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New Spirit Cafe



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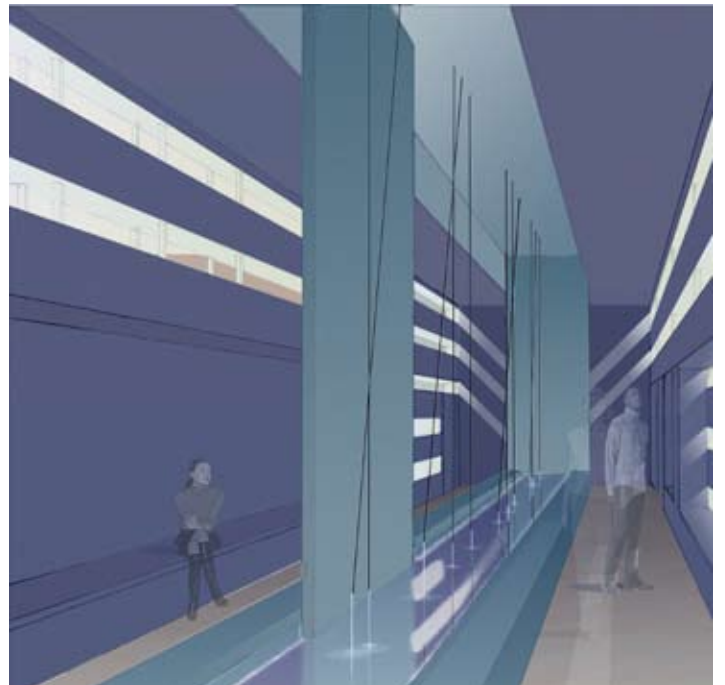
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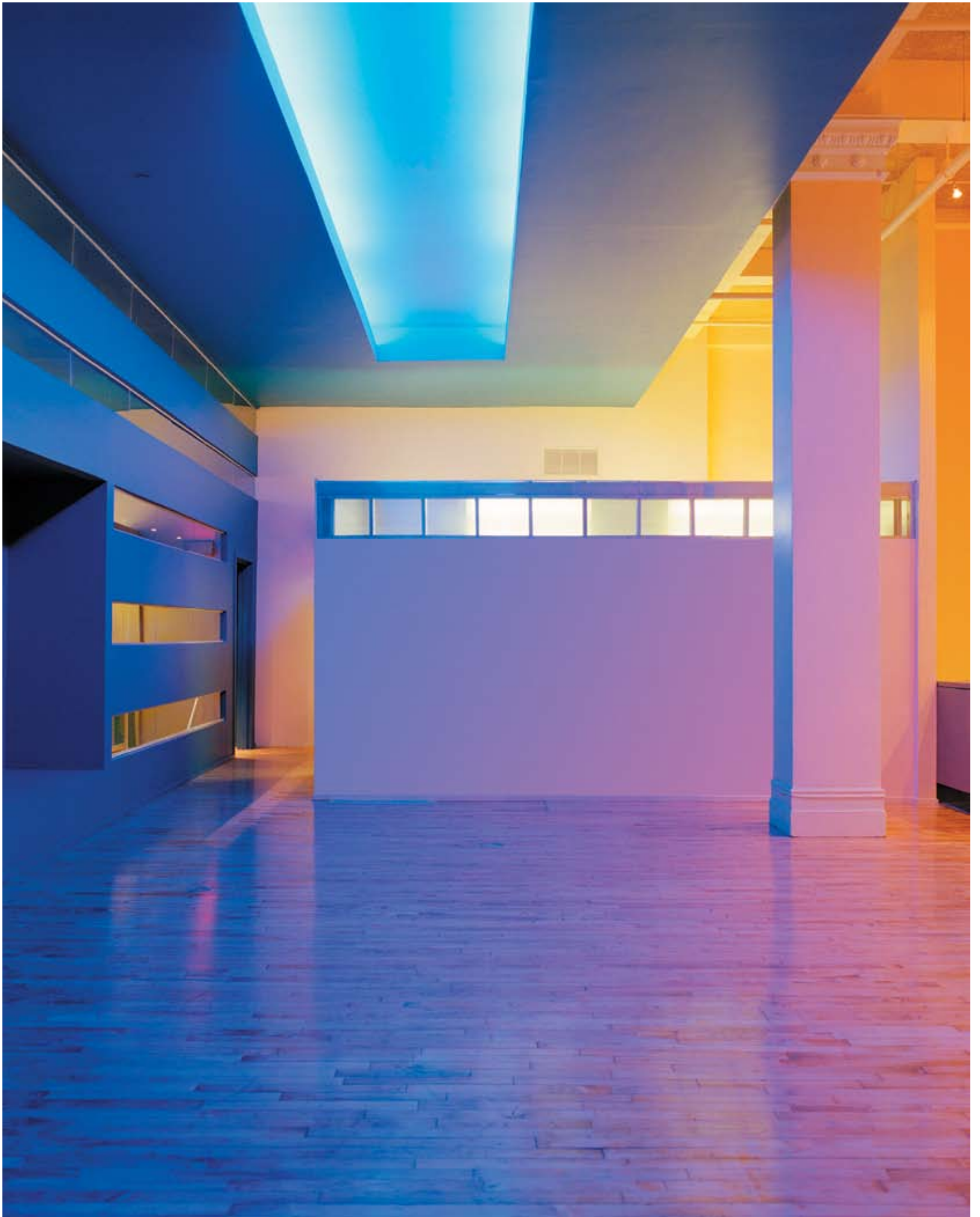
The Café is a spiritual center for seekers of the inner life who wish to pursue their journey away from a church. The nature of the space desired is to allow the spiritual search to take place in an urban gathering place, familiar at first, yet different on deeper reading.

