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## 2012 Design Award Winners

### Softline Specialty Store 3,001 to 7,500 sf

#### Outstanding Merit

##### Lacoste

5th Avenue, New York City

The Lacoste flagship's prime location on Fifth Avenue meant designers had to create an instant classic. A featured architectural element, the floating, illuminated concrete staircase, offers a 360-degree view. The cantilevered staircase adds a modern sculptural quality to the space with polished stainless steel, low-iron star-fire clear glass balustrades, inset concrete treads, illuminated metal pans, and leather-wrapped hand rails. Subtle brand call-outs include a leather-wrapped handrail reminiscent of tennis racket grip tape, a faux crocodile upholstered wall treatment, and custom crocodile chandelier fixtures. Thirty LCD screens and a new sound system contribute to a lively space. Relocating an elevator and redesigning wall units and fixtures increased the size of the original store by an additional 1,000 square feet.

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**Architect** Design Republic Partners LLP, New York, NY.

**Audiovisual** Dru Whitacre Media Services, North Bergen, NJ.

**Electrical/Lighting** Dal Electrical Corp., Brooklyn, NY.

**Elevators** Transel Elevator, Inc., New York, NY.

**Engineering** Fiska, LLC, New York, NY.

**Flooring** Get Real Surfaces Inc., Poughkeepsie, NY.

**Flooring** Pyramid Floor Covering, Inc., Port Washington, NY.

**General Contracting** Shawmut Design and Construction, New York, NY.

**Glazing** A-Val Architectural Metal III LLC, Mount Vernon, NY.

**HVAC** Manhattan Mechanical Contractors, Inc., New York, NY.

**Millwork** TATCO Installations Inc., Maspeth, NY.

**Paint/Coating** Caruso Painting & Decorating Corp., New York, NY.

**Photography** Thaddeus Rombauer Photography, Brooklyn, NY.

**Retailer** Lacoste, New York, NY.

**Signage** Spectrum Sign Corp., Clifton, NJ.

**Stairs** M. Cohen and Sons, Inc., Broomall, PA.

**Stone/Tile** Artisan Stoneworks Corp., Deer Park, NY.