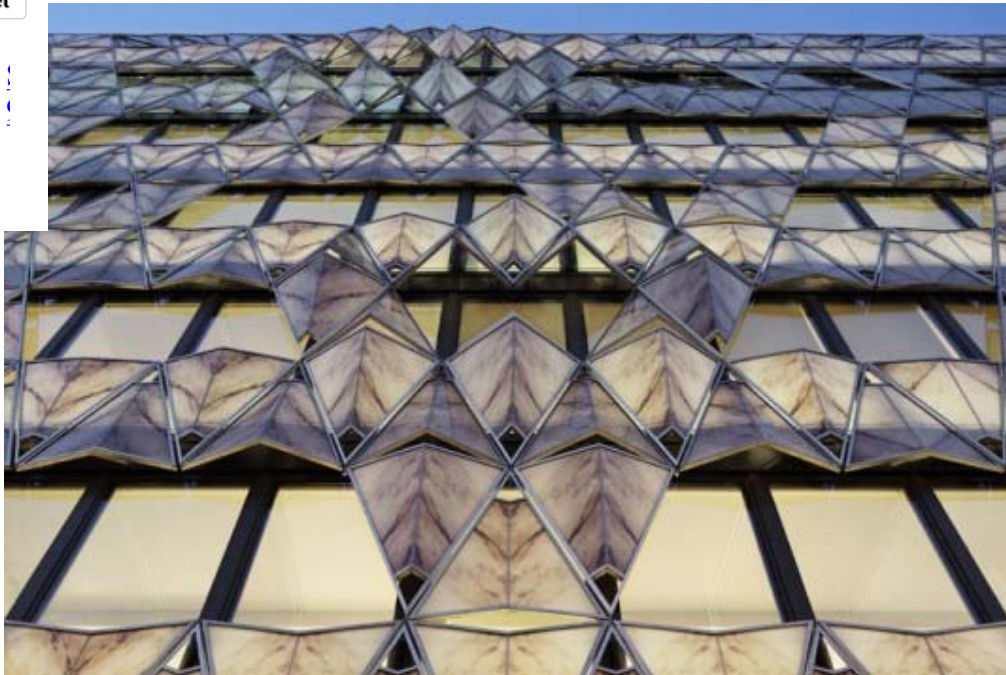
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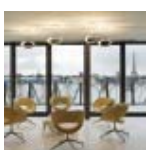
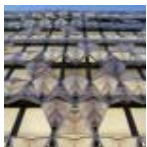
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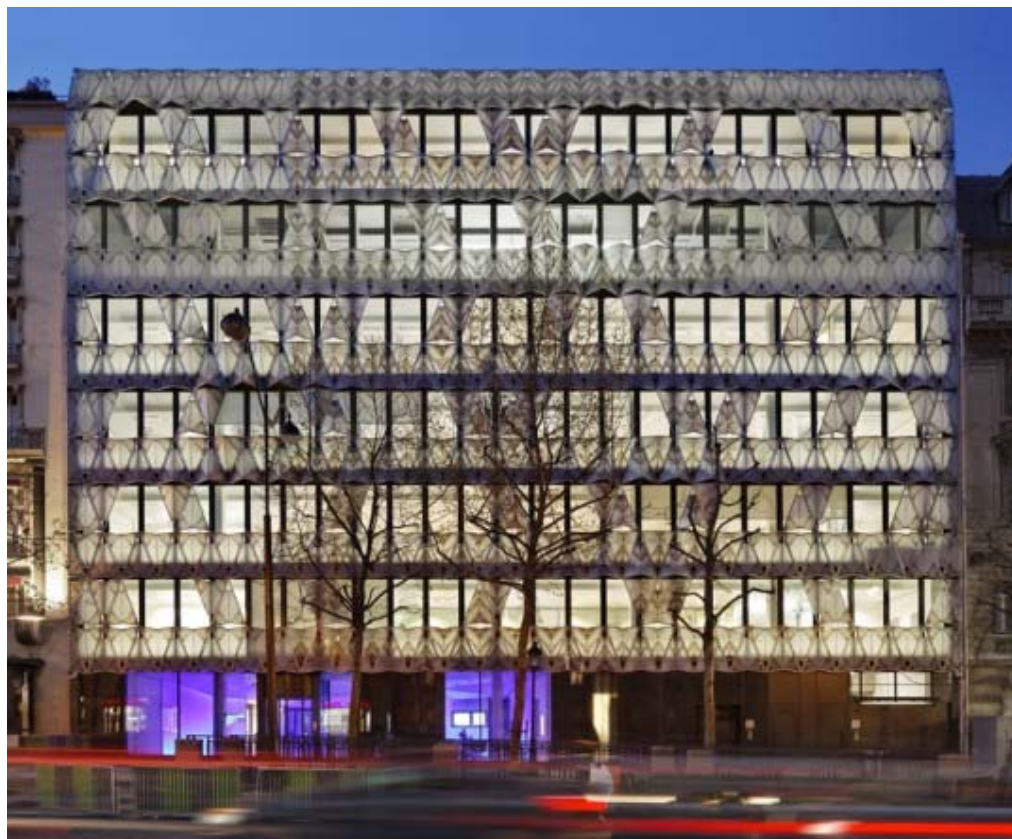


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Like iridescent fish scales, the Barclays Headquarters' [triangular panels form a pattern](#) on the street-facing façade. Rather than using real marble, the marble effect was achieved by screen-printing glass, which gave Gautrand total control over the marble pattern and glazing. The pattern and hues bend at the [center of the triangles](#), to create a delicate fading effect.

The marble-printed skin acts as a natural (and aesthetically innovative) sun screen for the offices inside by [blocking solar gain](#) and [filtering harsh sunlight](#) through the translucent panels. The folded glass layer also creates an element of privacy for the offices behind it.

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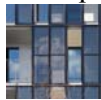
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