

KEEP IT MODERN

PUMP UP THE VOLUME!

Judging from the colors of lacquered Italian kitchen and bath cabinetry, you'd think the country was addicted to lollipops. For reds, blues and yellows, pay a visit to Esperia in Midtown. Owned by Luca Trivisonno, it sells sleek lacquered designs, as well as ones in wengé, mahogany, oak, cherry and beech; countertops come in stainless steel, marble, granite and Piedra del Cardoso Italian volcanic stone. The showroom also carries modern furniture, closet shelving and sink hardware. *Esperia, 1431 Dutch Valley Place, 404.829.4700, www.esperiausa.com.*

MAKE IT SLEEK

Another great source for high-end Italian cabinetry in lacquered and natural wooden finishes is Poliform Atlanta. Ask owner Doug Henderson to show you the Varenna collection, produced in the company's Northern Italian factory near Como. Sleek and beautiful, it epitomizes the best in Italian contemporary home design. *Poliform Atlanta, 1198 Howell Mill Road, Suite 112, 404.605.0196, www.poliformatlanta.com.*

SIT ON IT

For a furniture shopping experience similar to touring Milan's best design stores, head to Domus International in Buckhead. Owner Jerry Moskowitz stocks the 34,000-square-foot, multi-level space with well-designed, contemporary furniture mostly from Northern Italy. The selection is top-drawer and, as Moskowitz puts it, "virtually everything we carry is exclusive to Atlanta." Italian brands include Driade, MDF Italia, Ceccotti, Maxalto and B&B Italia, including the orange, 2006 Arne sofa with a tubular steel frame by design guru Antonio Citterio. Domus' inventory changes often, based on Moskowitz's scouting trips to Italy several times per year. *1919 Piedmont Road, 404.872.1050, www.domusinternational.com.*

Pampaloni silver from OwenLawrence



Minotti's Venice Bed, from Space

THINK OUTSIDE OF THE BOX

At Space, owner/interior designer Tim Hobby carries everything from Cassina, Emmemobili and Minotti furniture to Venini glass, much of it exclusive in Atlanta to his store. At presstime, the store also had six, 10-foot-tall vintage Murano glass sculptures (\$3,500 each). The showroom is organized into vignettes, and the knowledgeable staff of designers can help you figure out how to place even a single piece in your existing décor. *800 Peachtree St., 404.228.4600, www.spacemodern.com.*

GET FUNKY

For a change, trash the brass and try sculptural and colored glass light fixtures instead. At C Lighting, the 12,000-square-foot showroom features fixtures from Italian brands such as AV Mazzega, Lumen Center Italia, Terzani, Foscarini and Muranodue; prices range from \$400 to \$18,850. At Retromodern.com, you can find products by Mazzega, O'Luce, Valenti, Foscarini and Artemide. Owner Scott Riley also stocks Italian furniture by designers such as Magis, Mebel and Produzione Privata, as well as Italian tabletop accessories from Alessi in the adjacent flagship boutique. *C Lighting, 333 Buckhead Ave., 404.760.1119, www.lighting.com. Retromodern.com, 805 Peachtree St., 404.724.0093, www.retromodern.com.*

BE SNAZZY

Go over the top when you set the table, even if it's just for you. To really make it shine, head to Beverly Bremer Silver Shop for silverware by Milan-based Buccellati (Empire and Laura, \$659 for a five-piece place setting). Or, go to the OwenLawrence showroom and take a look at the Pampaloni silver flatware, hollowware and candelabra from Florence, like the ones shown here, which you won't find anywhere else in the Southeast. The shop also has exclusives on many other Italian imports. Look for the woven leather furniture and desk accessories by Arte e Cuoio and Triangolo, and Zambaiti 4-ply cashmere and wool blankets and throws. Crystal and glass imports include: Arnolfo di Cambio and Colle Cristalleria crystal stemware from Tuscany; Salviati hand-etched glass; and Venetian blown glass from various makers, with chandeliers to die for. *Beverly Bremer Silver Shop, 3164 Peachtree Road, 404.261.4009, www.beverlybremer.com, www.buccellati.com. OwenLawrence, The Galleries of Peachtree Hills, 425 Peachtree Hills Ave., Suite 25, 404.869.7360, www.owenlawrence.com.*