

MODERN LUXURY

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With Golden Globe Nominations
for Her and Her Hit Show,
Jane the Virgin, This Chicago
Girl-Turned-Star Has Arrived.



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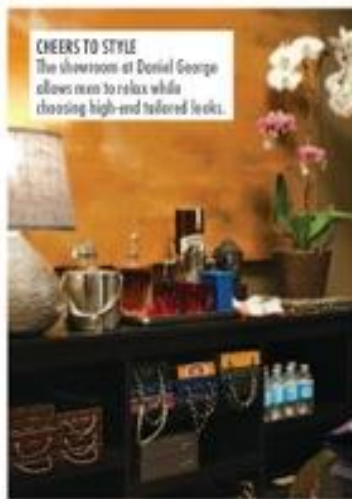
STYLE SAVANTS
Chicago designers (from left) Lagi Nadeau and Winifred Grace Gundeck, and Lori Wallis and Jen Gerenraich of JGeren are taking Chicago's fashion scene to the next level.

Well Suited

Chicago's bespoke and custom clothiers ensure perfection that makes a statement. As Grant McNamara of **Daniel George** (155 N. Michigan Ave., 312.525.1819), which does everything from tuxedos to fun sport jackets, says, "It isn't about the latest trend. It is about what fits right." Other standouts like **Syd Jerome** (2 N. LaSalle St., 312.346.0333), which carries Zegna, Brioni and more, and **Oxford Clothes** (1220 W. Van Buren St., 312.829.3600), a staple since 1916, ensure Chicago's men are on our best-dressed list. —SR

Local Luxury

Homegrown designers are bringing high-end fashion production to the Windy City. Accessories line **JGeren** (jgeren.com) founders Lori Wallis and Jen Gerenraich didn't know made-in-Chicago was an option until a factory on Cicero became the best choice. "Now it's part of our whole story," says Gerenraich. "We found it here and put it together here, so why would we ever go elsewhere?" Last May, **Winifred Grace** (winifredgrace.com) celebrated 13 years of vintage-inspired jewelry by opening a shop in Andersonville. Owner and designer Winifred Grace Gundeck has become a standout for her collaborative design process (she offers immediate in-store personalization). "The customers get excited I'm here. The more personal the pieces we can wear—it just gives things that much more of a true value," says Gundeck. And for ready-to-wear and jewelry designer **Lagi Nadeau** (laginadeau.com), who is currently at the Chicago Fashion Incubator, introducing her line here was a no-brainer. "People want to help you develop and create when you're here," Nadeau says. "If I took production overseas, I wouldn't have the same access... to make my garments and make them with love." —MS



CHEERS TO STYLE
The showroom at Daniel George allows men to relax while choosing high-end tailored looks.

READERS' CHOICE: FAVORITE BOUTIQUE

From a Chicago staple to neighborhood spots, this list of favorite boutiques is as chic and eclectic as our readers.



WRAPPED UP With offerings from independent designers, Comfort Me is a favorite boutique for all things cozy.

- 1. AKIRA** The Chicago-based style haven Akira continues to reign as a fan favorite, stocking dresses, denim, jewelry and handbags from over 200 designers, including Jeffrey Campbell, For Love and Lemons, Mink Pink, BCBO and Jessica Simpson. 122 S. State St., 312.346.3034, shopakira.com
- 2. CINNAMON BOUTIQUE** Tucked in the heart of Roscoe Village, the independently owned Cinnamon Boutique holds a small but mighty prowess, boasting modern urban high fashion from the likes of Diane von Furstenberg, Citizens of Humanity, Joie and Ella Moss. 2104 W. Roscoe St., 773.281.2466, cinnamonboutique.com
- 3. COMFORT ME** From flea markets and trade shows to independent designers and artisans, Comfort Me boutique collects handmade jewelry, home furnishings, vintage treasures, tea, cash sweaters and cocktail dresses to fuse style with much-needed comfort. 701 W. Armitage Ave., 312.255.1412, comfortmeboutique.com
- 4. MILK HANDMADE** The Andersonville boutique Milk Handmade brings the meaning of one-of-a-kind to new levels, specializing in small-run, handcrafted goods sourced from local designers. 5137 N. Clark St., 773.234.7053, milkhandmade.com
- 5. INDEPENDENCE** Independence introduces an Americana vibe to Oak Street, featuring brands like Post Overalls, Inogen + Willie, Oak Street Bootmakers and Canada Goose in its expansive selection of menswear fashion and accessories. 47 E. Oak St., 312.675.2105, independencechicago.com —CM