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Hôtel André Latin – A Legacy of Passion



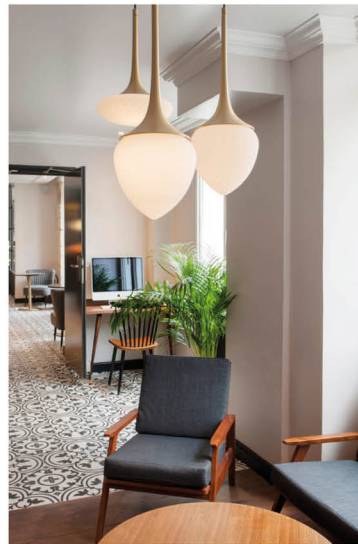
The Hôtel André Latin is an iconic project with a modern twist and a retro lighting inspiration.

The project, André Latin hotel is located in the heart of the «Quartier Latin» close to the Luxembourg gardens and the Pantheon, in the 5th Arrondissement of Paris, which is one of the oldest districts in the capital with its typical streets and universities.

After many months of renovations, the Hôtel André Latin finally opens its doors to the public since again and unveils its fabulous new world. The hotel has been influenced by the style design, in the form of André, the grandfather and the founder of the establishment, a virtuous identity of the 19th century.

Fabian and Catherine Sotinel reinvented their hotel based on the codes extracted from that iconic era, with a modern twist and a friendly and welcoming environment, full of elegance and authenticity.

The new cocktail bar André Latin welcomes visitors into an immersive world, a «faster easier slower» hotel with 34 seats, including a terrace directly accessible from the street. The warm atmosphere that prevails is partly revealed by a clever combination of comfortable sofas in luxurious velvet, marble stone tables, mirrors, Art Deco illustrations and furniture from the 50's. The bar perfectly reflects the spirit of the Latin Quarter and welcomes all generations, in this unusual place.



Michael Knappert / The interior designer

Michael Knappert launched his interior design agency in 2005. From the start he developed living and commercial spaces on a national level. His work reflects the codes of contemporary living, always looking in the historical context of each project and taking the account function as well as the energy received by the space itself.

Michael's visual vocabulary enhances the self-being through designing sustainability and a balance between form and function. Each project tells a story through the architecture and design, enhancing the ergonomics of each space to provide a clear path.

His approach is simple choosing and assembling the key ingredients for the project - materials, lights, volumes - to form the basis of a coherent study and assessing the options based on their preference.

Overseeing the construction to ensure the quality of each part. Choosing to work with what the space has to offer instead of demolishing and keeping the authenticity of the space as much as possible.

In recent years Michael has enjoyed amazing business and built an incredible range of projects, from the Swastels, the bar of the Jura and Jim Lee, to the 200th anniversary restaurant, A-Haus, the gourmet restaurant of chef Julien Dubout, the 18th-century Canal Moucharaf or Kristin Frederik's House, the founder of the reputed Cornet qui fume, La Maison Bleue and the Café de la Marine in the 10th arrondissement.



The creative energy for this project has truly been focused on the ground floor and it comprises four distinct areas: the lobby with a concept store and reception desk, the living room and the bar. The general redevelopment was conceived from floor to floor, detail by detail.

Michael Knappert has been working to revive the soul of the André, inspired by the origins and history of the building from the 19th century. This approach was born by identifying the balance between the codes of a historical era as a stage of contemporary energy objects.

The purpose of the art of the exercise was to create a dynamic dialogue between the two worlds, to spread a poetic message, capturing all the charm of this place that had many lives. Some original walls were preserved to uphold the heritage of the building.

The furniture is designed from 50 legendary designers using only noble materials like marble, brass, solid wood, painted metals, alongside the wallpaper graphics, while the black and white ceramic tiling accompanies the lighting fixtures by Gubi and DesignFUCK, facing the vintage tables and the seats covered with Kvadrat.

From the lighting brand DesignFUCK, the Hôtel André Latin counts with the designs from the brands core collection, the Heritage Collection and faces 2 iconic pieces, the Bubble_Side_Lamp at the cocktail bar and the Globe_Side_Lamp at the bedrooms.

