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1612-1670

French architect who was one of the chief designers of the Palace of Versailles, particularly the central portion of the garden facade. Born into a family of architects and builders, Le Vau achieved an impressive reputation as a designer of private estates and was famous for his opulent interior designs and majestic proportions. Le Vau was also commissioned to design part of the Louvre in Paris.