Le Paris de Proust

Swann’s disgust with the Verdurin salon makes him appreciate all the more the exclusivity of the salons of the Faubourg Saint-Germain, the old aristocratic quarter of Paris’s left bank and the home of many of Swann’s oldest and dearest friends. —Swann’s Way 1: 407-08

Although much of the novel is set in the Faubourg Saint-Germain, which takes its name from the area around Saint-Germain-des-Prés, Proust and many of his society friends were creatures of the Right Bank. He lived most of his life in the 8th arrondissement and died in the 16th.