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Herms constructs leather goods workshop in France

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The opening will join the company's Southwest craft hub. Image credit: Herms

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French fashion and leather goods house **Herms** is planning to open another manufacturing facility.

Set to debut in 2025, the maison is building a leather goods workshop in the commune of L'Isle-d'Espagnac, in the southwest of France. Eventually, the new atelier will employ 260 skilled artisans, each trained in the brand's specific know-how, culture and savoir-faire.

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The new opening will join a 25-year-old regional hub of manufacturers, which includes locations in Maroquinerie de Montbron, Maroquinerie de Nontron and Ganterie Maroquinerie de Saint-Junien.

Each of the artisans hired to work inside the upcoming manufacturing facility will be recruited from the cole Herms des savoir-faire, an apprenticeship and training center recognized and accredited by the French Ministry of Education. Each year, 80 talented workers are accepted into the program, with the next batch set to start in September 2024.



The facility is situated in the Nouvelle-Aquitaine region of France. Image credit: Herms

Due to the program only yielding a certain amount of talent annually, it will take time for the L'Isle-d'Espagnac workshop to reach a state of full employment.

The educational arm of Herms was established in 2022, the same year this new facility was announced ([see story](#)).

Construction is currently underway, with Bordeaux-based architects Guiraud-Manenc on the project. Local and sustainably sourced materials will make up the bulk of the resources used in creating the atelier.

Environmentally friendly energy consumption is also a point of focus, as the building's 1,800-square-meter or roughly 20,000-square-foot rooftop will house a solar panel array.

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