

BOUTIQUE HOTEL LE GRAND MAZARIN TO OPEN IN HERITAGE BUILDINGS IN PARIS

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Three historic buildings dating back to the 14th century have been combined to create a new Paris hotel.



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Le Grand Mazarin will open on 15 June close to the Seine in heart of the Marais, as the fourth addition to the Maisons Pariente portfolio of hotels in France

It will feature 50 rooms and 11 suites, a "festive" restaurant, two bars, an indoor pool and a fitness centre with a hammam and will offer a butler

The landmark property, at the corner of Rue de la Verrerie and Rue des Archives, near Notre Dame, has been restored to its original grandeur by interior architect Martin Brudnizki with his London-based design studio.

He has aimed for a look of "refined modernity", offsetting the French classicism with flamboyant decor incorporating vintage objects. The design also makes good use of natural light.

The hotel's Restaurant Boubale is named after a Yiddish term of endearment used by East European grandmothers. Its Israeli chef Assaf Granit will revisit the Ashkenazi culinary traditions of his childhood to create dishes "on the borders of Central Europe and the Mediterranean". Seating will include terrace, patio and kitchen counter options.

Brudnizki said: "I love the concept of the literary salon of yesteryear, and this was one of the main sources of inspiration when designing Le Grand Mazarin.

"We wanted the hotel to feel as though it has always been a part of Le Marais' landscape, so we sought inspiration from the great houses of the aristocratic era, where figures from literature, art and music gathered in sumptuous residences, exchanging ideas and thoughts.

"Our concept of Le Grand Mazarin was to reignite this ambience for the modern day, where guests feel as though they have arrived home and have the freedom to express themselves."