

## Tour Carpe Diem



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Height: To Tip  
166 m / 545 ft  
Height:  
Architectural  
166 m / 545 ft  
Height: Occupied  
143 m / 469 ft



Height: Observatory  
143 m / 469 ft  
Floors Above Ground  
35  
Floors Below Ground  
2  
# of Elevators  
13  
Top Elevator Speed  
6 m/s  
Tower GFA  
44,016 m<sup>2</sup> / 473,784 ft<sup>2</sup>  
Development GFA  
45,500 m<sup>2</sup> / 489,758 ft<sup>2</sup>  
# of Parking Spaces  
355

### Facts

Official Name	Tour Carpe Diem
Structure Type	Building
Status	COM
Country	France
City	Courbevoie
Street Address & Map	31 Place des Corolles
Postal Code	92400
Building Function	office
Structural Material	concrete
Proposed	2007
Construction Start	2011
Completion	2013

### Companies Involved

Owner	Aviva France; Credit Agricole
Developer	Gerald D Hines Interests; L'Établissement Public d'Aménagement de la Défense Seine Arche
Architect	
• Design	Robert A.M. Stern Architects
• Architect of Record	SRA Architects
Structural Engineer	
• Design	Terrell Group
MEP Engineer	
• Design	SNC Lavalin
Main Contractor	Besix; SBX; SPIE Batignolles
Other Consultant	
• Acoustics	Lasa
• Code	Socotec
• Cost	GV Ingenierie
• Environmental	Urbaconseil
• Geotechnical	Cabinet Daniel Legrand
• Interiors	Jean Jegou
• Landscape	Mutabilis
• Lighting	Philippe Almond
• Sustainability	Atelier Ten; Cabinet Penicaud
Material Supplier	
• Cladding	Yuanda
• Concrete	Lafarge Beton
• Paint/Coating	AkzoNobel
• Sealants	Sika Services AG
• Steel	Riva

### About Tour Carpe Diem

Tour Carpe Diem sets La Défense on a fresh path to pedestrian-friendly urbanism by reconnecting the raised esplanade that continues the axis of the Champs-Élysées to the surrounding urban fabric of the town of Courbevoie to the north. A monumental stair descends from the building's winter garden and lobby to a public plaza on the Boulevard Circulaire, where a second front welcomes visitors at what was heretofore the back of the site.

Tour Carpe Diem's pure form and faceted facades allow the tower to stand out in a thicket of tall buildings in La Défense. The building's sleek glass facades are stretched tautly over distinctive sculptural crystalline massing generated by careful consideration of climate and context. Sweeping window walls are oriented to the best views, and narrow facades are turned to the setting sun to minimize solar gain in the office interiors. In addition, Tour Carpe Diem is the first to exceed France's Haute Qualité Environnementale standards and also to achieve LEED-CS Platinum certification.

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