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FINE FRAGRANCES

Making SCENTS

Le Labo expands its Chicago footprint with a new shop in the Gold Coast, making it easier than ever to sample its natural, handcrafted fragrances.

By Ariel Cheung

Ever been curious about what goes into your favorite scents? **Le Labo** is all too willing to show its hand—in fact, with the in-store fragrance lab at its new Oak Street locale, anyone can get a closer look. “We’re a brand that is rooted in the luxury of handcrafted items,” says Kelly Edwards, who oversees Le Labo’s Midwest locations. “And we’re basically the only people in the industry doing it this way.” Along with its namesake lab (*le labo* is French for “the laboratory”), the spacious new storefront features a central play table for customers to test out Le Labo’s 12 city-exclusive scents and 17 classic fragrances, each of which are named for their predominant scent and the total number of ingredients used. Once they settle on a favorite—Edwards recommends the citrus-laced Bergamote 22 eau de parfum (1.7 fl. oz. for \$184) for spring—the selected fragrance is handblended and given a personalized label, making it all the easier to refill when the time comes. But it doesn’t stop there; find candles, lotions, room sprays and more—all effusing the beautiful scent of choice. 47 E. Oak St., lelabofragrances.com



BEST DRESSED

Perfect Fit

Chicago has proven a devoted fan base for **Carlisle’s** designer women’s clothing—previously only available online or through personal stylists. So when a retail space opened up on Oak Street, the company jumped at it. “We feel like we’re perfect on this street,” says store manager Jane Cassano. “Oak Street is our client.” Recently doubling in space, the boutique offers styling services, consignment shopping and private parties. “We’re not just about selling clothes,” Cassano says. “We’re about helping women create a beautiful wardrobe.” 67 E. Oak St., Ste. 2W, carlislecollection.com—Marjie Kileen



HIGHER DESIGN

OBJECTS OF DESIRE

Designed as a series of opulent living spaces, **Kneen & Co.’s** new showroom delights the senses. The space is filled with beautiful home decor items—think dazzling chandeliers, modern barware, handpainted china—from all over the world. “We have a very interesting collection of things that are not easily found,” says owner Mary Jeanne Kneen. “There’s nothing like it in the U.S.” Kneen has a long history of working with brands like Nymphenburg, Venini and Saint-Louis, and after eight years of curating luxury wares in Lincoln Park, she needed to expand. The high-profile Michigan Avenue location opened in December and is four times the size of the former showroom. “The new space allows me to showcase things in a more understandable environment,” says Kneen. 980 N. Michigan Ave., Ste. 650, kneenandco.com—MK