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Luxury openings in Paris, Park Lane – and beyond



The French micro-brand Maisons Pariente has made a name for itself with a clutch of just three hotels. Each is totally unique, but all are quintessentially French, from Lou Pinet in St Tropez (run by the Pariente as of 2017) to Le Coucou, the Trois Vallées stunner with interiors by Pierre Yovanovitch, via the elegant Crillon Le Brave resort, a forever Provence favourite. Now the Parientes are taking on Paris: Le Grand Mazarin, their fourth property, will open on the Rue des Archives, in the heart of the Marais, in April. It aspires to be an "oasis of calm" close to the Seine; but our money, and the buzz, is on Le Grand Mazarin being anything but quiet. Martin Brudnizki has overseen the decor in the 50 rooms and 11 suites and throughout the property, which features an all-day restaurant, two bars and an indoor pool. Think lots of colour, texture and passementerie details. maisonspariente.com, from €680