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THE PROJECT / LUNAIN, FRANCE

Ahead of the curve

Giving a heritage building a contemporary interior fit-out can be challenging: unusual architectural forms often need to be accommodated, while the right balance must be struck between a modern aesthetic and classic elements. For an example of how to do it well, look to Paris-based architect Louis Denavaut, who recently renovated a flat called Lunain in an art nouveau-style building in the French capital's 14th arrondissement.



Image: Christophe Coënon



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Here, Denavaut was able to preserve the building's distinctive curving walls and arched doorways by creating made-to-measure furniture. Key pieces include a black oak console table that wraps around a corner, a bowed sofa that matches the curvature of the wall and a wooden banquette that follows a similar form. The flat's stained-glass windows have also been retained and enhanced by a grey-green ceiling, which plays on the hues found in the apertures. The outcome is a home that is both fresh and respectful of its past – and serves as a reminder of bespoke furniture's ability to enhance any work of architecture.

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