

# TRANSITIONS

OUR QUARTERLY UPDATE ON OPENINGS AND CHANGES  
AMONG CHICAGO'S TOP STORES AND GALLERIES

## MICHIGAN AVENUE/ GOLD COAST/RIVER NORTH

**ALLSAINTS SPITALFIELDS** (new) 700 N. Michigan Ave., 312.283.0400, [allsaints.com](http://allsaints.com): This British superhero of retail houses menswear, womenswear, children's clothing, shoes and accessories with a price range that doesn't bully the budget (dresses \$300, tops \$100 and pants \$100). With its new Mag Mile storefront, Chicagoans will get the chance to dress up in this urban-chic-meets-minimalist style.

**LE DRESS DEUX** (second location) The Shops at North Bridge, 520 N. Michigan Ave., 312.222.1718, [ledresschicago.com](http://ledresschicago.com): Finally, a fit for all those special occasions. From a 4th of July barbeque to a last-minute first date, this dress-only boutique is your new go-to. Shop the lines of Shoshanna, Yumi Kim and Tracey Reese. Le Dress also offers its own label of affordable pieces.

**GENEVA SEAL** (move) 112 E. Oak St., 312.944.3100, [genevaseal.com](http://genevaseal.com): This 35-year-old family-owned staple of luxury jewelry and watches changes locations, but loses no flair. Peruse the shop's fine, European-inspired stock, or get creative and challenge the Geneva Seal team to create your own custom design.

**IKRAM** (move, coming soon) 15 E. Huron St., [ikram.com](http://ikram.com): Chicago icon Ikram Goldman expands her retail space, bringing avant-garde brands such as Rodarte, Tom Binns, Azzedine Alaïa and more to a bigger storefront. Also adding a café, Ikram lets shoppers roam approximately 16,500 square feet of designer duds with coffee in hand: chic and convenient.

**KRUGER GALLERY** (new) 441 N. Clark St., 630.715.0500, [krugergallerymarfa.com](http://krugergallerymarfa.com): Originally meant to be a pop-up space, this new gallery has decided to make its River North digs permanent. Avant-garde art enthusiasts will love the gallery, which pushes the envelope with its invoking, tongue-in-cheek pieces. Drop by to see for yourself: Its last exhibition of mutilated Barbie paintings shocked many.

**L.K. BENNETT** (new) 900 N. Michigan Ave., Level Three, 312.374.0958, [lkbennett.com](http://lkbennett.com): L.K. Bennett joins the British invasion as the country's finest shops strategically cross the pond to conquer Chicago's shopping scene. The 21-year-old fashion house, whose founding designer Linda K. Bennett is nicknamed the "queen of the kitten heel," offers women's apparel, shoes, handbags and accessories. Princess Kate Middleton agrees with this minimalist-meets-chic sleek wear, as oft seen in L.K. Bennett designs.

**ROLEX** (new) 636 N. Michigan Ave., 312.951.1041, [rolex.com](http://rolex.com): Trading one luxe jeweler for another, the storefront formerly inhabited by Van Cleef & Arpels has been taken over by Rolex. Known for its extravagant line of watches, this Switzerland-based brand is the world's leading luxury wrist-watch dealer. It's about time the Windy City got its own boutique!

**SCOOP NYC** (second location) 1009 N. Rush St., 312.649.9880, [scoopnyc.com](http://scoopnyc.com): Paying homage to all things chic, this New York-based company does it again, this time in the Gold Coast. Smaller in size but more vast in selection, the new outpost arrives just in time for summer, with wardrobe must-haves from international designers along with emerging domestic brands.

**TOD'S** (redesign/expansion) 121 E. Oak St., 312.943.0070, [tods.com](http://tods.com): This globally famous Italian luxury-goods company has expanded its Oak Street storefront. In the newly renovated 1,250-square-foot space, find custom carpeting and couches in neutral hues with freestanding light fixtures and signature vachetta leather accents. Specialized interior fixtures finished in lacquer, oak and chrome make up Tod's expanding leather-goods collection, and a new \$1,500 apricot calfskin leather tote reflects the shop's redesign.

**TOPSHOP** (new, coming fall 2011) 830 N. Michigan Ave., [topshop.com](http://topshop.com): Opening its U.S. locale, Topshop snuggles its chic, trend-setting garb into the 30,000-square-foot spot on the famous Mag Mile that was previously home to Borders. This Brit retailer will house 15,000 different lines of men's and womenswear, catering to the Chicagoan with meticulously chosen garments to complement the city's style and climate.

**VAN CLEEF & ARPELS** (move), 935 N. Michigan Ave., 312.944.8988, [vancleef-arpels.com](http://vancleef-arpels.com): This jewelry staple and celebrity favorite continues to sparkle along the Mag Mile from a brand-new address. Moving into the Drake hotel next to Chanel, the brand famous for adorning Marlene Dietrich's wrist in Hitchcock's 1946 *Stage Fright* with rubies and diamonds and frosting the wrist of Julia Roberts with its Snowflake bracelet at the 2003 Oscar ceremony is here to stay.

## LINCOLN PARK

**THE GREEN GODDESS BOUTIQUE** (second location) 1009 W. Armitage Ave., 773.281.5600, [thegreengoddessboutique.com](http://thegreengoddessboutique.com): A true believer in originality, owner and founder Elyce Rembos strays away from designer labels in her second fashionable and green boutique, now open on Armitage Avenue. This 4,500-square-foot store houses both new and vintage items such as clothing, accessories, antique area rugs and Moroccan poufs, lighting fixtures and home accents. Bear witness to a collection of semiprecious jewelry from Bittersweet, Nature Girl Designs' hand-crafted photograph belt buckles and belts or Brightly Twisted's collection of tie-dyed pashminas on any given visit to this eco-friendly shop.

**KICKIN'** (second location) 2120 N. Halsted, 773.525.2120, [kickinmaternity.com](http://kickinmaternity.com): This Roscoe Village activewear boutique for moms-to-be offers digs for a healthy, fashionable and pregnant lifestyle. Proving that the terms are not mutually exclusive, kickin' expands this summer with a new storefront on Halsted Street.

## BUCKTOWN

**PISTIL & VINE** (new) 1924 N. Damen Ave., 773.698.7287, [pistilandvine.com](http://pistilandvine.com): Pick up something special for your significant other, or simply browse for yourself in this new Bucktown flower shop. Owner Megan Musschoot brings 13 years of experience to the business, mixing colors and textures with beautiful results. Pair colored tulips with fragrant potted herbs, blue anemones, brunias and purple hydrangeas in a rustic mason jar to make your own eye-catching creation.

## OTHER

**{INTIMACY}** (second location) 160 Oakbrook Center, 630.537.0400, [myintimacy.com](http://myintimacy.com): The founder of this bra boutique, Susan "The Bra Whisperer" Nethero, has trained under the Queen of England's royal bra fitter and has 18 years of experience lifting the confidence—and assets—of women with her perfect fit. At her second Chicagoland locale, in-store experts will refigure your body with a quick consultation, a selection of over 90 bra sizes (cups A-K) and free custom alterations for the life of each bra. Visit to reboost, revamp and reshape your body and attitude.