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The challenging **luxé** market. The platform problem. Old Hollywood. New designers. In an **FN** exclusive, an outspoken **Manolo Blahnik** sounds off on everything from the tough issues facing the **fashion** industry to the ever-shifting world of pop culture. For the full story, see page 9.



Wear House

Work brands are lightening the load for warehouse workers. The latest boot styles address the specific needs of the job with heavy-duty safety features such as slip-resistant bottoms and protective toes, all in a lightweight form.



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