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Move over Emily, *Hotel Designs* is extending its designer umbrella across the channel in the new year with its inaugural <u>MEET UP Paris</u>, taking place on January 19, during <u>Deco Off</u>, at the Arte showroom. Keeping our focus firmly on this foray into the French capital, we have been perusing the Parisian boutique hotels from firm favourites to new offerings that are now clearly noted down on our Paris wish list...

While some city breaks are about soaring skyline views where the bigger-the-hotel-the-better philosophy might apply, Paris is most definitely the city of the bijoux and the boutique. With no shortage of the proverbial hidden gem, it is worth doing a little designer research to find the right place in the right quartier that has that magic combination of location and interior inspiration.

Le Grand Mazarin



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Kicking off this boutique bucket list is the latest addition to the Maisons Pariente portfolio, Le Grand Mazarin, perfectly located just a stone's throw from the Hôtel de Ville and the Seine. The hotel is both unexpected and endearing, a place that reflects the values of Maisons Pariente, through an original hotel story with an exceptional location. Le Marais is a lively and avant-garde district, sparkling with creativity, vibrant by day and by night, the district represents the art of living joyfully. Taking its lead from the location, inspired and elegant, the décor and interior design is by the Swedish designer Martin Brudnizki. Le Grand Mazarin is all about traditional French classicism with a breath of fresh and refined modernity.

Hôtel Rochechouart





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A boutique brand that is as Parisian as the Eiffel tower, is \underline{Orso} , which, despite opening its first property five days before lockdown in 2020, has gone from strength to strength and now has an impressive seven boutique $hotels\ under\ its\ belt.\ The\ first\ property\ in\ the\ portfolio,\ \underline{H\^{o}tel\ Rochechouart},\ remains\ the\ flagship,\ but\ each$ additional hotel is unique and clearly rooted in its location. Husband and wife team Anouk and Louis Solanet are the founders of Orso Hôtels who have built the brand on the mission to 'return to the lost art of hospitality and bring back the often forgotten values and welcoming spirit of the hotel industry that are the essence of true travel experiences'. Each property is approached as a unique project, bringing different $designers\ and\ teams\ on\ board\ to\ ensure\ creativity\ is\ kept\ alive-the\ only\ cookie-cutter\ thread\ in\ this\ story\ is$ its considered style of hospitality and hosting. We stepped inside Hotel Ami earlier this year, and now look forward to exploring Paris through the eyes of Orso Hôtels.

Hôtel Dame des Arts



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