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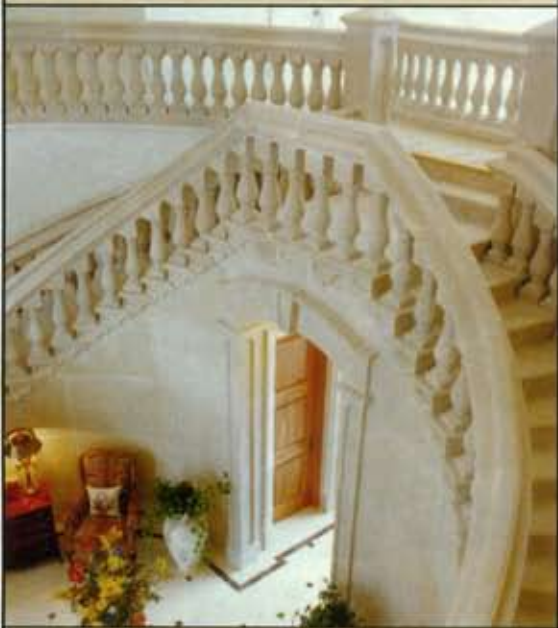
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Armaggan in
Nuruosmaniye.

executed birdcages, may be found at this seven-level emporium—undoubtedly the place to speed-shop if you only have a short stay in town. “Armaggan specializes in Turkish traditional craftsmanship, taking the old designs and making them very high-end and beautiful,” says Sara Bengur of this Nişantaşı-neighborhood fixture. The company’s newer boutique, in Nuruosmaniye, is more focused on textiles, but diverse treasures abound there as well. armaggan.com

MEHMET ÇETINKAYA GALLERY & THE COLUMNS Mehmet Çetinkaya, the owner of these side-by-side galleries, is always in search of a needle in a haystack—that stunning handwoven kilim or 19th-century Azerbaijani carpet you can’t resist running your fingers across. His ever-popular space and the newly opened next-door location, named for third-century columns unearthed during its construction, offer calligraphy, paintings, ceramics, antiques, jewelry, and—his specialty—a wealth of artful textiles. cetinkayagallery.com

A LA TURCA Take a stroll through Erkal Aksoy’s carefully curated showroom, occupying four stories of a 19th-century townhouse, and you’ll find to-die-for ostrich-egg bowls,

Arabic scrolls, vintage globes, copper candlesticks, vibrantly colored silk tassels, and much more. Since setting up shop 16 years ago, Aksoy has become the city’s go-to antiques dealer (with a roster of clients that includes George Soros, David Chipperfield, and David Rockefeller) and something of a pioneer in the Beyoğlu neighborhood, which is now home to scores of antiquaires. alaturcahouse.com

SEVAN BIÇAKÇI If you spot exotically fashioned diamond rings, handsomely worked silver cuffs, or pendants of handcrafted amber cabochons on a stylish lady in Istanbul, chances are her glittering wares came from Sevan Biçakçı—“the jeweler all the elegant Turkish women buy from,” Madeline Weinrib says. Visit the shop named for its larger-than-life owner (frequently spotted racing around the city on his motorcycle), nestled in a cluster of restored 19th-century dwellings called the Akaretler Row Houses—home to international brands such as Marni, Lanvin, and Jimmy Choo. sevanbicakci.com →