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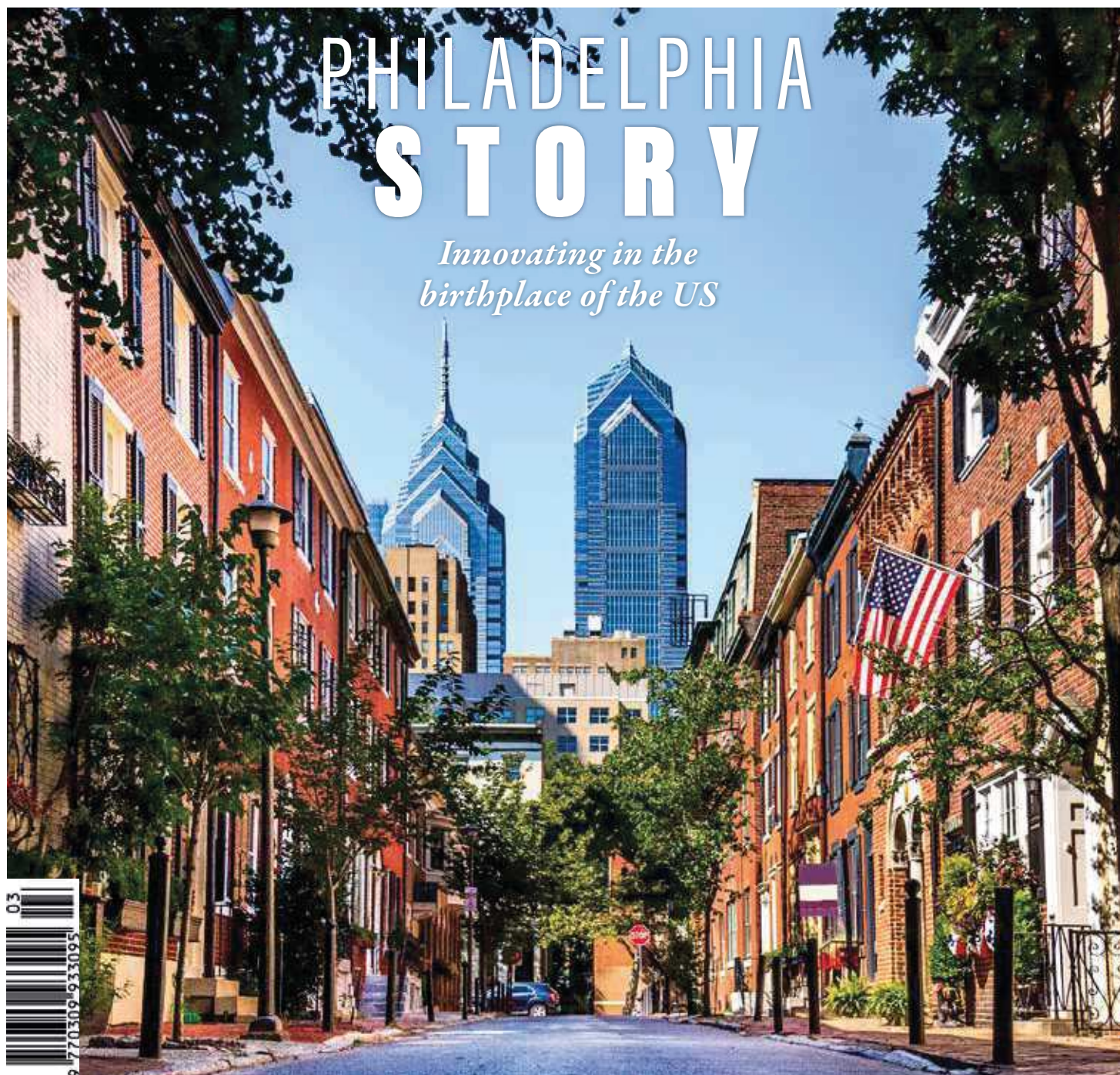
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## HOTELS



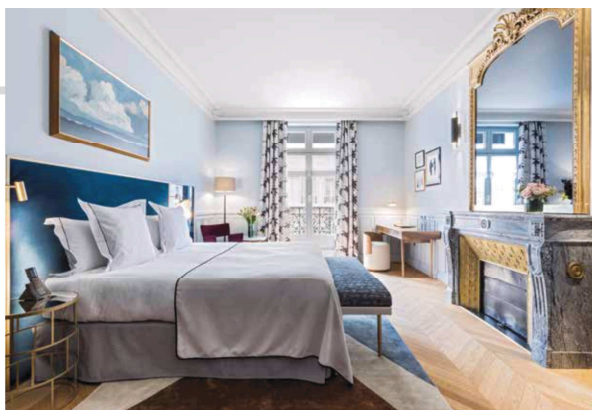
LEFT: Le Grand Quartier RIGHT: Hotel Grand Powers

### MAMA PARIS WEST

In January, the Mama Shelter group opened its second Paris property, in the 15th arrondissement, minutes from the Porte de Versailles exhibition centre. The 207-room hotel has colourful interiors, a restaurant and rooftop terrace, and 11 meeting rooms. A La Defense property will open next year. [mamashelter.com](http://mamashelter.com)

