



ATLAS SPORTS CENTRE

PARIS, FRANCE
YOONSEUX ARCHITECTES

For the design upgrade of a sports centre in Paris, the client asked French architectural firm Yoonseux to improve the functionality of the swimming pool as part of an extensive renovation project. The facility had neither extra space nor exterior views to work with, so the architects focused on creating a compact and user-friendly sequence of functional zones, as well as rethinking the tactile appeal of each surface. The fluid, strategically organized layout, in which partitions are minimized or made

from transparent materials, facilitates the distribution of light across the entire space. White acrylic resin, a malleable and robust material, responded to a range of practical issues and allowed for a truly sculptural approach in shaping the surfaces. To improve the acoustics in the swimming-pool area, the ceiling was fitted with a forest of 'acoustic pins'. Lighting fixtures are placed above the pins, which filter the light and eliminate glare. In return, light makes the most of the white and heavily textured ceiling and walls.