

## HENRI BENDEL

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### Location

712 Fifth Avenue  
New York, NY

### Role

Construction Manager

### Client

Limited Brands

### Architect

Beyer, Blinder, Belle Architects

### Category

Commercial, Restoration

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Luxury goods department store Henri Bendel occupies this 5-story, 80,000 sf building which Gotham served as construction manager in the conversion and combination of two landmark low-rise prewar structures, transforming them into the retailer's flagship headquarters. The multi-tiered store includes four atrium spaces and elegantly appointed finishes as part of their town-house retailing concept, whose individual boutique nooks are interwoven into a very complex architectural fabric. This adaptive re-use project includes many interesting elements. The main floor atrium, topped by a glass ceiling dome, and clad in French limestone and accent marble, provides an arcade from which to view three stories of original Rene Lalique glass windows that depict intertwining vines. The windows were rediscovered under the grime of an electronics store that had previously occupied one of the buildings. The windows were removed and completely restored to their original magnificence, then re-erected as the wall of glass that is the centerpiece of the store's façade.

