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On May 13 in Ritz Carlton Hotel in Moscow there took place the fifth yearly session of the Russian Club of developers Building. The opening speech was made by the managing director of Territory Development Institute Pavel Tiger, it was followed by the reports by Manuelle Gautrand, the founder of the French architectural bureau Manuelle Gautrand Architects, the main architect of St.-Petersburg Alexander Viktorov and Thomas Leeser, the founder of Leeser Architecture.

Manuelle Gautrand presented to the Russian audience at once three large-scale projects of her bureau. The lecturer devoted particular attention to building of a new show-room of the French automobile brand Citroen in Paris. This object has a really bright architectural solution, and besides, it is a great example of superrealistic use of territory. The land allocated for construction initially could not brag of the impressive area, therefore all the ambitious plans of the customer were embodied by Manuelle Gautrand in extremely constrained conditions. However, as it is well-known, quite often such circumstances can stimulate creative imagination. The architect developed a complex design made of six roundish platforms located one above another, on which stands for cars were installed.

The uniqueness of such solution is that any of the platforms can be dismantled irrespective of others if exposition of the stand needs to be changed. The show-room roof made in the shape of armour created from glass mosaic was another original solution. Gautrand emphasized that despite its originality, the project was quickly approved by the city authorities. It became a perfect addition to the general architectural portrait of Paris. "Normally it takes about a year to approve such projects. Mine was accepted less than in six months, and I am proud of this. I managed to realize it before the planned term", — Manuelle Gautrand admitted. The total cost of the project is 1.1 million Euro. One more project presented by the French architect became a trad-