



New underworlds in the northwest of the capital

Metro Stations in Paris by Atelier Zündel Cristea

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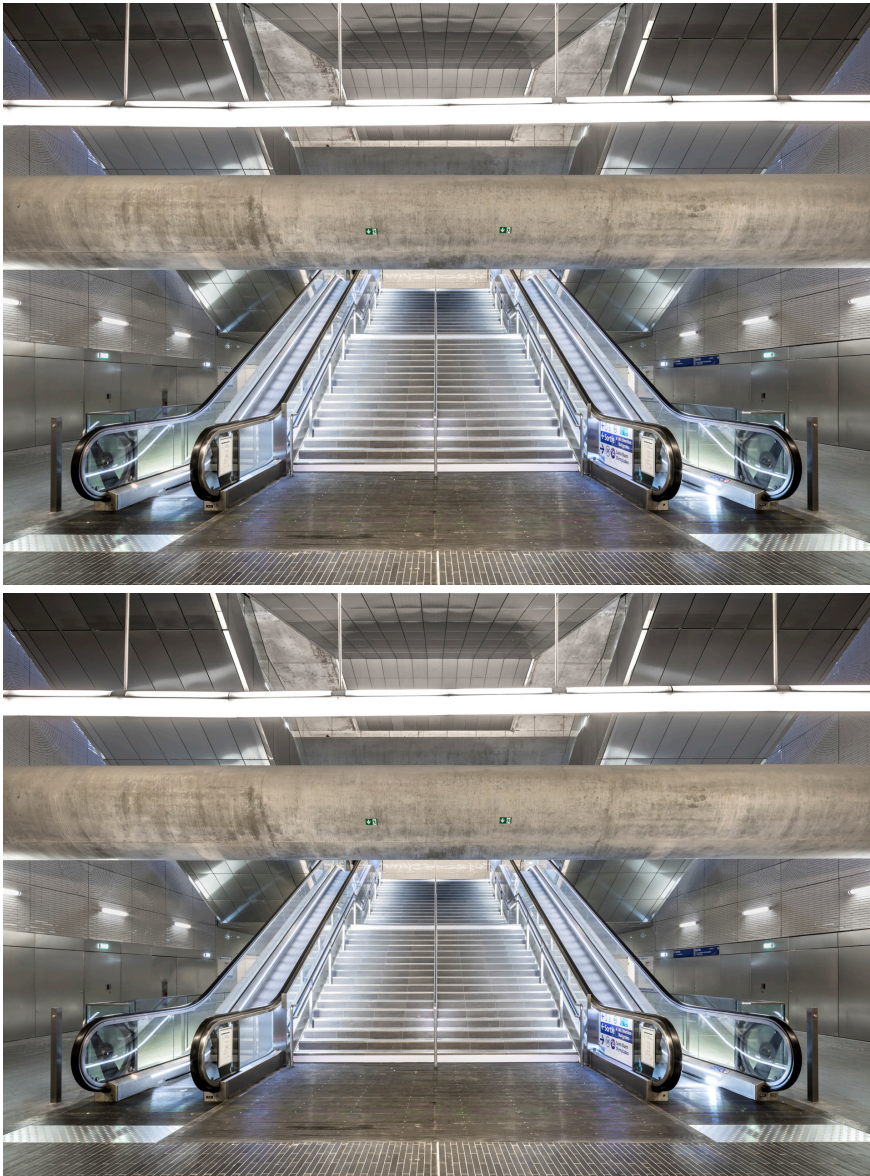
Tunnels extending 5,8 km, and four new stations, comprise the extension of Paris' metro line 14 to Saint-Ouen. The design by Atelier Zündel Cristea adds sprinklings of history to contemporary subway architecture.

