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## Paris Report

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## 1. Fondation Cartier

### Project Overview

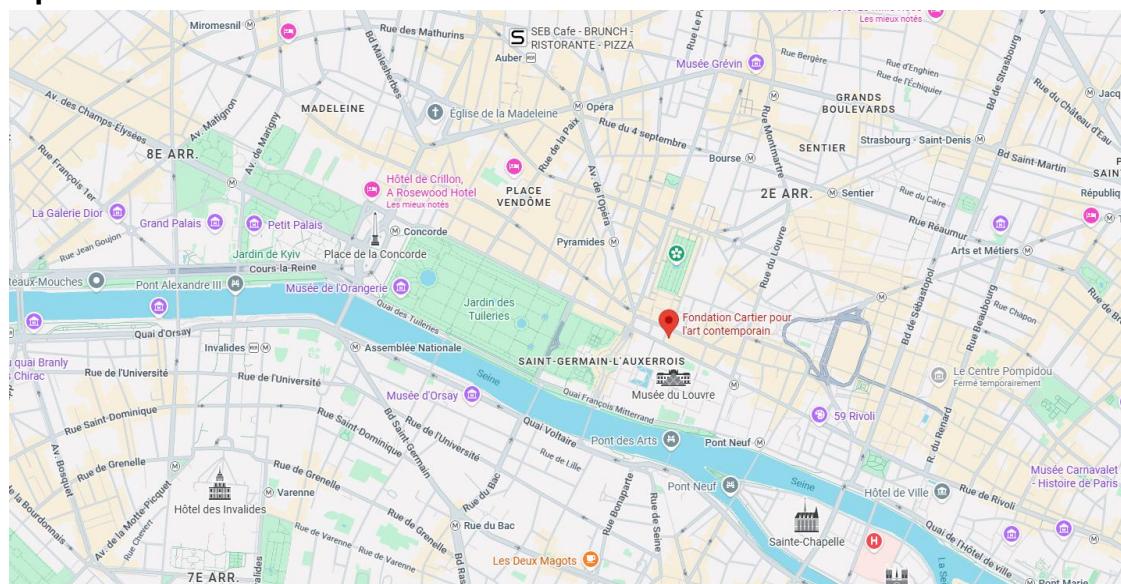
In October 2025, the Fondation Cartier pour l'Art Contemporain opened in central Paris, just steps from the Louvre and the Palais-Royal. Architect Jean Nouvel transformed a 19th-century Haussmann-style building—formerly used as a hotel and department store—into an innovative space for contemporary art. While preserving the stone façade and arcades, the design incorporates expansive glass surfaces and sloping canopies, giving the building a transparent, city-facing presence. Unlike conventional museums, the interior features five movable platforms, each weighing approximately 250 tons. These platforms can be adjusted to 11 different heights, allowing the exhibition space to be freely reconfigured. This system enables spatial arrangements to respond to individual artworks—from layouts that emphasize the central atrium to more intimate settings for smaller exhibitions—continually offering visitors new experiences. Skylights, movable ceilings, and finely tuned lighting systems are integrated throughout the building, creating a soft, balanced illumination in which natural and artificial light seamlessly merge. Spanning approximately 8,500 square meters, the facility offers exceptional flexibility to accommodate a wide range of art forms, including fine art, photography, video, and performance.

By bringing together a historically significant exterior and cutting-edge interior technology, the building embodies a dialogue between past and future. Rather than serving as a static exhibition venue, the new Fondation Cartier positions itself as a “dynamic stage,” opening up new possibilities for Paris’s contemporary cultural landscape.

