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From top: Aesop's signature store at Platform in Culver City; Ariel Gordon nail polish collection, \$16 each.

BEAUTY BUZZ

POSH PAMPERING

L.A.'s latest beauty-focused launches will have you looking—and feeling—marvelous.

By Laura Eckstein Jones

In a town where your mug is as valued as your mantra, maintaining a regular grooming ritual is, for some, an essential part of the routine. Luckily, local businesses have made it easier than ever to keep up appearances. With Angelenos' busy schedules in mind, Aussie-brand **Aesop** is now offering Express Facial Appointments at its Platform outpost (\$70, Culver City, 310.256.2606, aesop.com)—the first U.S. location to feature the service. The 35-minute, prescriptive, customizable treatment starts with a detailed consultation. From there, expect an efficient yet relaxing facial and neck massage, where a therapist uses the brand's powerful plant-based elixirs to combat specific skin concerns. The end result is not only a glowing visage, but a renewed sense of well-being. On the Sunset Strip, steps from the boulevard's famous nightlife, is **Like A Gentleman** (West Hollywood, 424.335.0553, likeagentlemanbarbershop.com), a newly opened barber shop by the brains behind hot spots Warwick and Les Deux. Featuring elements such as vintage one-of-a-kind barber chairs and flamingo-print wallpaper in the restroom, the high-end outpost offers everything from a beard trim (\$20) to a cut and shave (\$80). Lastly, jewelry designer **Ariel Gordon** has launched a chic nail



polish collection (\$16 each, arielgordonjewelry.com) that's free of harsh chemicals and not tested on animals. The five shades—including Rose Dust Woman, a creamy rose gold; and Séance, a deep vampy bordeaux—are based on the colors Gordon, a self-described polish addict, regularly sports.



The Large Square Odette pendant (price upon request) boasts blackened steel with clear glass, but can be customized for each clients' personal style.

DESIGN BUZZ

HOME COMING KING

In celebration of its 60th anniversary, lighting and furniture powerhouse **Paul Ferrante** is returning to its roots, reopening on Melrose Place in the exact location that started the brand's legacy.

The new 3,500-square-foot state-of-the-art showroom will be filled with customizable chandeliers, lighting fixtures and furnishings ideal for a wide range of decor styles. "Our clients can expect a fresh and updated version of the original store," explains owner Tommy Raynor.

"We are proud to have some of the best craftsmen in the business at our Los Angeles-based factory creating bespoke pieces by hand." It's that attention to detail that has A-list celebrities flocking to the famed designer. On the docket for spring? A glitzy April grand opening—"The 60th-anniversary [symbol] is diamonds, so you can just imagine. We are in talks with a jeweler about partnering to create a very special product," notes Raynor—and a focus on reaching clientele old and new with contemporary pieces featuring textured and painted finishes. And when the temps warm up, there's no better way to experience Ferrante than at Ojai Spa & Valley Inn's Illume pop-up Champagne lounge, where the lighting design company dazzles with 28 handcrafted glass and wrought iron lanterns suspended from one of the inn's 200-year-old oak trees. Prices upon request, L.A., paulferrante.com —AM