



NEWS

LET'S GO SHOPPING

Powerhouse international brands are changing the Canadian retail landscape. We're particularly excited about these four new fashion destinations

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VANCOUVER

Amid the European fashion companies arriving on our shores this season comes **McArthurGlen**, a luxe British outlet shopping centre. The mall opened this summer in Vancouver, three minutes away from the airport, which means duty-free shopping won't be the only last-minute addition to travellers' carry-ons. With handy screens announcing flight arrivals and departures, it also provides Vancouverites a more stylish way to while away delays. The company—whose first mall, Cheshire Oaks Designer Outlet, is still the largest in the U.K.—promises to bring major brands to shoppers for 30 to 70 per cent off regular prices (see sidebar, right). Current stores include staples like J.Crew and Coach and fashion houses such as Armani and Ports 1961, with Brooks Brothers among the new offerings for fall.

Nordstrom opens its third Canadian location (after Calgary and Ottawa) in Vancouver at

the Pacific Centre, with exclusive offerings from brands such as Madewell, Le Labo and Loewe. It's only one of four flagships worldwide to house the in-store boutique Space, which carries cutting-edge designs from Creatures of the Wind, Vika Gazinskaya and Jacquemus.

TORONTO

Cos opened its first Canadian outpost last week on Bloor Street. If you've shopped H&M's sister brand in New York, London or Paris, you'll understand our excitement. The line's minimalist pieces look (and feel) designer, but the prices are surprisingly accessible—think \$250 for a dress.

MONTREAL

Aesop will open two stores in Montreal's Mile End and Westmount this fall, making it twice as easy to scoop up the cult Aussie brand's plant-based serums, shampoos and cleansers.

HOT DEALS

Our fave three outfit upgraders, in store at McArthurGlen now:



COLE HAAN FLATS, \$125 (REGULAR: \$250). **J.CREW** NECKLACE, \$37 (REGULAR: \$61). **PORTS 1961** CLUTCH, \$749 (REGULAR: \$3,095)