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Scotti Sitz opens a stunning second outpost of Garde outside of Santa Barbara where guests can shop—and stay the night.

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Portrait by Andrew Arthur*



Fans of L.A.'s Garde already know that owner Scotti Sitz curates elegant interiors. Her collection of housewares, furniture and lighting stands out with her use of wood, textiles and stone. While she'd been contemplating a second location around L.A. or Orange County, fate intervened with a 1921 Dutch-style farmhouse in the antique-filled oceanfront town of Summerland. It's inviting, elegant and aspirational, so much so you want to live it in. Fortunately, now you can, at least for the night.

"As many good things come about by accident, this was one of those serendipitous opportunities," Sitz says. She and her partner John Davidson renovated the two-story historic building, highlighting Santa Barbara's coveted indoor-outdoor lifestyle. Here, chickens roam in a gravel courtyard and the interiors—filled with pieces by Michaël Verheyden, Vincent Van Duysen, The Wooden Palate, Apparatus and more—are flooded with natural light in a soothing palette of black, rose, white and wood. Sitz and Davidson have taken their concept to the next level—literally—by turning the second floor into an apartment rental. Done up in white oak herringbone floors and enrobed in black Portola paint, the 1,000-square-foot Garde house is available for overnights (two-night stay minimum, rates from \$350 per night in peak season).

"The apartment is an extension of Garde's curation of furniture, lighting and accessories as well as a broader lifestyle with linen bedding, towels and dishware, all available through the shop," Sitz says. Guests get to experience the lifestyle brand at hand and shop the look, be it a faux fur chair, sculptural chandelier, candle or cup. Currently she says kitchen and bath accessories "are more minimal right now," trending with a lot of marble.

"I like to use more unpredictable pieces that function well," says Sitz, who might fill a crystal vase with fruit instead of flowers or use a beautiful, handleless glass for Q-tips in the bathroom. "I have always wanted to [open] in a beautiful location that I could eventually spend more time in," Sitz explains. "Summerland represented that." 805.845.8385, gardeshop.com