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Our design maximises energy saving to support the client's stated sustainability goals, while assisting with wayfinding, orientation, and delivering a vibrant ambience for passengers as natural light fades.

CLIENT Aéroport de Canève	DATE
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We undertook extensive daylight analysis, verifying that the levels achieved throughout the spaces and across the year would allow for much of the artificial lighting to remain off during daylight hours. Meeting the stringent energy targets also necessitated using highly efficient direct light for the bulk of the artificial lighting, while the floor finishes are kept pale, generating interreflections onto the ceiling planes that keep the spaces feeling light and bright after dark.

Given the constraint of a largely direct lighting scheme, our designers focused their creativity on the application of fixtures across the varying volumes, ceiling heights and ceiling constructions.

On the main concourses, colour is applied to chilled beam ceilings, upholstery, lift car glass interiors, and stair structures changes every 80m to assist with orientation and add character. This colour is also applied to selected façade glass panels, which have been lit externally to create a bold graphic effect.

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