WHERE DOES IT BEGIN?
“Inspiration comes of working every day”

—Charles Baudelaire
In 1927, with an air of destiny and a few boxes full of samples, Sem and Margaret Bendheim opened for business as importers and distributors of specialty glass products. They had one simple goal: to provide their customers with a wide variety of products from the world's finest glass manufacturers.

In the nearly eight decades since that beginning, the family members who have followed in Sem and Margaret's footsteps have made it our business to provide the inspiration, the products and the technology that make it easier to design and build with glass. By offering a continuously expanding and innovative product line. Endlessly building bridges between the mind's eye and reality.

Our first place of business was located in a storefront in downtown Manhattan. In the 1950's, we moved to the Bendheim Building in New York's Tribeca district and continue to do business there to this day. In the mid-90's, we responded to growing demand for our products by opening Bendheim West near San Francisco and moving distribution and manufacturing to New Jersey.

Through the years, we forged strong creative and production alliances with Europe's premier glass manufacturers. Today, we are the world's most comprehensive source of specialty architectural glass. Rolled, patterned, acid etched, color coated, mouth blown and decorative. Hand-made. Machine-made. Laminated. Tempered. More than one half million square feet of architectural glass in stock at our New Jersey and California warehouses, in more than 2,000 varieties. More options than any other glass company. And a few things you might not yet imagine.

FOR THREE GENERATIONS, the Bendheim name has stood for inspiration, imagination and innovation. It always will.
Our business is glass. But our products are more than that. Because we’ve found or created each of them to present every-changing possibility for your ideas, concepts and “what-ifs”.

All glistening opportunities to unleash your imagination. Imagination that allows your solutions to be inspired by your needs, not our inventory. Extraordinary solutions born out of practical demands. Always putting you on the cutting edge.

JUST IMAGINE. It’s all that simple. And all that much.
LOOKING BACK. The White House, replete with glass windows, was completed in 1800, rebuilt after the British torched it in 1812, and enlarged in 1902 and 1942. Today, it features many windows re-glazed with mouth-blown Bendheim Restoration Glass®, “re-invented” in collaboration with Glashutte Lamberts of Germany in 1980.

SMOOTH PERFORMANCE. Bendheim introduced Satin Tech™ glass to the architecture and design community in the early 1990’s. Unlike coated sandblasted glass, its finely etched surface is permanent and maintenance friendly. Shown here: HBO Offices, NYC.

BEYOND THE WALL. Only Bendheim offers LUNIT Channel Glass, a team effort with Glasfabrik Lamberts that lets you design with depth and profile unseen before in conventional glass wall applications. Shown here: Lycée Francais, NYC.

“The best way to get a good idea is to get a lot of ideas.” —Linus Pauling
EILEEN FISHER Featuring brushed and laminated Clear Tuxedo.
LOOK NO FURTHER. As late as the 1980’s, architects and designers had little to choose from in the way of imaginative glass products. We took on the problem and led the industry in combining textures, inter-layers, colors in tempered and laminated forms to create entirely original effects. Now, professionals around the world look to Bendheim for the cutting-edge thinking and technology that helps them to create extraordinary architectural and design solutions.

“Vision is the art of seeing...”

—Jonathan Swift
Design is not a dress rehearsal. Every project is the next great one. The rules will be revised. And the old solutions will no longer apply. Where will you find the new ones? Who will help you succeed? We will. Bendheim. A company steeped in the imagination and technology that can help you discover impactful, value-based solutions.

We offer endless combinations of textures, interlayers and colors. Unlimited options to enable you to adjust qualities of pattern and light. Others to provide safety, security and sound control. And balance any space. Suddenly, glass becomes smarter and infinitely more useful.

SO CREATE. And revel in it. Because anything you can see, we can make visible.
Bendheim has always made glass for visionaries. By continuously expanding our line of products. Inspired not only by practical demands but also by the imagination of our customers. Today, we offer thousands of combinations you can use to create virtually as many possibilities as your mind’s eye can see. So when you picture the idea, we’ll supply the glass.

“Art does not reproduce the visible. Rather, it makes visible.”

—Paul Klee
Wow!

is always the end game. So you turn your back on the contrived and predictable. And opt for a more rewarding path.

Bendheim makes it our business to make things easier for architects, designers and contracting professionals. Because we recognize that our relationship with you is the key to our success. And yours.

We develop, import, stock, process and ship our products worldwide. We maintain a vast inventory, foster innovative technologies and constantly invest in state-of-the-art machinery. And we do all tempering, laminating, and color coating™ in-house. All to ensure that we provide you with optimum quality and fast, reliable delivery at reasonable cost.

In total, we offer more than 25,000 different combinations that can be laminated to create an almost endless array of new images.

So seize the problem. And conquer it. Because anything you can imagine, we can make happen. QUICKLY.
“Nature is not only all that is visible to the eye—it also includes the inner pictures of the soul.”

—Edvard Munch
Outstanding design and function are not enough. Today’s architect, designer and builder must be concerned with environmental impact as well—creating structures and spaces that live harmoniously with the sensitive ecosystems they occupy.

At Bendheim we, too, are concerned about the natural world we live in. In fact, long before environmental consciousness became a global concern, we were committed to making positive contributions to the environment through our manufacturing practices.

True to that commitment, we recently built a new in-house tempering oven which, unlike older technology, does not require toxic sulfur dioxide. Thanks to this extraordinary advancement, a cleanly generated, computer controlled temperature of +/- 1°F ensures crystal clear tempered glass of the highest strength and quality. And air that is clean and clear of noxious emissions.

The process used to create our acid etched glass, requires massive amounts of water. It employs innovative technology which acts like an artificial kidney to remove pollutants from spent water—allowing its re-use or pure release back into its source.

Our European partner, Glasfabrik Lamberts, now employs the world’s most environmentally friendly glass melting furnace. Emissions of nitrogen oxide have been reduced by a factor of five. And consumption of fuel oil has been slashed by 25%.

**ALL OF WHICH MEANS** that any Bendheim glass you choose is always greener. And the benefits to the environment perfectly clear.
INSPIRATION SPEAKS. WE TRANSLATE. Imagine being able to try thousands of types of glass in the best light. Our spacious Manhattan showroom is an amazing place where ideas become a step closer to reality.

The best in architecture and design comes through when people design for other people.

We think of our products in much the same way: total immersion in craftsmanship that rewards the human senses. By fulfilling changing tastes and needs. And putting in your hands the tools and materials you need to move minds and touch people with your ideas.

To that end, we offer the industry the world’s largest and most interactive glass showroom. It’s where we come to your senses. A 2,500-square foot location in New York City where thousands of types of glass are displayed under optimum lighting conditions. The ultimate hands-on experience for every architect and designer.

IT’S GLASS AT WORK, THE WAY YOU WORK.
“Imagine space and light and order. Things we need as much as bread or a place to sleep.”

—Le Corbusier
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