

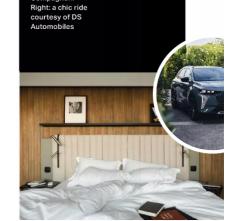


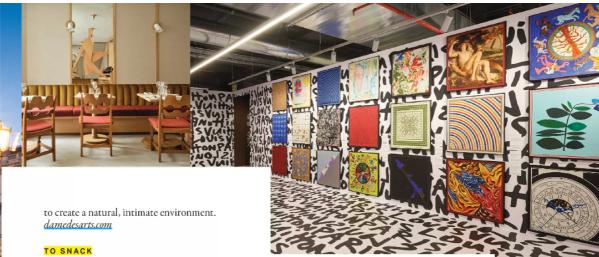
Revisit fashion's chicest capitals

PASSION FOR PARIS IS BUBBLING AND MILAN IS ALWAYS A GOOD IDEA... We don't need any more reasons to visit Paris, but a spanking new hotel in the heart of our favourite neighbourhood will do it. Maisons Pariente – the group behind Saint Tropez's Lou Pinet and Le Coucou in Meribel – has added another stylish address to its roster of hotels, this time bang in the middle of Le Marais. The 61 bedrooms, designed by Martin Brudnizki, the Swedish architect and interior decorator behind hospitality powerhouses like Soho House and the Rosewood Hotels & Resorts, and their 17th century-inspired decor will provide a relaxing reprieve from Le Marais' hubbub. Opening this spring. lewrandmazarin.com

HOTEL DAMES DES ARTS

A stone's throw from the Seine and situated in the capital's iconic Left Bank, the Dames des Arts will open this spring. Inspired by the heritage of Saint Germain – famously home to French poets, philosophers, fashion designers and creatives – interior designer Raphael Navot has incorporated rich woods, porcelains, bamboo and glass





CAFÉ COMPAGNON

WFP (Work From Paris)? If you're looking for a quiet spot to log on to a Zoom call, the airy Café Compagnon not only delivers a super-chic backdrop, but some of the best coffee in the city. Special mentions on the breakfast menu: fresh organic juice, Stohrer pastries, marbled cake, homemade caramel and espresso jam, plus a delicious granola.

TO DINE

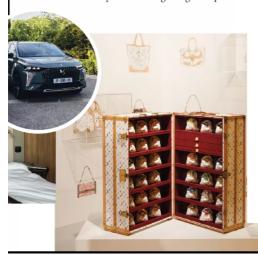
BRASSERIE L'EMIL

Once the fashion cognoscenti land somewhere, a new spot becomes an institution. See Brasserie L'Emil – the superchic restaurant of hotel Château Voltaire, where recent guests included Tilda Swinton, Baz Luhrmann and model Jordan Barrett. Go for the light, seasonal fare, stay for the people watching. *chateauvoltaire.com*

TO DRIVE

DS AUTOMOBILES

This luxury French car brand, has signature jewel-like rear lights to resemble La Louvre and interior 'pearl stitching' – sign us up.



DON'T MISS

LV DREAM EXHIBITON

It's not Paris without a sampling (or two) of the city's mouthwateringly sweet treats - and patisserie doesn't get much posher than at Louis Vuitton's new café. A first of its kind, the chocolate shop and café, helmed by Cheval Blanc's award-winning pastry chef Maxime Frédéric, doesn't serve your average snacks, of course. See the blocks of chocolate with Louis Vuitton's Damier motif, monogram bonbons and a chocolate marshmallow Vivienne. It's all part of LV Dream, a new 'cultural location' în the now-shuttered La Belle Jardinière department store, a stone's throw from Paris's Pont Neuf. It's currently playing host to a year-long Louis Vuitton exhibition, which celebrates the past 160 years of the brand's heritage.

Fashion fanatics will swoon over Louis Vuitton's extensive archive, in particular those notable collaborations - pieces from Yayoi Kusama, Richard Prince and more - which are on display together for the first time. The nine-room exhibition is a chronological look at the brand's allencompassing vision - the first room features a portrait commission from Alex Katz; an homage to Louis Vuitton himself, who was born in 1821 and opened his first store in 1854. The early examples of 'savoirfaire', including a bed trunk from 1892, sit alongside newer creations by Nicolas Ghesquière and Virgil Abloh, as well as Jeff Koons, Stephen Sprouse and Marc Newson. One room titled 'The World of Louis Vuitton According to Rei' is an homage to capsules designed by Rei Kawakubo. 2 Rue du Pont Neuf, with free admission upon reservation at louisvuitton.com

Above: the Art on Silk Room at the LV Dream exhibition. Below: the café and chocolate shop, with one of the tasty edible creations. Below left: the Leather Goods In Fashion Room

