

# hotel national des arts et métiers

raphael navot ushers the timeless tradition of french craftsmanship into the 21<sup>st</sup> century



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right page Raw linen panels, painted by artist Gael Davrinche, blend with the soft, velvet furniture to create a dining space where guests feel calm and relaxed.





**paris** – Two Haussmann-style buildings, connected by an internal courtyard, have merged to form the Hotel National des Arts et Métiers. Designed by Raphael Navot, the hotel balances architectural innovation with traditional craftsmanship. Navot works with the finest raw materials to create a bespoke contemporary interior with

emblematic touches of artisan Paris. ‘The concept was to build a hospitality venue that is here to stay,’ he says. ‘Which means that the materials are noble and the ambience is timeless.’

Custom-made fixtures and fittings, unique materials and hand-crafted textures are spread throughout the

implementation of the design scheme. Across seven storeys, 70 guest rooms offer each visitor a different experience, as each bedroom is decorated with bespoke furniture and daring combinations of materials.

On the ground floor, the hotel’s social areas include a restaurant, club and bar. Each space boasts its own

characteristic features, but remains true to the overall motif of hand-crafted design. The 150-seat restaurant sits beneath a glass ceiling and is complemented with rich, velvet furnishings, while the bar is a more casual space, open to locals and visitors as well as hotel guests.



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**previous spread** Oxidised copper tubes form a pattern on the wall of the restaurant, each element bringing different blue and green tones of the raw material.

**left page** The light-filled guest rooms surround the inner courtyard. Each is kitted out with made-to-measure furniture and fittings designed with a mix of materials and textures characteristic of classic Parisian décor.

**right** Terrazzo-clad bathrooms with fossil granite floors bring an elegant luxury to each guest suite and create the high-end, bespoke ambience expected by today's travellers.

