

Villa Medici's Reimagined Rooms Welcome Overnight Guests with Design-Led Thrills

The recently debuted refurbishment adds to the overall dialogue between the property's rich architectural heritage and its modern spirit



"Stratus Surprisus" by Constance Guisset Studio, Paris, FR / Designer Signature Murale, Puteaux, FR / Decorative plaster designer Arcam Glass, Vertou, FR / Master glassmaker.

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Through the support of patrons including the Bettencourt Schueller Foundation, the Banque Poulair Foundation, and Maison Tréca, the expansive guest rooms have come to life through the work of such noted architects as Sebastien Kieffer and Lea Padovani with Atelier Veneer, Studio Acte Deux with Tristan Dassonville, and Studio Constance Guisset with Signature Murale and Arcam Glass, who have brought the light-filled Stratus Surprisus suite to new life. With names like Camera Fantasia (micro-paper pulp is used to mimic the Villa Medici stone), Pars pro Toto (a work of stucco, gilding, faux bois, and trompe l'oeil is a treat for the eye), and Il Cielo in una stanza (a study in green, ivory travertine, and copper tesserae inspired by the streets of Rome) each ethereal space—many double-height with spiral staircases—offers a step back in time.