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With its lack of signboard outside the premises, visitors often miss A La Turca, a real treasure trove of Ottoman and Anatolian antiques. Opening in 1998 in the neighbourhood of Çukurcuma, owner Erkal Aksoy converted the four-storey house into a showroom to trade antique carpets and *kilims*, as well as paintings, ceramics, manuscripts and other decorative objects. Aksoy was one of the pioneers of the changing face of Çukurcuma, and it is thanks to him that the once-derelict street is now home to the city's best art galleries and design shops. Browsing among A La Turca's treasures can feel like visiting the private home of a serious collector, rather than a shop. Aksoy considers anyone who passes through the door of his magnificent showroom as an honoured guest, and welcomes shoppers with home-made cherry liqueur and butter cookies. If you wish to be on the receiving end of Aksoy's hospitality, be sure to arrange an appointment before ringing the bell.