The space is developed to let in daylight, to be open yet to leave room for surprise, mystery, and interiority. Upon entering people can buy a simple meal and meet with friends, go to the lectures and performances in the back; or linger in the pool room in the center of the 17 foot high loft space.

The pool room contains a 3 by 40 foot sheet of still water floating in a turquoise plaster tank. The surrounding room is finished with blue stained wood walls, slotted to let in the daylight from both sides. The blue wood ceiling is pierced by a recessed turquoise plaster slot which emanates indirect light to reflect off the surface of the pool.



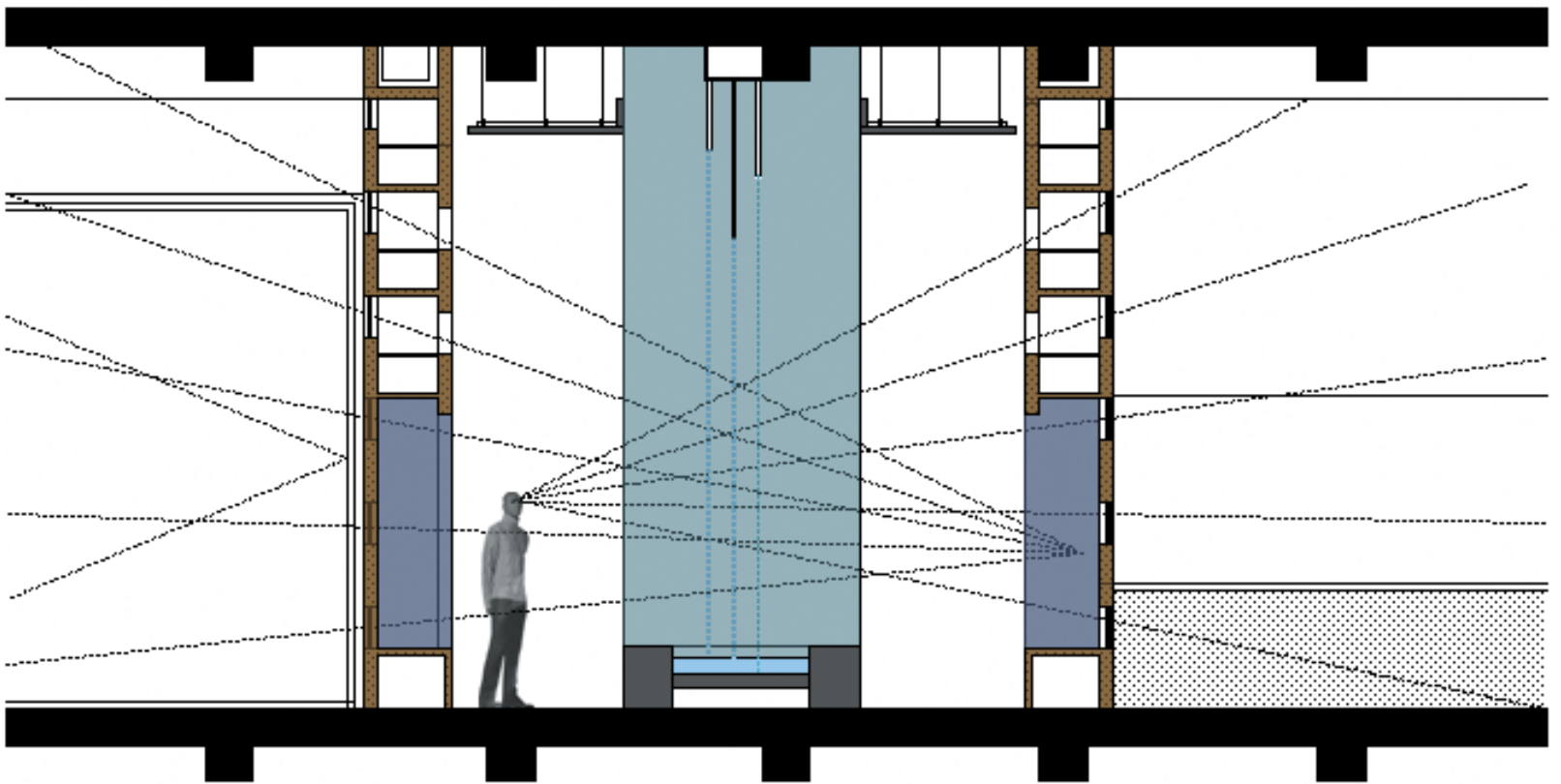
Pool perspective



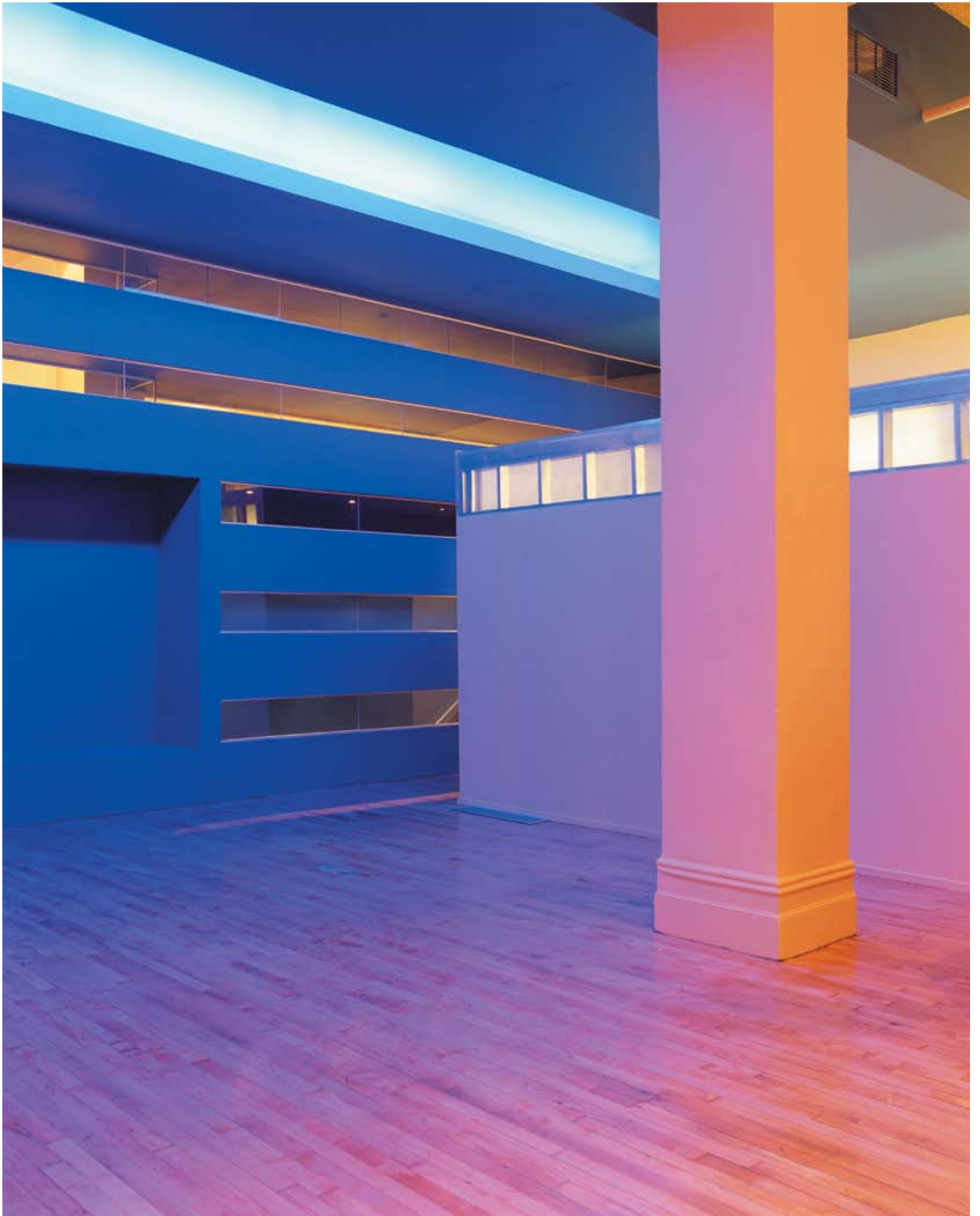
Building interior



Above left: Building interior;
Above right: Building circulation



Building section



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