

INTERIOR DESIGN



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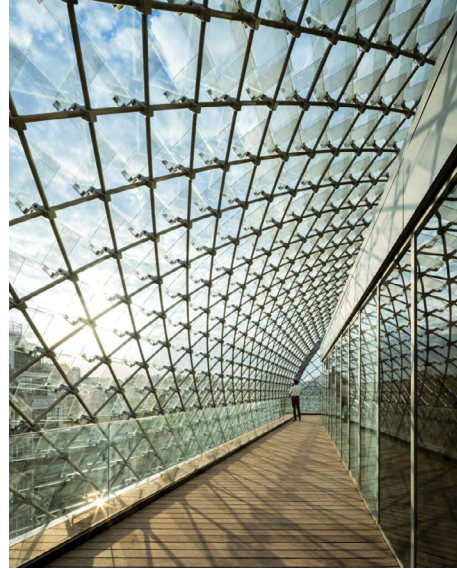
PCA-Stream and RF Studio Meld Two Historic Buildings in Paris to Create a Modern Office

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Situated at the prowlike juncture between Boulevard Haussmann and Rue du Faubourg Saint-Honoré in the eighth arrondissement stands a hybrid structure originally composed of two buildings, one dating to 1863 and the other to the 1920's. Governed by French *arte de vivre*, a non-ostentatious, timeless, and forward-thinking approach, **PCA-Stream** and **RF Studio** conjoined the two with complete restructuring inside and out for the lessee, 174-year-old investment bank Lazard.

Two significant moves are immediately obvious. A rooftop dome composed of glass scales caps three added floors, ensuring the enlarged structure stands as a beacon. Smaller in scale is the new, singular entry, which was shifted to the tip of the building. Inside, consolidation entailed erasing the floor borders between the two buildings, creating a new core with elevators, and emphasizing horizontality. Now, each floor boasts nonhierarchical distribution, a high concentration of spaces encouraging collaboration, and its own cafeteria.

Materials include light oak, natural bluestone, leather, and brass. Furnishings in the atrium have a luxe residential quality, like those in fine hotels. Spaces are planned so that visitors do not have to cross paths and have access to screened private lounges—perfect for both a pandemic and Lazard's dual needs of confidentiality and openness.



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