

**27 – CYPRIEN GAILLARD, ARTIST**

In only a few years, young Cyprien Gaillard has made a significant mark on the French art scene with his striking work on urban landscapes, incorporating vandalism, romanticism and land art. His work includes *Real Remnants of Fictive Wars IV* (left), a still from a video depicting a piece of smoke-filled land art. [www.bugadacargnel.com](http://www.bugadacargnel.com)

**28 – NONTRON KNIVES, DORDOGNE**

Handmade from steel and boxwood by highly skilled artisans for 500 years, Nontron's beautiful knives deserve to be as well known as Opinel's or Laguiole's, and Italian designer Stefania di Petrillo's new three-in-one picnic set (page 063) is sure to put the historic brand back into the spotlight. Tel: 33.5 53 56 60 55

**29 – PGO AUTOMOBILES, GARD**

Based near Avignon, PGO is the only French small-scale car maker. Its three hand-built models all take the basic visual template of the post-war Porsche 356 and reinvent it for modern day driving. PGO's newest model, the Hemera, adds a stylistic twist in the form of fastback bodywork, making it a practical coupé for long-distance touring. [www.pgo.fr](http://www.pgo.fr)

**30 – HÔTEL VILLE D'HIVER, ARCACHON**

A 19th-century former pumping station located amid pine forest in Arcachon's Ville d'Hiver district, this boutique hotel offers 12 rooms with sleek interiors, an on-site restaurant serving French classics and an in-house spa with a hammam. [www.hotelvilledhiver.com](http://www.hotelvilledhiver.com)

**31 – PHILIPPE RAHM ARCHITECT**

Maintaining a base in both Paris and Lausanne, Swiss national Philippe Rahm has become one of the most prominent exponents of ecological issues in architecture. Known for his clever cross-disciplinary art, he is currently working on a house for artist Dominique Gonzalez-Foerster and an office building project in Venice-Mestre. [www.philipperahm.com](http://www.philipperahm.com)

**32 – LE MONT ST MICHEL FASHION**

Founded in 1913, this iconic family-owned business was a sleeping beauty when 30-year-old Alexandre Milan decided to give it a twist. A fan of 1970s and 1980s bands like The Smiths and Blondie, he mixed a retro-rock attitude with the brand's traditional values, reinventing knitwear with a lurex finish, electric colours and graphic prints. [www.lemontsaintmichel.fr](http://www.lemontsaintmichel.fr)

**33 – LIGIA DIAS JEWELLERY**

Fresh from winning the Young Fashion Designer title at the 2009 Andam Awards, Ligia Dias is now launching her new Organic Crystal collection. Referencing artist Mike Kelley as inspiration, Paris-based Dias plays on the idea of collage and mirrored interactions using a great variety of materials. [www.ligiadias.com](http://www.ligiadias.com)

**24–26 Industrial revelation**

*Though some of the country's noblest industries are in decline (Calais lace is losing market share to cheaper Chinese imports, home cinemas are replacing stemware on bridal registries), new museums are celebrating France's craftsmanship and savoir faire.*

**24 – LA GRANDE PLACE, LORRAINE**

Tucked inside the production hall of Cristal Saint-Louis, France's oldest crystal maker, this museum is located in one of the factory's former ovens and shows pieces from the house's illustrious history. Two platforms give views onto the factory floor and the glass-blowers working below.

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**25 – MUSÉE INTERNATIONAL DE LA PARFUMERIE, GRASSE**

Thanks to a four-year, €11m renovation by architect Frédéric Jung, this museum now boasts 3,500 sq m, encompassing several existing structures, from an 18th-century town house to a medieval rampart. Its collection features some 50,000 perfume-related objects from around the globe.

[www.museesdegrasse.com](http://www.museesdegrasse.com)

**26 – CITÉ DE LA DENTELLE, CALAIS**

Set in an 1870s lace factory renovated by architects Moatti et Rivière, this lace museum features a curved glass façade, silk-screened with patterns of holes to resemble a Jacquard card from a loom. Among the exhibits, lace production is demonstrated on four 6m-long Leavers machines. [www.cite-dentelle.fr](http://www.cite-dentelle.fr) AS

