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## It List: 45 Best New Hotels of 2009

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Rustic: Mane-en-Provence, France  
[Le Couvent des Minimes](#)

Relais & Châteaux has the Provence hotel scene sewn up, especially now that the company has put its stamp on Le Couvent des Minimes, a country hideaway near the eastern edge of the Luberon Valley. Set in a former convent, this 46-room retreat welcomes visitors with a cloistered courtyard and strategically placed bouquets of lavender—all handpicked from the terraced herb garden and used in the full-service spa, the first in France from Provençal cosmetics company L'Occitane. We loved the Cassine suite, which looks out onto a carp fountain from the former bell tower.



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