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10 Modern Buildings with Facades That Keep Us Staring

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Long gone are the days when skyscrapers, offices, hotels, and residences had to be plain and boring on the outside just to fit into the neighborhood. These days, architects are taking risks by thinking outside the basic square box and designing exteriors that are literally works of art. When that happens, these structures can change the neighborhood, and sometimes the skyline, making passersby stop and take notice. Take a peek at 10 buildings with unique facades that have us pause and take a second, and sometimes third, look.



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How could you not be happy staying in this short and long term residence hotel? The [Hipark Hotel](#) in Paris was designed by [Manuelle Gautrand Architecture](#) on a triangular site with its base looking as if it's been squeezed to fit the lot. The angular building with its colorful facade of greens and blues definitely stands out in its neighborhood.