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editor's picks

PHILIPPINES Freshly Squeezed

There's something fresh in Makati's nightlife scene and it goes by the name of Citrus. Owned by Louie Yumail, Citrus is the latest reincarnation of the popular Venezia/V Bar. It boasts a modern, minimalist look with accents primarily in orange and lime green. For sure, patrons can expect the same quality service, great drinks and superb music, a formula Louie Y has perfected over the years. He is Manila's nightlife king after all. Tel: +632 813 6967



SINGAPORE Red Alert

Sometimes when we go shopping we simply want everything in one place – it's called the convenience factor. So girls with busy lives will appreciate the effort Kate Lawes-Meier has made to provide just that – Rouge is a store showcasing garments (off the rack and made to measure tailoring), accessories, homewares and gifts all under one roof. Now located at Dempsey Road (formerly in a shephouse on Bukit Pasoh Road), Rouge marries French flair with an Indochinese design sensibility. Tel: +65 6474 9245

SHOPAHOLICS

In search of some retail therapy but not sure where to find that perfect something? Michelle Roberts tracks down the world's best personal shoppers

London ALLESANDRO ACCIARI

Fluent in more than five languages, and with a background in art and fashion (including working for Giorgio Armani and Yves Saint Laurent) Alessandro fuses haute couture with contemporary and exclusive one-off items. He says, "It is not simply about finding an outfit, but finding the very best thing to suit a client's personality and lifestyle."

Expertise Styling and wardrobe consultations, art and items for the home, gift ideas and advice

Clients Adam Clayton, Sinead Smith, Ella Kresner, Naomi (relation to the Royal Family of Sambia) and husband Richard Davies, Zeta Gralf

Career Highlights Coordinating the wedding outfits for Naomi and Richard Davies

Rates US\$5,000 per hour, daily rates available on request. Tel: +44 29 4171 8758

New York and Los Angeles PHILLIP BLOCH

Refreshingly down to earth, he is an impeccable visionary. His approach to clothing is basic: practicality with simplicity. He says, "Some days you may feel like Julia Roberts, other days like Cameron Diaz – it's my job to make this come true."

Expertise His unique insight in spotting that perfect item, has gained him recognition as one of America's top fashion gurus

Clients Jim Carey, Sandra Bullock, Nicole Kidman, Salma Hayek, Halle Berry, Kim Cattrall, Charlie Sheen

Career Highlights

Halle Berry's brown Valentino dress which she wore on accepting her Best Actress Oscar for her role in the film, *Monster's Ball* (2002)

Rates On enquiry.

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Paris and Barcelona NATHALIE

BEURG Offering a high couture edge to shopping, her style is extremely client focused. She says, "It's about making choices, identifying the right look that works for you."

Expertise With more

than 15 years in the fashion industry working with haute couture designers, styling and a former designer herself, she's an expert when it comes to clothes and knowing what will work and what doesn't

Clients Alain Ducasse – chef and entrepreneur, State Ambassadors and their wives, senior executives and the wealthy elite

Career Highlights "The outfit you found for me made me feel like the pearl in an oyster" – client's response.

Rates Dependant on location



Rachel Zoe

and longevity. Tel: +33 688 599 6974 or www.rachelzoe.com

Los Angeles RACHEL ZOE With more than 10 years experience and a former fashion editor for *YM Magazine* in New York, she is a complete A-Z index when it comes to the latest and most exquisite boutiques in the area. Selective with clients, she focuses on developing strong personal connections with them, gaining their complete trust and credibility. She says, "I consider myself more of an image maker, adding new elements to existing styles and opening up clients' eyes to their inner style which they didn't even know was there."

Expertise Image makeovers and enhancements

Clients Jennifer Garner, Mischa Barton, Nicole Richie, Debra Messing, Naomi Campbell, Keira Knightley, Robert Downey Jr, Pierce Brosnan

Career Highlights Jennifer Garner – Oscars 2004, Nicole Richie – every red carpet event

Rates On application, inside sources say around US\$6,000 a day. Tel: +001 310 401 4420

Rome CONTESSA BARBARA LESSONA Lessona was born into aristocracy – her father a count and she a distant relative of Pocahontas. Shopping in Rome is all about who you know so Lessona can provide bespoke shopping days, plus luxurious private cruises, weddings and vineyard/wine-tasting tours. "Client satisfaction is what drives my passion."

Expertise The complete tour guide package for one stop shopping and adventures in Rome

Clients Wealthy visitors, journalists, MTV presenters, Chief of CNN, Sonia Gandhi

Career Highlights Discovering items others cannot easily find and having had a wonderful day's experience

Rates Full day personal shopping starts at US\$450. Tel: +39 333 749 2702

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