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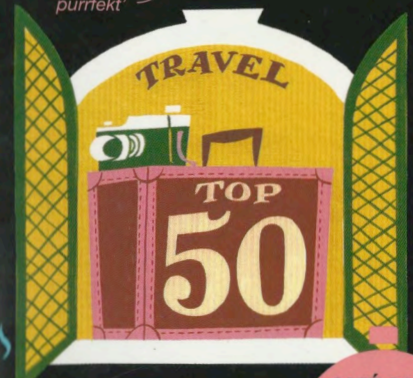


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Pass the Baton
Kyoto

Founder Masamichi Toyama's first two shops combine handsome interiors and a flair for storytelling with a knack for venerating other people's cast-offs. Toyama opened his third shop in August in a renovated 120-year-old two-storey, wooden townhouse along a river in Kyoto's historic Gion district.

Designed by Wonderwall's Masamichi Katayama, the shop has a selection of clothes, collectables and knick-knacks with personal messages from the previous owners, as well as copper tea canisters and wooden cutlery from all around Kyoto – perfect for a thoughtful purchase. A small ground-floor café serves tea and light meals for shoppers wearied by the breadth of goodies on show. — KH
pass-the-baton.com

Three essential purchases:

- 1 Nakagawa Mokkougei wooden cutlery
- 2 Kohchosai Kosuga bamboo chopsticks and porcelain Kyo-yaki rest
- 3 Kaikado copper tea canisters

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Pedder on Scotts
Singapore

Multibrand shoe retailer Pedder Group is trying on a bigger fit in Singapore. In October the Hong Kong-based company opened Pedder on Scotts in Scotts Square shopping centre. The location boasts seven sections including footwear for athletics, kids and formal occasions.

The space was created by Raymond Chan from Hong Kong's Ply Union and Toronto-based Abraham Chan. As well as carrying the best shoe labels from all over the world, the shop also offers Pedder Red's comfy in-house footwear line. — JZL
onpedder.com

Three essential purchases:

- 1 Shoes by Valentino
- 2 Bag by Want Les Essentiels
- 3 Woolly hat from Lock & Co



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Choosing Keeping
London

Tucked away on London's bustling Columbia Road – well, it bustles on Sunday mornings when the famous flower market arrives – stationery haven Choosing Keeping has been supplying artists and people of all walks of life with the finest pens, notebooks and beautiful bric-a-brac since 2012.

Expect jotters from Lettres, Arts Plastiques pencils and hardback diaries from Tsumugi. "I love to find that something special at the back of a shop, the back of a catalogue, the forgotten and unloved supplier – it's about discovery or rediscovery," says the shop's owner, Julia. — MSS
choosingkeeping.com

Three essential purchases:

- 1 Collectable melamine tray designed by Ettore Sottsass in 1999 and produced in Japan
- 2 Danish desk stapler made by Folle since 1946
- 3 Four colour ballpoint pens in gold

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Bynd Artisan
Singapore

Bynd Artisan is the premium brand of family-run Singapore stationery firm Grandluxe. Conceived last year by the founder's granddaughter Winnie Chan and her husband James Quan, the fourth shop sprouted steps from Monocle's Singapore outpost this August; so do pop in and say hello if you're in the neighbourhood.

European-sourced paper and leather is transformed into customisable notebooks in Singapore by expert craftsmen, many of whom have been with the company for decades. Customers can choose the leather for their notebooks or pick a limited-edition sketchbook from a smaller capsule collection; Bynd frequently collaborates with designers such as President Design Award-winner Larry Peh. You can also sign up for a workshop to learn more about the craft of bindery and there is a small snack bar selling sweet treats by Singapore pastry chef Ignatius Chan. — JZL
byndartisan.com

Three essential purchases:

- 1 House-brand leather tote
- 2 Bynd Artisan cardholder
- 3 Bynd Artisan folio



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Schwittenberg
Munich

A stone's throw from Munich's central Odeonsplatz and leafy Hofgarten, Schwittenberg is run by Sandra Schwittau and Christopher Romberg (pictured).

Having recently moved here, the company has made a name for itself with a discerning selection of men's, women's and children's clothing by the likes of Stephan Schneider and Maison Margiela. Also on offer is a selection of jewellery by Saskia Diez, Dries Van Noten shoes and tidbits such as German Stählmühle schnaps if you're after a warming winter tipple this Christmas. — MSS
schwittenberg.com

Three essential purchases:

- 1 Knitwear by A Kind of Guise
- 2 Orange cedarwood carnation-scented candle by Schwittenberg
- 3 Ayzit Bostan bags