

## STYLE SPOTTING

## Istanbul

*ELLE Decoration's insider guide to Turkey's buzziest city: think chic department stores and edgy local design labels with a dash of autumn sun!*

With Istanbul Design Week kicking off from October 16-20 (see [www.istanbuldesignweek2008.com](http://www.istanbuldesignweek2008.com)), there's no better time to visit this dynamic city. Straddling Europe and Asia, Istanbul effortlessly combines both worlds, with a rising tide of design talent from established stars Autoban and Derin Design to newcomers like B&T mixing Ottoman and international influences. With tempting high-end and vintage fashion and homes stores, happening arts centres and hip new hotels, a mini-break here guarantees maximum style points...

## Shop

**Beymen**

Turkey's directional department store offers a savvy mix of luxe global and homegrown fashion labels. The dramatic Nisantasi flagship includes homewares next door, but we recommend a visit to the stunning new silverfronted IstinyePark mall outlet (right), flanked by stand-alone boutiques for global superbrands from Bottega Veneta to Chloé. *Beymen IstinyePark, 477, Istinye (0090 212 335 6700; [www.beymen.com.tr](http://www.beymen.com.tr))*

**Stepevi**

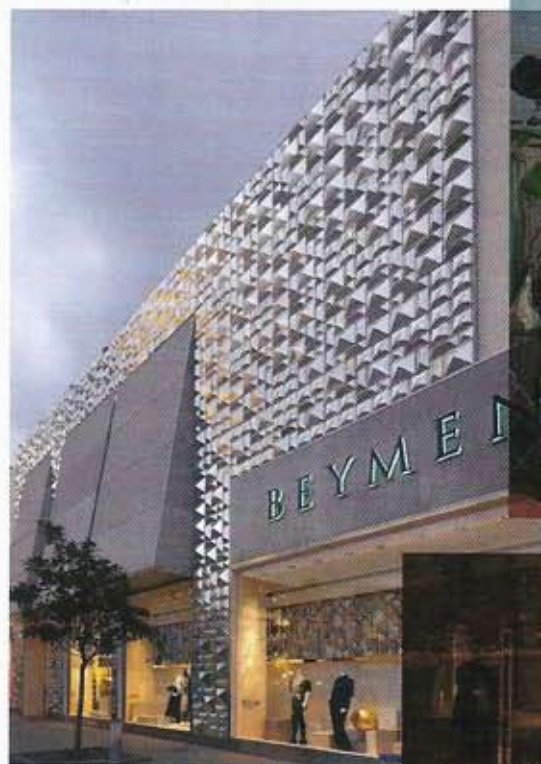
Known for its gorgeous modern Turkish rugs in silky weaves and seductive palettes, Stepevi's wares can be picked up at carpet-retailer Step stores around town. There's a branch at IstinyePark and at glam mall Addressistanbul. *Halide Edip Adıvar Mah. Çiftecevizler Dere Sok, 4 Sisli (0090 212 320 23 11; [www.stepevi.com](http://www.stepevi.com))*

**Autoban Gallery**

This grand 19th-century shop houses hot Turkish duo Seyhan Özdemir and Sefer Çağlar (aka Autoban)'s collection of modern lighting, upholstery and streamlined plywood furniture (De La Espada sells their range in the UK). *Misrutiyyet Caddesi 64A, Tünel (00 90 212 252 6795; [www.autoban212.com](http://www.autoban212.com))*

**Haaz**

Launched by advertising creative Murat Patavi (founder of local style mag 34), design store and gallery



Haaz sells a cool mix of global and Turkish wares, with special pieces commissioned for its exhibitions. *Suleyman Seba Caddesi 34, Akaretler (00 90 212 227 9700; [www.haaz.info](http://www.haaz.info))*

**Abdulla**

Nestled in the busy corridors of the famous Grand Bazaar, Abdulla (right) stocks traditional hamam towels, soaps and accessories, alongside beautiful linens. The range uses local cottons and natural dyes. *Grand Bazaar, Halicilar Caddesi 62, Kapalıçarsi, Beyazıt (00 90 212 527 3684; [www.abdulla.com](http://www.abdulla.com))*

**Takeaway Istanbul**

Hot young label Takeaway Istanbul at Kanyon mall produces design-led souvenirs of the city from stationery to t-shirts and gadgets. *Büyükdere Caddesi 185, Levent (00 90 212 353 5350; [www.kanyon.com.tr](http://www.kanyon.com.tr)); Takeaway Istanbul (00 90 212 353 5118; [www.takeawayistanbul.com](http://www.takeawayistanbul.com))*

**Ece Sükan Vintage**

With an enticing cross-section of retro homewares and fashion, this influential Istanbul vintage store (above) is a true treasure trove. Covering Twenties to Nineties finds, its striking bookcase displays collectable style magazines. *Ahmet Fatih Sokak 152, Tesvikiye (00 90 212 233 5499; [www.ecesukanvintage.com](http://www.ecesukanvintage.com))*

**HOT BUYS!** The narrow streets of Cukurcuma are home to the city's best vintage stores, with shops crammed with mid-20th-century furniture, memorabilia and impressive fashion finds. Don't miss Popcorn; A La Turca; and Pied and Poule, at Faik Paşa Yokuşu 2c, 4 and 19/1 respectively ➔