



WESTERN EXPANSION

LUMINAIRE

West Hollywood gets another notch in its impressive belt of design stores as the renowned Florida-based contemporary furniture, lighting and accessories emporium Luminaire (luminaire.com) opens the doors to its first-ever West Coast showroom. The move marks a major expansion for the dynamic 44-year-old multibrand design retailer. Outside of Luminaire's Miami Design District institution and Coral Gablesbased flagship, its only other outpost is in Chicago. Nasir Kassamali, who's led the company with his wife, Nargis, since 1974, sees the move west as a gamechanger for the brand. "The spirit of L.A. inspires us," he says. "Luminaire has always followed its own ideas, and L.A. is an open climate for that mindset. This is a scene where artist and cultural communities have always met without boundaries. We're so excited to encounter L.A.'s creative community." One major encounter has already occurred: The Kassamalis worked closely with L.A.-based studio MAKE to design their 21,000-square-foot showroom, incorporating the iconic metalwork from their Miami store into the facade. Inside, look for brands like Cassina, Cappellini, and Living Divani, as well as for exclusive debuts like Sollos by Brazilian designer Jader Almeida and kitchen designs developed with Italian brand Minimal. -Kelly Phillips Badal

The La Cienega Design Quarter is all aglow with the arrival of Circa Lighting (circalighting.com). The new 7,000-square-foot space is Circa's first physical foray into the Southern California market and introduces a full array of lighting fixtures by some of the design world's biggest stars, including Barbara Barry, Ian Fowler, Alexa Hampton and Kelly Wearstler. As the premier retail partner of Visual Comfort & Co., Monte Carlo Fans and Tech Lighting, the showroom also features exclusive products from the luxe brands, all of which complement Circa's commitment to high-design, innovation and quality. The West Hollywood showroom joins 10 existing locations nationwide, including the recently opened San Francisco showroom and a soon-to-be 11th in Scottsdale. "We are thrilled to be a part of the La Cienega Design Quarter, surrounded by those who share our passion for great design," says Circa Lighting's president and founder, Gale Singer. "Our presence on the West Coast is essential as we expand our showroom locations. The West Hollywood showroom offers sophisticated, modern designs combined with the latest advancements in lighting technology and craftsmanship. Additionally, the Barbara Barry and Kelly Wearstler collections speak to the West Coast aesthetic in exciting ways."

