Origami Building, Paris by Manuelle Gautrand

Right in the heart of Paris, near the Arc de Triomphe and the Avenue des Champs-Élysées, stands the Origami Building.

Situated at Avenue de Friedland in Paris, the building was built by famed architect Manuelle Gautrand for Barclays headquarters.

At first glance, the interesting feature about this building would be the eye-catching marble-skeleton, which resembles folds created in origami.

There is a strict building code to follow to maintain Paris's Haussmannian style of architecture. Gautrand's choice of the marble-fold façade ingeniously blends the building with its surrounding structures and, at the same time, brings a contemporary feel that seems to "freshen" up the district.

We did a search and found that the marble pattern is created by digital ceramic in-glass printing. The main manufactures involved in this façade project are Interpane and Dip-Tech.