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Comcast Technology Center
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From lobby to lantern, the design of the Comcast Technology Center was guided by the principles and potential for technological progress. The masterfully detailed Wintergarden invites occupants with warmly illuminated timber surrounds that emphasize the rectilinear form.

Futuristic office spaces inspire collaboration and innovation. Lines of direct-indirect pendants are organized along the axis of the building and helped the project achieve LEED Platinum certification. On the Town Hall level – one of the amenity floors that break up the three-story office tiers – a backlit wall features the entrance to the double-height amphitheater. The amphitheater is equipped with a lighting system capable of hosting anything from informal gatherings to professional forums.

The façade is accentuated with a blade of light that juts into the sky, a beacon for the urban metropolis. Grazers with 5° optics embedded along the mullions wash the translucent, dot-fritted glass. At each floor, an interior cove uplights its respective soffit to fill the volume of the blade with a homogeneous interior glow. In the lantern atop the tower, the glass transitions to a solid frit in order to obscure the interior structure and diffuse vertically mounted striplights, punctuating a signature presence in the Philadelphia skyline.