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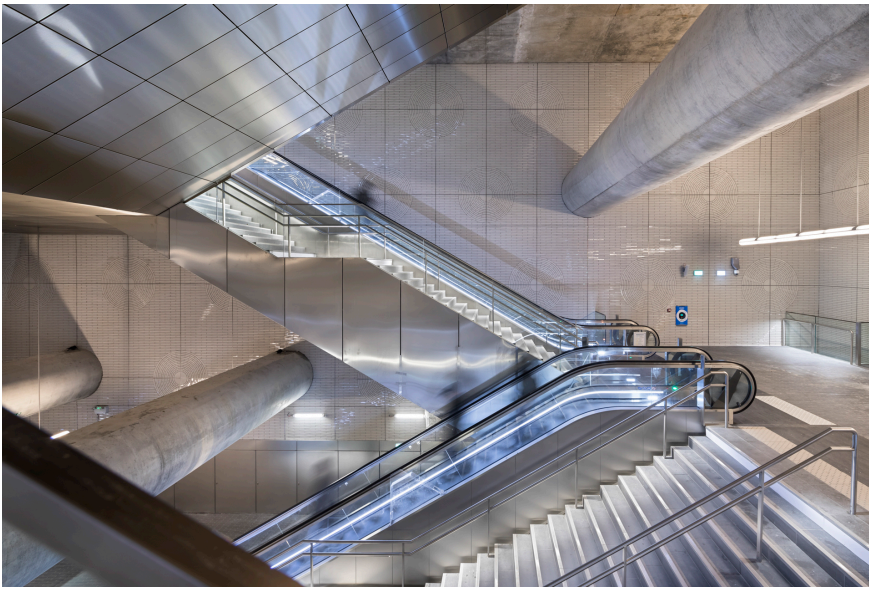
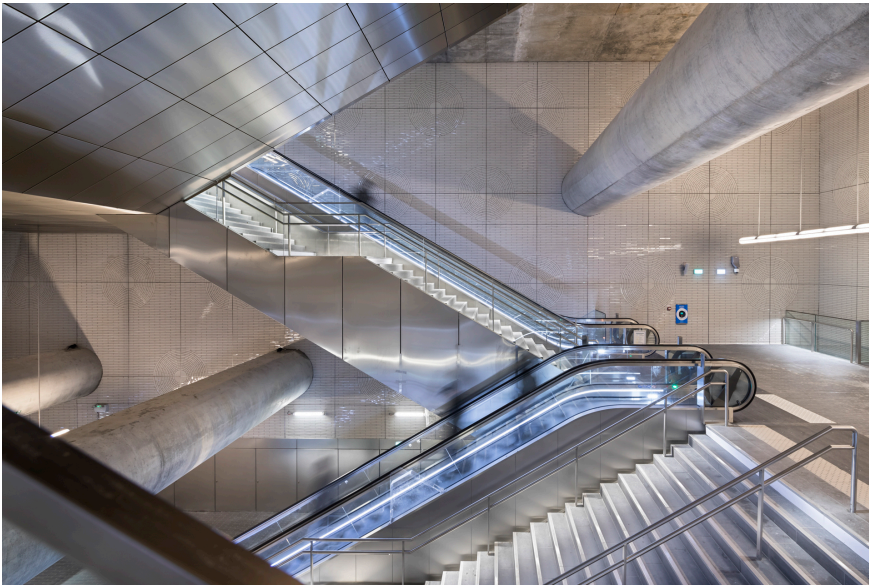


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The extension of the Paris underground line to the neighbouring community of Saint-Ouen, which is located northwest of the capital. Just under 100 000 people live in the catchment area of the four new stations, two of which – Pont Cardinet and Porte de Clichy – better connect the new urban development zone of Clichy-Batignolles to the underground network.





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In their design, the architects make it possible to experience the impressive volumes of the four stations. On average, they are 30 m high, 130 m long and about 22 m wide. Massive concrete braces withstand the soil pressure; these, along with pedestrian catwalks and escalators, criss-cross the multi-storey spaces.







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Two of the stations extend downwards over four levels – the ground-level entrances, a distribution level with ticket booths, a mezzanine with stairway landings and the platform level. The largest station, Porte de Clichy, is at the feet of Renzo Piano's Palais de Justice. This stop boasts six levels, for passengers can transfer here to metro line 13.





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Exposed concrete, stainless-steel sheeting and white tiles determine the interior design of the stations. A few elements of historical Parisian metro architecture – the arched shape of the tunnels, the long strips of light and the faintly embossed wall tiles – recur here in a modernized form. The tiles are glazed white, measure 5 x 35 cm and were laid in a brickwork-like style. Large-format rosette motifs in the cladding tile loosen the otherwise strict rectilinear geometry of the interior design.

Architecture: Atelier Zündel Cristea, Architram

Client: RATP

Locations: Pont Cardinet, Paris (FR), Porte de Clichy, Paris (FR) Saint-Ouen (FR)

Engineers: Systra, BMF, Aartill, Batiserf

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