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Forget any notion you have that all there is to see in [Paris](#) are swathes of [Haussmannian](#) apartment buildings and a handful of iconic monuments (that tower, those archways, that cathedral with its gargoyles). Over the past few years, these five leading Parisian architecture firms have given the capital some of its most remarkable buildings that require your immediate attention.



Manuelle Gautrand | © Joëlle Dollé, Courtesy of Manuelle Gautrand Architecture

Signature style: Since she opened her practice in 1991, Gautrand has refused to be locked into a single architectural style. Instead, she and her team of 15 architects create what can only be described as poetic architecture, which embraces varied forms and colors, employs cutting-edge techniques, and engages with a range of projects.

Paris projects: When it was completed in 2007, the Citroën flagship showroom on the Champs-Élysées, nicknamed C42, was the first new arrival on the avenue for 30 years. The €13-million building's complex geometric glass and steel façade took five months to assemble. In 2016, the firm finished the €12 million renovation of the [Cinéma Gaumont Alésia](#), a project that successfully revived both the 14th arrondissement building and the company's brand.

What they say: "For me, architecture is what poetry was to Saint John Perse: 'the luxury of being unaccustomed.' At the core of the process of creativity lies the approach to each new project through the spirit of 'blank page,' with no a priori. The project must each time become a unique and symbolic encounter between the site and the program."

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