

NEW PARIS INTERIORS

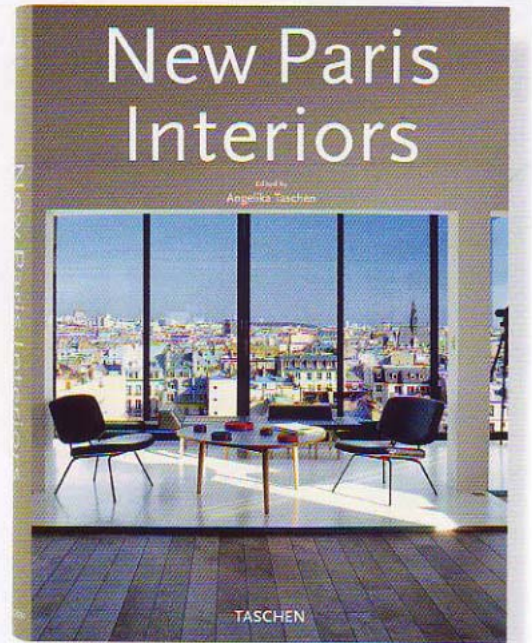
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Some of Paris's famously old exteriors are hiding some fabulously new interiors: some, a modern take on chic old-world glamour, and others more characteristic of the très avant-garde contemporary trash fashion scene. Either way, these new Paris interiors all have one thing in common: beaucoup du blingbling. They are Bourgeois with a capital B. A heady blend of money and daring artistic panache. The result is sometimes stunning, often bewildering. And it's no surprise really, considering that gracing the pages of this book are the apartments of some of the biggest names in the French (and international) fashion scene: from the founders of cosmetics brand Sisley, and living national treasure Christian Lacroix, to fashion designer Rick Owens and reigning Lord of the Red-Soled Stiletto, Christian Louboutin.

Maria Bonnafous-Boucher's ground-floor flat is a breathtakingly beautiful space, classically elegant in herringbone floorboards, walls and walls of white-on-white plaster moulding, and artfully arranged antique furniture. Simon de Pury's pied-à-terre in the trendy Marais district, on the other hand, would be stark and industrial industrial, from the exposed light bulbs down to the concrete floors, albeit with some seriously risqué modern art. But when it comes to full-on opulence, the Comte and Comtesse Hubert d'Ornano take the cake: their living room alone is a mind-boggling melange of antlers, zebra pelt, faux palm tree, verdigris-coloured walls and lurid Persian carpets. According to the Comtesse, "It's all about mixing things without inhibition". Indeed.

Edited by Angelika Taschen, with text by Ian Phillips and endless luscious photography, this book is a dazzling adventure in Wonderland – or at least a trip through the looking glass – into the alternative reality of the Parisian fashion-set.



1. Comte & Comtesse Hubert d'Ornano
Photo: Federico Cimatti
To call this apartment avant garde would be an understatement, to say the least.

2. Rue des Belles-Feuilles
Photo: Xavier Béjot/Tripod Agency;
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Classic architecture meets daring modern art in this spacious and adventurous abode.

3. Hervé Van der Straeten
Photo: Vincent Knapp
Truly a designer's home, seating here is a choice between Le Corbusier or Louis XVI.

