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THIS SUMMER, DON YOUR FAVORITE PAIR OF SHADES AND SET YOUR SIGHTS ON CHICAGO'S BEST IN CUTTING-EDGE FASHION, FURNISHINGS AND MORE.



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WRIGHT WAY

Father and son design duo Doug and Mike Cohen founded Lakeview's Wrightwood Furniture Co. in hopes of developing an intimate home shopping experience. And they've done just that: The Cohens craft original furnishings and sell directly to their customers, ensuring a refreshing departure from traditional retailers in both merchandising and distribution. From neoclassical to modern, each item in the shop's inventory epitomizes craftsmanship and sustainability through a company-wide commitment to using only recycled aluminum and sustainably harvested wood. wrightwoodfurniture.com

WELL SUITED

Drawing upon his decade's worth of experience at a custom clothing manufacturer, Aaron Comes launched Frederick Lynn haberdashery to bring fashion-forward design to business professionals. The line—which incorporates a catalog of over 10,000 fabrics—includes a bespoke collection of suits, shirts and neckwear, as well as offerings for women and children. Adorned with masculine furnishings and warm décor details (think Louis Vuitton train cases and elegant tufted sofas), Comes' North Loop locale is nearly as beautiful as the clothing it houses. fredericklynn.com

FASHION FORWARD

Carrie Kane and Sharon Watrous have combined their diverse sartorial styles to present the tightly edited collection of apparel and accessories that is Evanston's Chalk Boutique. Well-versed in outfitting powerful women—from high-profile CEOs to buzzed-about philanthropists—Kane and Watrous stock a plethora of must-have labels, cleverly arranged from established designers to up-and-comers. When we asked Kane what's on her radar this summer, she answered "Rosie Assoulin" without hesitation, as "her retro-modern dresses have taken the fashion world by storm." chalkboutique.com

MATCH MAKER

Jewelry shopping can be a daunting task, especially when you're looking to impress someone special. So, in order to simplify the complicated gift-giving process, Elaine Russell founded Heirlume. Powered by a sophisticated algorithm that pairs an individual's tastes with a handpicked selection of necklaces, bracelets and rings from emerging designers, the website also includes an innovative social aspect, where friends and family can cast their votes on the perfect find. Keep an eye out for Heirlume's pop-up locations this summer, where you can peruse the pretty baubles in person. heirlume.co