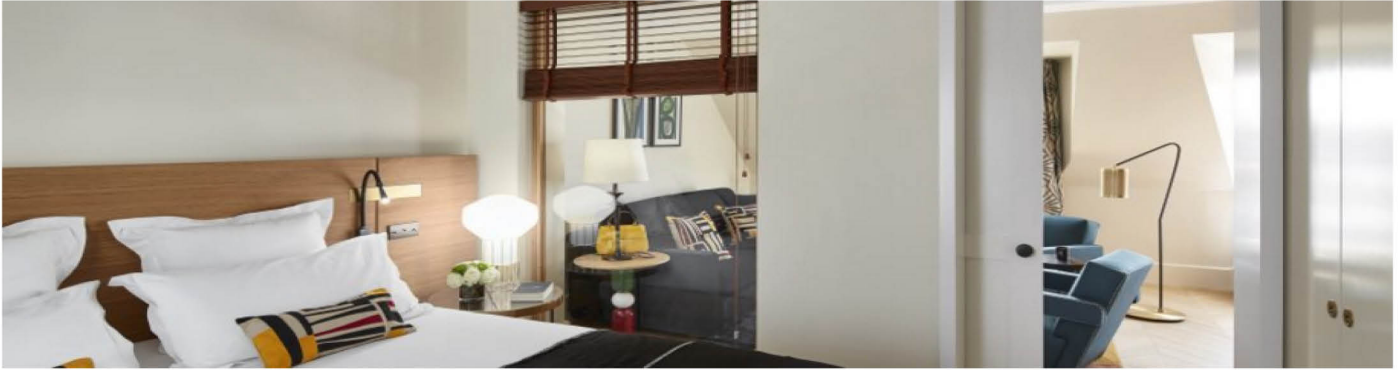


L'HÔTEL MONTALEMBERT, PARIS



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SPACE takes a look at L'Hôtel Montalembert in Paris, with its daring and stunning design...

It is one of the most charming hotels in Paris and in perfect agreement with the small-palace trend, which in the past several years has conquered the hearts of the great travellers. A Meeting spot for the world of fashion and of the arts, the Hotel Montalembert has been a pioneer of the boutique hotels movement. Ideally located in the heart of the Left Bank, a short 5 minute walk from the Saint Germain-des-Prés church, this establishment of 50 rooms, including 10 suites, turns its facade of golden stones toward the "rue du Bac," the antique shops and the art galleries.



For its ninetieth birthday, the Montalembert has treated itself to a gentle renovation. It was not the first, but this one draws from the wishes of the owner, Anne Jousse, to 'reawaken' her house. And because the Hotel Montalembert made the headlines by being the first Boutique Hotel in Paris, twenty-five years ago, it felt natural to recreate an event of similar proportions, without limiting themselves to a simple concept.

"This hotel is ingrained in its neighborhood," explains Anne Jousse. "It is the hotel of writers and artists. So we wanted to preserve this spirit, particularly for the restaurant whose costumers are primarily local regulars." It is to the architect-decorator Pascal Allaman that the owner has entrusted the care to carry out an operation which, from the original project (to renovate the restaurant) has now extended to the whole of the establishment.