### Project Details

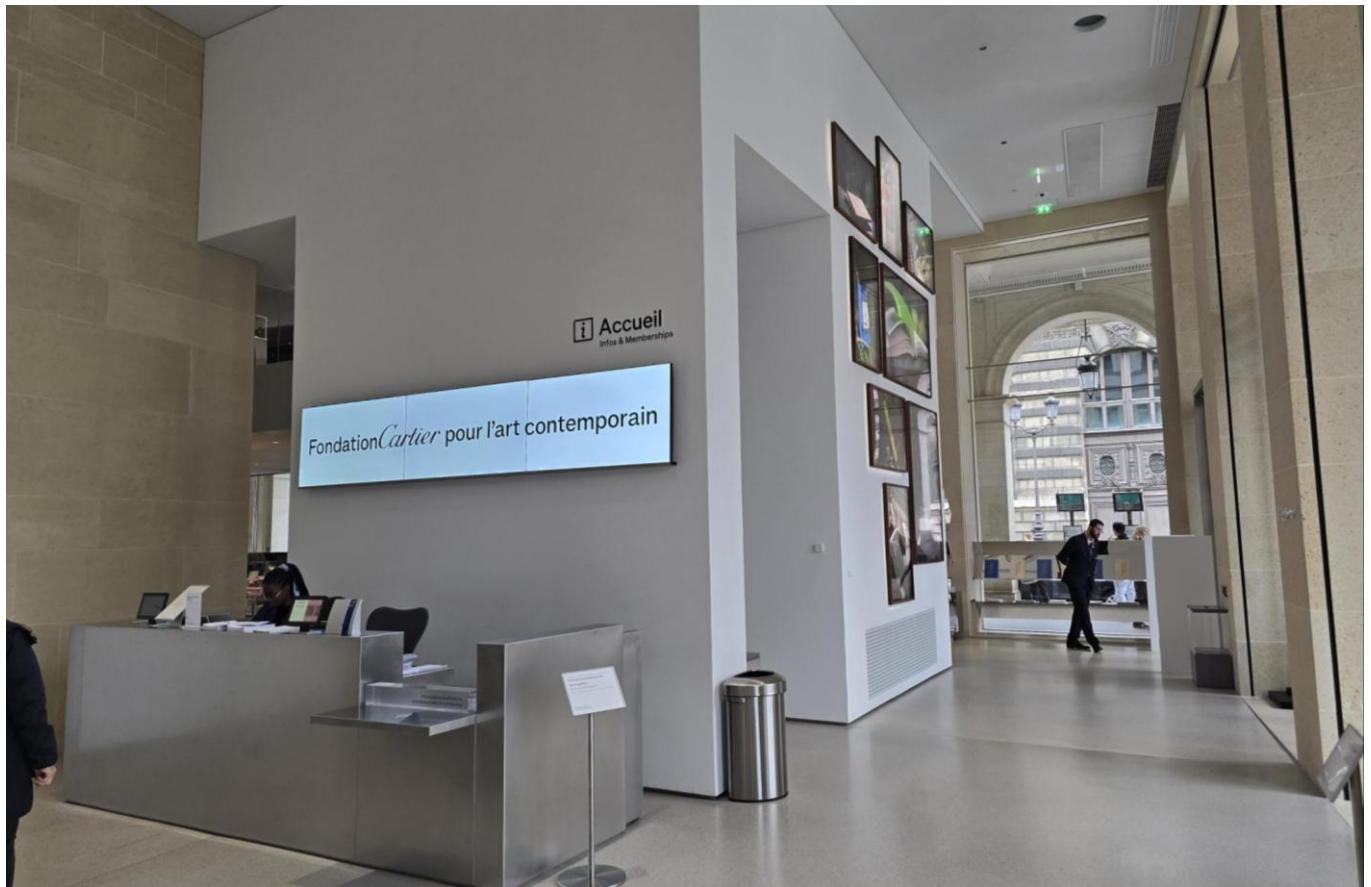
1. Brand: Cartier
2. Type of Business: Art museum
3. Open Date: 10/2025
4. Location: 2 place du Palais-Royal, 75001 Paris France
5. Size: 8500m2
6. Architect: Jean Nouvel

