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LA's Five Best Shopping Destinations of 2015

As we close out another successful year in the world of LA fashion and retail, this week we're toasting our city's buzziest places, people, and moments in our Best of 2015 series. Onward!

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<u>Megadevelopments</u> and mall makeovers weren't the only things that dominated LA's retail scene — this year also saw a ton of action along our city's <u>coolest corridors</u>. Below, we've rounded up 2015's buzziest shopping destinations.



Where: Abbot Kinney, Venice

Why: The much-gentrified coastal corridor continues to attract international exports (like new additions Negarin and Sweaty Betty from London and Happy Socks from Sweden), rising Stateside brands (Kit & Ace, VNYL's first brick-and-mortar shop, and Industry of All Nations), and cult-favorite labels (Vince, Current/Elliott, and Freecity), making it a go-to for shoppers seeking a mix of indie and commercial retailers.



Christy Dawn

Where: Lincoln Boulevard, Venice/Santa Monica

Why: Abbot Kinney expats like <u>Nick Fouquet</u> flocked to this low-key stretch, presumably for its lower rents. A handful of other stylish haunts have landed on Lincoln since this spring, like model-turned designer Christy Dawn's retro <u>dress wonderland</u>, Flowerboy Project's cool <u>café/concept shop</u>, Golden State's <u>relocated shop</u>, and sleek Aussie label Bassike's <u>first Stateside store</u>; plus, streetwear-inspired designer e-boutique Lust Covet Desire is also <u>set to join</u> the boulevard soon.



Rodeo Drive/Cosmo

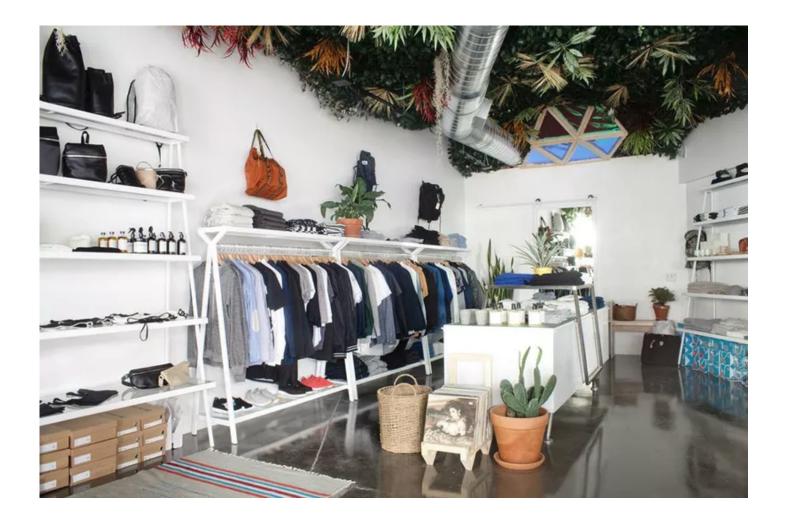
Where: Rodeo Drive, Beverly Hills

Why: As one high-end retail realtor <u>noted</u> earlier this year, a presence at the high-end street is a must for any luxury label — which is why the world's <u>second priciest stretch</u> commands top dollar (\$800 per square foot, to be exact). Longtime tenants like <u>Saint Laurent</u> and <u>Ferragamo</u> (which both unveiled their facelifted flagships this year) alongside recent additions like Zadig & Voltaire, Dsquared, <u>Audemars Piguet</u>, and <u>IWC Shaffhausen</u> have helped <u>revive</u> the swanky <u>star-frequented</u> shopping stretch. Even better: Rodeo will also score a <u>supersized</u> Chanel store.



Where: Melrose Place, West Hollywood

Why: Spanning less than a quarter of a mile, this upscale fashion haven offers everything for spendy (and famous) shoppers, right down to the kitchen sink. Alreasy home to blogstar-faved coffee shop Alfred, The Row's only West Coast store, and more cult-fave designers, the low-key/high-end street recently added starlet-happy salon Nine Zero One, Australian label Zimmerman, The Line's dreamy Apartment (pictured), and swanky home hardware retailer Waterworks to its roster.



Voyager

Where: The Yards at One Santa Fe, DTLA Arts District

Why: Located just a quick stroll from the buzzing nabe's East 3rd Street, this mixed-use hub brings more indie-happy shopping options. Downtown dwellers can now snap up modern menswear at <u>Wittmore</u>, avant-garde designer womenswear at <u>Hue</u>, sleek skincare at <u>Malin +</u> Goetz, and bohemian home goods and more at Voyager.

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