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NOUVELLE VOGUE

1 THE HOTEL DESIGNER

Philippe Maidenberg

Architect Philippe Maidenberg has emerged as the hotel designer du jour, stamping his distinctive style on a number of Parisian hotels. 'My parents had a travel company so the hotel environment has always fascinated me,' he says. And the adventurous designer clearly has a thing about cars, too: headlamps form a tarantula-like chandelier at Hôtel Le Six in Montparnasse; car seats line the glazed breakfast room at Hôtel Joyce (above), both of which opened last year. Maidenberg's next project marks a new direction as he collaborates with musicians including singer Rickie Lee Jones and rapper MC Solaar to bring their inspirations and memories to life in the Triangle d'Or hotel, due to open at the end of the month near the Olympia concert hall. www.maidenbergarchitecture.com

2 THE STYLE LEADERS

Laetitia and Vanessa Roggwiler

'We function by *coup de coeur*,' says Laetitia Roggwiler, referring to the fact that she and her sister, Vanessa, stock only the items they fall instantly in love with in their new multi-storey boutique, Hôtel Particulier. Their aim was to provide a young, spontaneous retail experience that differed from designer-cool Colette or neo-boho Merci. Straight out of college, the sisters took a gamble on the arty Montorgueil district, and set up shop in an 18th-century townhouse. They stock clothes by rising talents such as Lyon designer Alexis Mabillet and hard-to-find fashion labels including JC de Castelbajac; accessories include geometrically engraved leather bags by Diane De Maria and make-up by cult brand Ellis Faas. 15 rue Léopold Bellan (00 33 1 40 39 90 00; www.hotelparticulier-paris.com)