

PRESS KIT

The Egmont Manor

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ABOUT THE PROJECT

A French manor, rebuilt in public

Who. Dimitri and David are two partners — one Head of Compliance, one Literature professor — who purchased Egmont Manor in September 2025 with the intention of restoring it as a private home and occasional venue.

What. Egmont Manor is a 19th-century French country house comprising approximately 12 rooms across three floors, including a winter garden and a 10,000 m² parc.

The fire. On the night of 20 November 2025, a fire of undetermined origin destroyed the roof, the last floor and severely damaged the main structure. The decision to rebuild — and to document the process openly — was made the following morning.

Where we are now. As of spring 2026, the research for the best craftsmen is still ongoing to restore the historical roof. The project is followed by a global community across Instagram, TikTok, Facebook and a weekly newsletter. The manor is expected to reopen in late 2027.

KEY FIGURES

1.3M+

FOLLOWERS ACROSS PLATFORMS

2,200+

NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIBERS

24

MONTHS OF RECONSTRUCTION

Late 2027

TARGET REOPENING

Summer 2028

FIRST WEDDINGS

QUOTES FOR EDITORIAL USE

Selected quotes — free for editorial use

"When you buy and restore a historic manor, you can't keep it for yourself, it becomes almost a public legacy."

— DIMITRI, CO-FOUNDER

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"There is something profoundly honest about rebuilding in public. Every mistake is visible. Every decision is accountable."

— DAVID, CO-FOUNDER

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"It is truly like writing a chapter in the manor's life, we will do our best with this chapter, and the book will continue without us. That's the beauty of legacy."

— MARIE, DIMITRI'S MOTHER

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PRESS COVERAGE

Selected features

Le Monde

"Acheter un château, le restaurer soi-même et y vivre au milieu des gravats : les néochâtelains, rois de la débrouille"

January 2026

Manchester News

« We bought a rundown French château for £285k — now we're transforming it with no DIY experience »

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Daily Mail

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Le Parisien

« Incendie du manoir d'Egmont en Eure-et-Loir : le rêve de mariage de Dimitri et David part en fumée »

December 2025

Yahoo! News

« DIY couple take on \$360K French chateau renovation for dream wedding venue »

April 2026

Fun Radio

« Radio interview : Dimitri & David, owner of the Egmont Manor »

March 2026

THE FOUNDERS

About the authors

Dimitri

Dimitri trained as a lawyer for a decade before working on heritage restoration projects. He discovered Egmont Manor on a winter drive through the countryside and knew, within an hour of walking the grounds, that he would buy it. He oversees all structural restoration decisions and is the hands doing most of the work.

David

David is a former English literature teacher for the State of Geneva. He came to Egmont Manor as the storyteller of the project, writing the weekly letter with Dimitri, managing the community, and documenting the restoration in words. He is also responsible for the online strategy for the manor.

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