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Bergdorf Goodman moves away from natural gas with decarbonization technology

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Each water-cooled Trane chiller weighs 500 tons. Image courtesy of Neiman Marcus Group

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New York department store Bergdorf Goodman is transitioning to renewable energy with an environmentally friendly makeover.

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On April 3, the Bergdorf Goodman's women's store was closed on 57th Street for the installation of two 500-ton water-cooled Trane chillers. The chillers were hoisted to the historic building's ninth floor and will replace its outdated, inefficient HVAC equipment.

Heavy lifting

The project was implemented in collaboration with Trane by Trane Technologies.

The new system uses energy-efficient, decarbonizing technology and next-generation refrigerant, which allows the store to eliminate its use of natural gas.



The Trane chillers were lifted by crane to the ninth floor. Image courtesy of Neiman Marcus Group

According to Neiman Marcus Group, the parent company of Bergdorf Goodman, this will result in an annual reduction of 642 metric tons of carbon equal to the greenhouse gas emissions from 138 gasoline-powered passenger vehicles driven for one year. Additionally, the retailer will save almost \$61,000 in energy costs annually.

Neiman Marcus Group has committed to 100 percent renewable energy use by 2030, while Bergdorf Goodman's hometown of New York has set a goal of reaching net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050.

Per its debut ESG report, the group is committed to reducing Scope 1 (direct) and Scope 2 (indirect) emissions by 50 percent between 2019 and 2025 and acquiring 100 percent renewable energy by 2030 across the business ([see story](#)).

In addition to the Bergdorf Goodman flagship, NMG is making improvements across its real estate portfolio such as upgrades to buildings' automation systems, rooftop units, LED lighting and improved air quality technology.