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PARIS IN THE SPRING

A quartet of boutique hotels has opened in the capital

PARISTER Despite its name (a curious blend of Paris and hipster, perhaps?), this 45-room hotel (left), designed by Beckmann N'Thépé architects, is warm and welcoming, with an ethos of working with local independent brands. There's a hammam, a brasserie run by the team behind the nearby Le Distrain wine bar and an exercise studio by start-up CYD Playgrounds (from £221 per night; hotelparister.com).



THE HOXTON Once a one-off in Hackney, east London, The Hoxton hotel is now going international, with branches in Amsterdam and Paris' 2nd arrondissement (further outposts in Williamsburg, LA and Chicago open later this year). In the French capital, it occupies a heritage-listed 18th-century villa (right) that has been carefully and lovingly converted. The Hoxton team called on Paris design studio Humbert & Poyet to furnish the rooms, and Soho House to oversee the bar and restaurant. You can still expect the chain's signature perk: a healthy breakfast hung in a paper bag off your room's door handle (from £86 per night; thehoxton.com).



HOTEL BIENVENUE As this small guesthouse's recent Instagram caption read: 'We can never have too many flowers at Hotel Bienvenue'. There are bunches of dahlias, fig trees and riotous botanical wallpapers inside, and a courtyard garden (left) at the back. The elegant interior is the work of French designer Chloé Nègre, who used a warm palette of sorbet hues and darker tones, vintage light fixtures and faux-marble busts by artist Pauline Leyravaud. Look out for the weekly croissant-making classes by the in-house pastry chef (from £106 per night; hotelbienvenue.fr).



HOTEL LE NATIONAL DES ARTS ET MÉTIERS Tables from this hotel's Venetian-style *cicchetteria* (tapas bar) spill out onto the pavement, making its elegant entrance pleasingly inconspicuous. Its 70 chic bedrooms, bar and brasserie have all been designed by young Jerusalem-born creative Raphael Navot, whose love of natural stone manifests itself throughout: a staircase carved from black marble, a concrete wall in every bedroom, bathrooms made from terrazzo. Head to the Herbarium bar to roadtest the perfume-inspired cocktail menu – the Sud Sud Sud (cognac, mandarin mousse and bergamot marmalade) sounds particularly delicious (from £149 per night; hotelnational.paris).