### Location Map





Facade



Inside the museum 1



Inside the museum 2



Inside the museum 3



Inside the museum 4



Inside the museum 5

## 2. Elysée Montmartre Hotel

### Project Overview

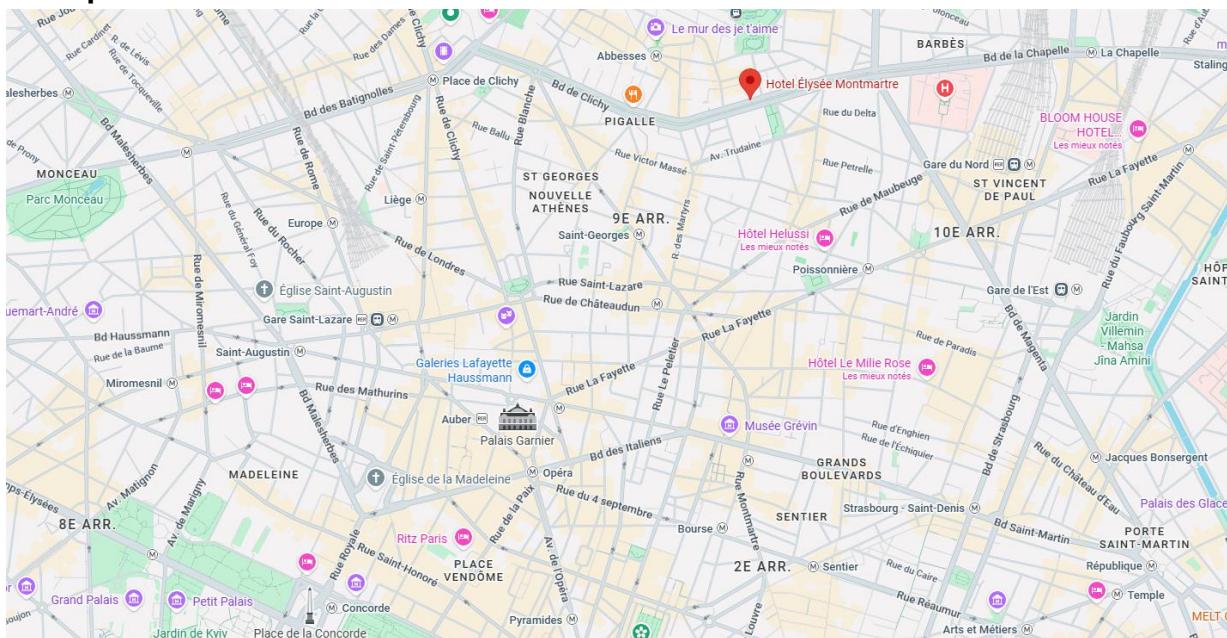
In February 2025, the boutique hotel Élysée Montmartre opened on a site adjacent to the historic Théâtre de l'Élysée-Montmartre in Pigalle, Paris's 18th arrondissement. Designed by film producer Abel Nahmias and architect Julien Labrousse, founder of the Policronica design studio, the approximately 850-square-meter building features 16 guest rooms, four of which are duplexes. The choice of materials reflects a strong commitment to ecological responsibility. By deliberately minimizing the processing of natural materials such as eucalyptus wood, stone, and linen, the design embraces the passage of time and the patina acquired through use. Incorporating the Japanese aesthetic of wabi-sabi, the hotel creates a space where tranquility and warmth coexist in harmony. Each guest room has its own distinct character, featuring oak arched windows, carved wooden ceilings, and linen curtains. The bathrooms, finished in pink Portuguese stone, offer a simple yet refined atmosphere. The exterior is defined by a striking facade of light wooden arches that blend gently into the surrounding streetscape.

As with the restoration of the adjacent theater, severely damaged by fire, the hotel was conceived as part of a broader effort to revitalize a historic structure. Reborn as a place where tradition and contemporary design intersect, the hotel offers a serene retreat amid the lively streets of Montmartre. Inside, architecture that highlights material textures and the subtle play of light quietly welcomes visitors into a secluded, tranquil world.

