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Hollace Cluny

160 Pears Ave., Ste. 203, Designers Walk, 416-968-7894

Owner Susan Fowlie fills her small space with contemporary furniture, much of it the work of young designers. Fans of whimsy and colour will find themselves satisfied by the store's eclectic selection of wares. Standout items include sconces made from Kenyan wooden bowls (\$3,220), and Cuba chairs, which fold for easy storage and can be hung on the wall when not in use (\$990).

Elte

1381 Castlefield Ave.,
416-789-0800

This sprawling Castlefield furniture store has its roots in France, where it was founded in the early 19th century by Leon Tenenbaum, whose initials—L.T.—inform the showroom's current name. The store, currently run by Leon's grandsons, specializes in classic furniture with striking, modern updates: Kara Mann's bronze-framed statement sling chair, for instance, which is wrapped in thick leather straps. The store's colourful Silk Orchid collection features patterned rugs that are woven out of deconstructed vintage saris.

Pavilion

42 Gladstone Ave., 416-504-9859

For more than 20 years, Pavilion has been a mainstay among Toronto's design-minded shoppers. This showroom, in a former warehouse on Gladstone, puts the emphasis on Canadian-made furniture. Pavilion's in-house line of upholstered pieces comes in more than 100 fabric options, is high on comfort and shows restrained good taste: we like the minimalist Palmerston sectional in a range of charcoal hues (\$2,899) and the condo-friendly Slip sectional (\$1,999). Pavilion also stocks a small selection of high-quality, refurbished vintage home furnishings.

Stylegarage

78 Ossington Ave.,
416-534-4343

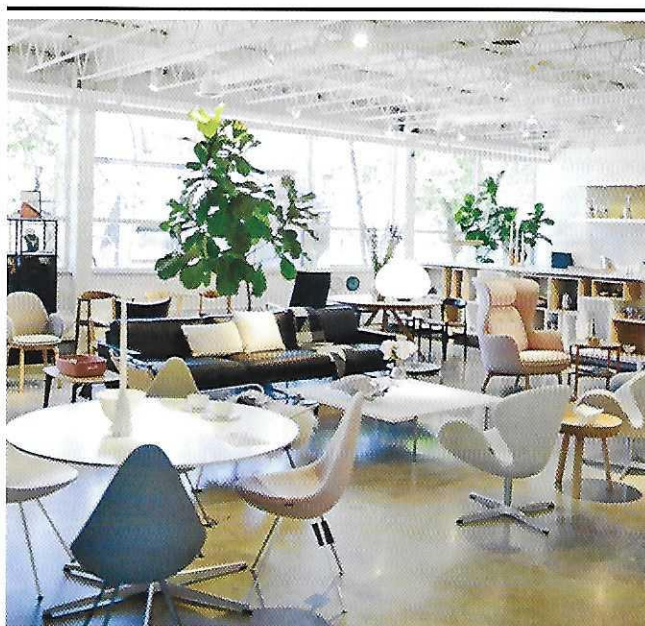
In 2014, Stylegarage moved to its current home on Ossington, after almost 15 years at Queen and Shaw. The upgrade allowed the shop to house a wider selection of its custom line, including larger pieces like a seven-foot-long boardroom table in wood, glass or stone, starting at \$4,000. Shoppers will also find items from the brand's more affordable collection, including an extensive range of loft-size sectionals and sofas. If you don't happen to be in the market for a \$2,000 cowhide ottoman, there are still plenty of unique accessories worth checking out, like handmade woolen area rugs from Peace Industry.



Black Pug DMK

1712 Queen St. W.,
416-347-4337

While this Queen West store's collection of furniture, decor and artwork focuses on Canadian-made products, in 2016, Black Pug DMK began importing Japanese antiques, handicrafts, pottery and light fixtures (which are mostly sold online). The store also does repair work.



Torp

245 Davenport Rd., 416-968-2768

Arne Nordtorp is hell-bent on introducing Torontonians to great Nordic craftsmanship. Three years ago, the cladding came off his 3,500-square-foot showroom in Yorkville, which had been undergoing two years of renovations. The place stocks some incredible pieces, like a \$20,000 tufted leather daybed by the Danish designer Poul Kjaerholm—the same model that sits in front of Monet's lily pads at the MOMA. But Nordtorp's democratic design philosophy makes him scatter modestly priced finds among the masterpieces.