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## Objects of Desire

The Ultimate Guide To Shopping The World

# BlackBook

A GUIDE FOR THE SOPHISTICATED TRAVELER HERE & ABROAD

A 1954 vase  
at Modernity



## stockholm

### THE GREAT NORTH

**B**LAME IKEA. OR ABBA. WITH GOOD REASON, PEOPLE ARE OFTEN WARY OF Swedish style. The country's two best-known acronyms have become world-famous for products—from sofa beds to pop songs—that are clever, reliable, and entirely disposable. But a shopping spree in the capital shows there's more to Sweden than crowd-pleasers. The starting point for any Stockholm shopper is Hamngatan. This street is home to the country's best department store, NK (18-20 Hamngatan; 46-8-762-8000), which sits next to the stylish and laughably affordable clothing emporium H&M. The juxtaposition of high and low seems to sum up the attitude of Swedes, who love to undercut a top-tier designer coat or suit from NK—a sort of Barneys-on-the-Baltic—with a T-shirt from H&M. Beyond the playful, there are plenty more serious and discerning places to shop.

#### For the Home

**MODERNITY** A visit here doubles as a crash course in 20th-century design. The store's Scottish owner, Andrew Duncanson, scours Europe to find original pieces of postwar design, most of them Scandinavian and in extremely good condition. From Denmark, for

instance, come Arne Jacobsen's 1955 Tonque chair (\$2,325) and the famous Artichoke lamp by Poul Henningsen (\$3,575). We particularly like the store's swinging-sixties bent-the-fiber-glass Pastille chairs by Finnish designer Eero Aarnio (\$1,010 each), which resemble brightly colored UFOs, are great fun. At 6 Sibyllegatan; 46-8-20-80-25; [www.modernity.se](http://www.modernity.se).

#### NORDISKA GALLERIET

Unlike Modernity, this former car showroom sells newly made versions of the best contemporary and classic designs. Most reissues are of famous, almost iconographic, pieces, such as the Barcelona chair by Mies van der Rohe

(\$6,430) and the 1956 Lounge Chair and Ottoman by Ray and Charles Eames (\$8,115). But the store also carries many lesser-known and delightfully

witty creations, including Ingo Maurer's Campari light (\$410), which uses ten Campari soda bottles to form a scarlet lampshade, and Philippe Starck's

Gnome tables (\$180). You can still buy Swedish automobiles here, too: In one corner is a child's beautifully streamlined wooden toy Saab (\$290). At 11 Nybrogatan; 46-8-442-8360; [www.nordiskagalleriet.com](http://www.nordiskagalleriet.com).

#### ORREFORS KOSTA BODA

Sweden's top two glass companies share a crystal palace on the most label-heavy shopping street in town, close to Gucci, Versace, and Louis Vuitton. While Kosta Boda concentrates on colorful, artistic pieces, such as an apple-shaped globe of swirling blue and green (\$545), Orrefors focuses on clear vases and stemware. Stockholm-trained designer Erika Lagerbielke



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Couture at Lars Wallin



Modernity's Andrew Duncanson

#### CONSUMING PASSIONS >>

**Liz Smith**, columnist: Fenwick Cottage, Essex, Connecticut, for little things like shell or silver frames and candlesticks (8 Main Street; 860-767-1251). **Frédéric Fekkal**, hairstylist: Hermès in Paris. I just got a new 48-hour bag (24 Rue du Faubourg St. Honoré; 800-441-4488).