### Project Details

1. Brand: Elysée Montmartre Hotel
2. Type of Business: Hotel
3. Open Date: 02/2025
4. Location: 78 Blvd Marguerite de Rochechouart, 75018 Paris France
5. Size: 850m<sup>2</sup>
6. Architect: Studio Policronica

### Location Map

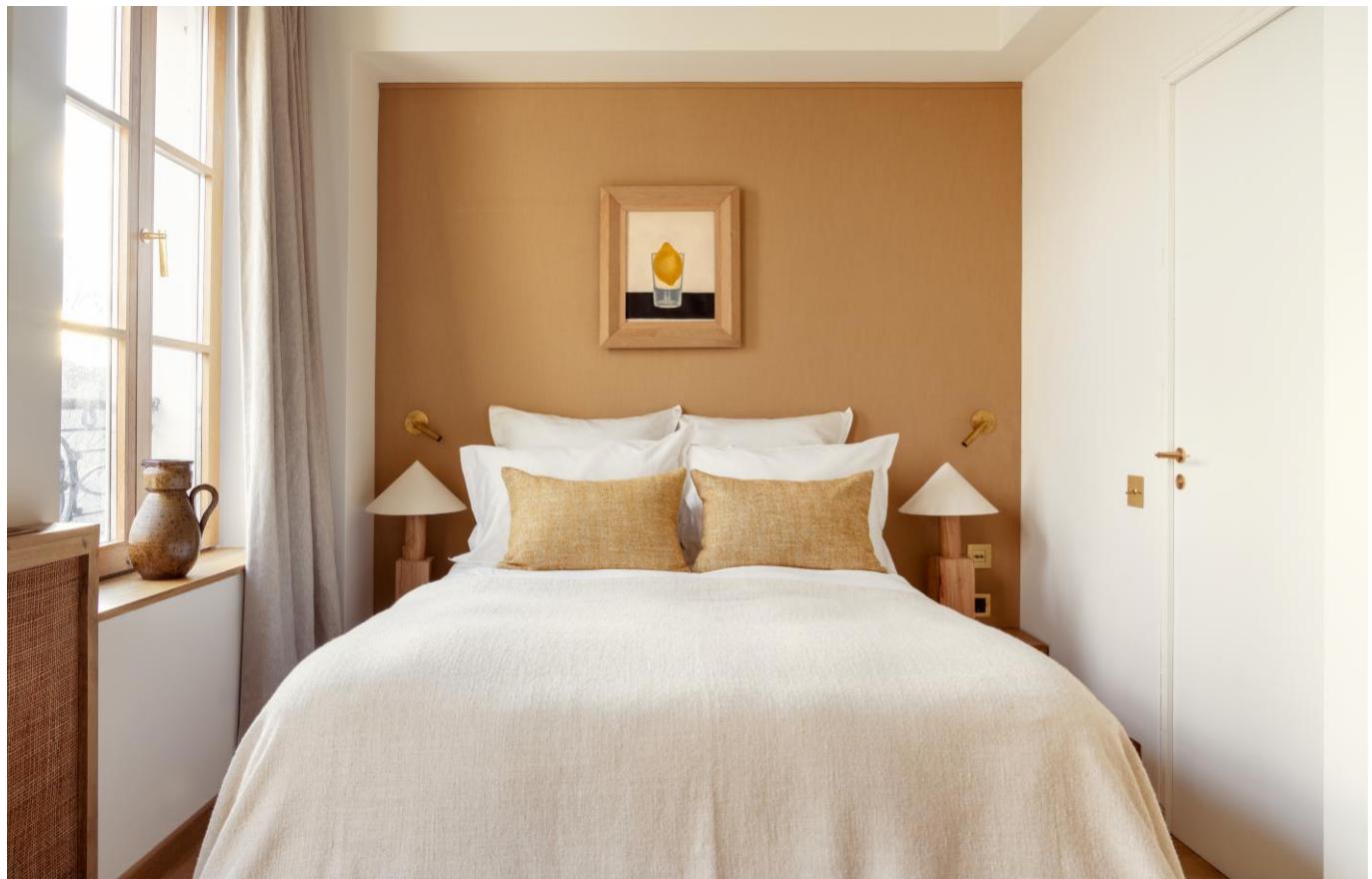




Inside the Hotel 1



Inside the Hotel 2



Inside the Hotel 3



Inside the Hotel 4



Inside the Hotel 5

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