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# More to Adore

Take a designer plunge, affirm art, and get a little interior advice already. BY CORA OLSON

## BUYING BINGE

**Calvin Klein** (*The Beverly Center, 8500 Beverly Boulevard, Los Angeles, 310-854-3644*) If you haven't been to the Beverly Center lately, here's a reason to hurry on back. This 10,000-square-foot extravaganza from Lynch Eisinger Designs features all things chic from one of fashion's most iconic designers in a multidimensional space crafted of natural materials. Meet every need among the collections of men's and women's sportswear, suit separates, jeans, underwear, outerwear, footwear, eyewear, watches, and fragrance—not to mention men's tailored clothing, shirting, belts and ties, women's dresses, and accessories.

**Chanel** (*125 North Robertson Boulevard, Los Angeles, 800-550-0005*) Floor-to-ceiling windows and doors open onto a delightful courtyard at this 5,400-square-foot boutique designed by architect Peter Marino. Classic black-and-white materials, fixtures, and furniture invoke the spirit of the brand and serve as a backdrop for a tightly focused, ever-changing product selection curated with the Robertson Boulevard shopper in mind. An upstairs ready-to-wear concept room offers up-to-the-minute looks that took shape under Karl Lagerfeld's watchful eye, and if you need a break from perusing, step through the sliding glass doors onto the terrace to take in a view of the courtyard from above.

**Leadapron** (*505 North Robertson Boulevard, Los Angeles, 310-860-1192*) Named for the garment worn by artists, builders, and industry workers, this multifaceted endeavor from Jonathan Schilder Brown represents an effort to support and cultivate emerging artists while celebrating established and vintage works. A purveyor of rare books, art, and photography, Schilder Brown also offers consultation on existing works, as well as building private, corporate, or institutional collections. In addition, he serves as an artist representative and does auction bidding.

**Oscar de la Renta** (*South Coast Plaza, 3333 Bristol Street, Costa Mesa, 714-754-9044*) Marking the second West Coast store from a brand synonymous with fashionable luxury, this 2,600-square-foot boutique is done in simple, elegant Dominican coral stone and high-gloss white

anigré wood, the perfect foil for the ready-to-wear collection. You'll also find select items exclusive to de la Renta boutiques, eveningwear, and a full range of accessories, including handbags and jewelry. Don't forget to do a little turn on the catwalk—the shoe catwalk, that is.

**Tweak** (*9403 Brighton Way, Beverly Hills, 310-284-8272*) After years of counseling customers, including Colin Cowie, Meg Ryan, and Halle Berry, at her home-decorating store, Tesoro,

Tara Riceberg began getting requests for in-home design consultations. To meet the need Riceberg created Tweak, offering a range of services, including onetime home visits during which she makes suggestions to transform any space and ongoing hourly work to evaluate materials and colors, source accessories, and choose custom furnishings. Her bridal service helps couples figure out "what to merge and what to purge." Prewrapped superstylish gifts for the home are available at all price ranges.



Hotel Palomar.

## STAY IN

**Hotel Palomar** (*10740 Wilshire Boulevard, Westwood, 310-475-8711*) Experience eco-friendly luxury at this new 268-room installation from the Kimpton Hotel Group. Although it's put 40 environment-minded practices in place—in-room recycling bins, energy-efficient lighting, water-efficient fixtures, and organic mini-bar options—the Palomar still bangs the drum of luxury: wireless Internet, concierge-directed private car services in a Lexus Hybrid, private trainers by appointment, a classic Hollywood-style pool, even a "Mind. Body. Spa." wellness program that includes 24-hour, in-room yoga and Pilates television programming. Rest easy knowing the hotel's "Forgot It? We've Got It!" list of essential travel necessities is there to replace toiletries you might have left behind, and should you want to bring man's best friend along, don't sweat it: The hotel's also pet-friendly.