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Paris Report

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1. Gland Palais

Project Overview

In June 2025, the Grand Palais, a historic building in Paris, reopened after a major renovation that lasted about four years. The building, originally constructed for the 1900 Universal Exposition, was transformed into a progressive space that can accommodate a variety of contemporary cultural activities while respecting its original, magnificent structural beauty. The renovation was designed by Chatillon Architectes, an architectural firm based in Paris and the suburbs of Geneva and was based on the theme of fusing history and modernity to create a space that combines sustainability, functionality, and artistry. The renovation work dramatically improved the overall circulation of the building by reopening the central axis passageway, which had been closed in 1937, and allowing sightlines to the Seine River. In addition, more than 40 elevators and 30 staircases were newly installed as barrier-free accessibility measures, making the structure accessible to all visitors. Modular exhibition facilities were also introduced in the interior spaces, allowing for flexibility in accommodating multi-purpose cultural events and exhibitions. A new café and brasserie, supervised by a Michelin-starred chef, will be located within the building, providing visitors with a refined dining experience. In addition, a new 620-square-meter permanent gallery for children, "Le Palais des Enfants," has been added to enhance the educational aspect of the building.

On the architectural side, over 270 square meters of glass—including the iconic steel and glass roof—more than 1,000 decorative sculptures, and large doors have been carefully restored to their original beauty. Its function as a cultural center has been greatly expanded, and it has been re-launched as a new Parisian landmark, comparable to the Eiffel Tower.

Project Details

1. Brand: Gland Palais

2. Type of Business: Public Cultural Institution

3. Open Date: 06/2025

4. Location: 17 Avenue du Général Eisenhower, 75008 Paris France

5. Size: 72000m2

Location Map









Facility Interior 1





Facility Interior 2



Facility Interior 3





Facility Interior 4



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2. Ami Paris flagship store

Project Overview

In February 2025, Ami Paris, a popular French brand in Japan, opened its Paris flagship store on Rue de Turenne in the North Marais. This flagship is the largest and most iconic store for Ami Paris, which has grown into a major brand with 76 standalone stores and a presence in over 100 countries worldwide. The store offers a complete lineup of men's, women's, and accessory collections, and is notable for its genderless displays and the permanent introduction of the "Ami For Ever" sustainability program. The interior design was a collaboration between founder Alexandre Mattiussi and the Paris-based Studio KO. The 600-square-meter store is a modern yet warm space, featuring massive natural materials such as limestone, wood, and leather mined in Euville, in the Lorraine region. These are accented with concrete columns and mirror-finished stainless steel. Indirect lighting creates depth through soft shadows, while varying ceiling heights, material transitions, and a fluid spatial composition bring rhythm to the space. The store also showcases many artworks and vintage furniture, creating a cultural experience that goes beyond shopping. The result is a space that fully embodies the brand's worldview—a fusion of Parisian style and contemporary warmth.

Project Details

1. Brand: Ami Paris

2. Type of Business: Retail store

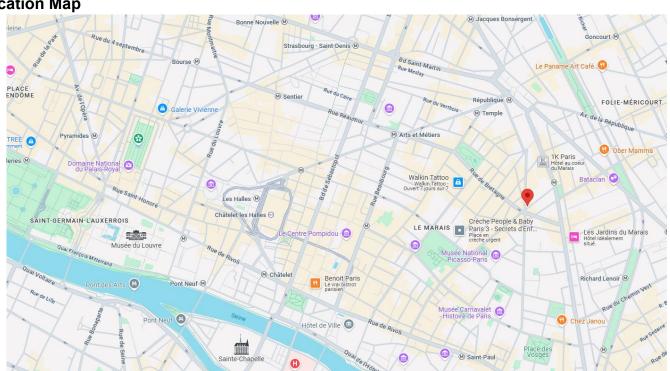
3. Open Date: 02/2025

4. Location: 96 rue de Turenne, 75003 Paris France

5. Size: 600m2

6. Architect: Studio KO

Location Map







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Store Interior 1





Store Interior 2



Store Interior 3