

The Power of PRESERVATION



Restoration Nation

Three historic sites become sensational, genre-defying retail stores.

TRANSFORMATION IS NO EASY FEAT. And yet, in three dazzling iterations, Restoration Hardware has done just that: transformed landmark buildings into unique retail experiences. In each of these unlikely spaces—a grand decommissioned post office in Greenwich, Connecticut; a palatial former natural-history museum in Boston; and the Three Arts Club in Chicago, once a women's boarding school dedicated to the arts—the company has preserved

and polished the best historical details, then added its own distinct stamp. Called galleries, the stores are airy and inviting, with the warm, refined patina that only an old building can imbue. In Chicago, the scene is even more convivial with an elegant atrium café, as well as wine and espresso bars that have become lively neighborhood destinations in their own right, bridging the best of the old with the new. Shopping will never be the same. *rh.com*.