### MONSIEUR GEORGE

This 46-room hotel, set across six floors of a Haussmann townhouse, opened near the Champs-Élysées in January. Anouska Hempel was behind the elegant interiors, with



### HOTEL DU LOUVRE

Originally opened in 1855, this 164-room hotel in the Palais-Royal district reopened last year after a two-year renovation. Part of the high-end Unbound Collection by Hyatt, the hotel has retained its 19th-century grandeur with restored high ceilings, mouldings and a period glass roof, while illustrator Emmanuel Pierre has provided artwork. The Brasserie du Louvre, under chef Paul Bocuse, serves traditional French dishes, and L'Officine du Louvre offers herbal-based cocktails inspired by Napoleon III's love of botany. [hyatt.com](http://hyatt.com)

### PULLMAN PARIS CENTRE-BERCY

Following a complete refurbishment led by designer Tom Dixon, this 392-room hotel in the 12th arrondissement reopened last year. It now has a private cinema and an artist "playground" showcasing a rotating selection of works. Adopting Pullman's "Junction" concept, the lobby has been transformed into a multifaceted meeting area. There's also a wellness space, 21 meeting rooms and a bistro. [accorhotels.com](http://accorhotels.com)

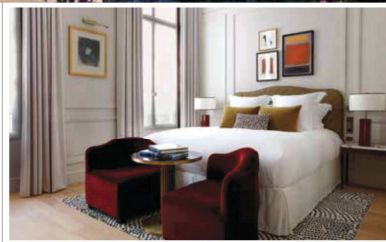
### PULLMAN PARIS MONTPARNASSE

Following a three-year renovation, the 957-room hotel reopens this month with five restaurants and bars (including a rooftop spot), and three floors dedicated to events. [accorhotels.com](http://accorhotels.com)

### HOTEL GRAND POWERS

This 1920s property in the eighth arrondissement reopened in January last year after a suitably grand renovation. A Small Luxury Hotels of the World member, its 50 rooms and suites have chic interiors – some feature period fireplaces, oak flooring and moulded ceilings. Materials pay homage to its history, with lavish velvet and silk fabrics along with lacquered paint and aged brass furnishings. There's an all-day restaurant, a bar and a marble-clad spa. [hotelgrandpowersparis.com](http://hotelgrandpowersparis.com)

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Saint-Germain-des-Prés last month. Located in the former European consulate, overlooking the Seine, its 29 rooms and suites combine marble fireplaces, signature geometric rugs and cashmere throws with items sourced from Parisian flea markets. There's also an Italian restaurant, spa and gym. [jkplace.paris](http://jkplace.paris)

### LE GRAND QUARTIER

This new development opened in November in the hip Canal Saint-Martin neighbourhood and comprises an 83-room hotel, café, meeting rooms and pop-up shop surrounding a large courtyard. Interior designers Joyce Urbanus and Dax Roll have created contemporary areas filled with natural light and modern furnishings. The all-day

café serves Mediterranean food, and there's also a rooftop terrace. [legrandquartier.com](http://legrandquartier.com)

### LES JARDINS DU FAUBOURG

This foliage-strewn hotel counts luxury fashion boutiques as its neighbours in the Champs-Élysées area. Located in a renovated Haussmann townhouse, the 36-room hotel opened in June last year, retaining the building's spiral staircase. There are Parisian rooms with high ceilings, mouldings and draped curtains, and Contemporary ones featuring geometric lines and brass elements. It has a glass-roofed restaurant overlooking an exotic garden, a spa with a 15-metre pool, and a gym with a suitably lush living wall. [jardinsdufactaubourg.com](http://jardinsdufactaubourg.com)



floor. Rooms are equally dark, with velvet furnishings. A restaurant combines North African and South American cuisine, and there's a spa inspired by Greek and Roman baths. [sinnerparis.com](http://sinnerparis.com)

### NOVOTEL PARIS PORTE DE VERSAILLES

This new hotel located by the Porte de Versailles Exhibition Park opened at the start of the year, with a rooftop restaurant launching in May. The hotel has 245 rooms, a gym and four meeting rooms. [novotel.com](http://novotel.com)

**RENOVATED**

### LE MEURICE

Dorchester Collection's palatial property unveiled 29 restored suites in September, including the avant garde Pompadour Suite and the seventh-floor Belle Etoile penthouse. Located opposite the Jardins des Tuileries, the historic hotel has hosted Salvador Dali and Pablo Picasso in rooms with opulent 18th-century interiors. The revamped suites have panoramic views and mimic what a modern-day Versailles might resemble today – which means silk, damask and velvet fabrics, bespoke furniture and artworks depicting the hotel's illustrious past. [dorchestercollection.com](http://dorchestercollection.com)

a décor characterised by mirrors and emerald greens. There's a contemporary restaurant, a bar and a spa. [monsieurgeorge.com](http://monsieurgeorge.com)

### SIMONS HOTEL

This 67-room boutique hotel opened in December in the 18th arrondissement, near Gare du Nord. The design is contemporary chic, and the hotel has an Ice Bar, with thermal jackets and gloves provided to keep out the cold. [simons-hotel.paris](http://simons-hotel.paris)

### SINNER HOTEL

Evok's gothic 43-room hotel opened in June last year in the Marais. Interiors appeal to your dark side with a black and red colour palette, candle-lit hallways and ecclesiastical features, such as a crypt on the ground



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