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# This Cinematic Paris Apartment, Facing the Newly Restored Notre Dame, Feels Like a Carefully Curated Design Gallery

Within its revived rooms, replete with authentically reinstated cornices and mouldings, and period-appropriate stained oak flooring, a melange of vintage and contemporary pieces set the scene.

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Three sculptures complement the chic atmosphere: the large one in plaster placed between the two windows is by Florian Tomballe, the black one on the right of the fireplace is by Abigail Ozora Simpson and the one placed on the fireplace is by Rory Menage. Photo: Agathe Tissier

“The space had a huge potential,” remembers Flora de Gastines and Anne Geistdoerfer of design studio Double G who were entrusted with the fate of a forgotten Paris apartment. “It was full of history but had unfortunately been totally distorted over time. It had lost its soul.” While the order may have seemed too tall for many, the duo immediately knew they could take on this renovation and even enjoy it — as it meant working with four-time client-turned-friends, an art and design collecting couple with two children.



In the office, a vintage chair combines with a brass desk by Valentin Loellmann where is placed a table lamp by Jos Devriendt. The rug is by Limited Edition and the Court Sconce 22 is by Allied Maker. Photo: Agathe Tissier

## ***This Artful Haussmannian Apartment in Paris Is Bursting With the Warmth of Morocco***

Located in Paris's 5th arrondissement and nestled in a 17th-century hôtel particulier, this 290sqm Paris apartment benefits from a dream location. It faces the wonderfully restored Notre Dame and features beautiful views of the Seine that can be admired from the big windows immediately upon entrance. Organised in two levels — an entresol of 40 square metres with a studio for the family's au pair and a principal floor of 250 square metres — the duplex apartment needed a complete restructure to adapt to contemporary living and bring its Parisian spirit and grandeur back to life.



The office, interconnected with the bedroom. Photo: Agathe Tissier



## **Lebanese Model Nour Arida's Haussmannian Apartment in Paris Is a Love Letter to Beirut**

The spaces have been decompartmentalised to regain their original volume; the purpose of each area was modified to adapt to the family's lifestyle: The circulation and openings were redesigned in order to recreate the rows with great perspectives; existing cornices and mouldings were restored or recreated in some rooms where they had disappeared; and all windows were replaced by identical ones to the original design," describes de Gastines. Combining original decorative elements with a contemporary visual vocabulary guided the whole project. The ultimate goal: crafting an effortlessly stylish home embodying the French art de vivre through its decor.



In the dining room, Platner armchairs by Knoll surround the Table Froissée by Damien Gernay from Galerie Gosserez while the pendants are by Anna Charlesworth and the Circuit 1 sconces are by Apparatus. Photo: Agathe Tissier



## *This Bijoux Paris Apartment Is a Celebration of the City's Magical Golden Hour*

Bathed in natural light, with a charming Hungarian point parquet in stained solid oak, the semi-rotunda living room features a series of mirrors that reflect the exterior panorama, playing with depth and a feeling of infinity. A colourful, abstract artwork hangs over the original fireplace in an alluring dining area adorned with muted tones and textures. [...]



A detail shot of the dining table Froissée by Damien Gernay from Galerie Gosserez.  
Photo: Agathe Tissier

“This apartment reflects a tailor-made dialogue and harmony between Parisian classicism and modernist design,” the duo says. With references from both a bygone era and a contemporary aesthetic, this elegant yet inviting home encapsulates the best of Parisian decor — which never disappoints. *doubleg.fr*

“We used natural and noble materials for the entire project,” says de Gastines. “We also worked on a very soft palette for the walls, which are all treated with a lime coating in chalk tones that brings light, substance, depth and warmth,” continues Geistdoerfer. This envelope is the perfect backdrop for the original features that make this apartment so French — mouldings, cornices and trims — while allowing the other decorative elements to bring about an up-to-date sensibility.