



A Retro-Futuristic Parisian Café with Bold, Dreamlike Colors

CAFÉ NUANCES
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At Café Nuances in Paris's eighth arrondissement, it's the color that compels. The third of the café chain's franchises in the city to be designed by French architecture firm Uchronia, its pristine white facade makes the vivid color inside stand out. Painted on floors and walls, the coffee shop's gradient of indigo blue to orange was inspired by Uchronia founder Julien Sebban's travels to the Tunisian desert and the sunsets he witnessed there. Intended to accentuate the brand's colorful, retro-futuristic vision, it creates a dreamlike atmosphere inside. This feeling is also engendered by the fittings and furnishings, including

the otherworldly shimmer of the stainless steel counter and the metal-effect cushions on the benches. Behind the counter, the space's signature orange lacquer is applied to shelves displaying the café's artisanal coffee, which also contributes to this fantastical mood. Reflective lava stone floor tiles also make a big impression, as do the kidney-shaped Bisou stools, which can be used as either seating or tables. Up above, it's the colorful spheres that draw the eye and complete the futuristic feeling. "They create the illusion of floating balls, which could be mistaken for Saturn," note Sebban's designers.