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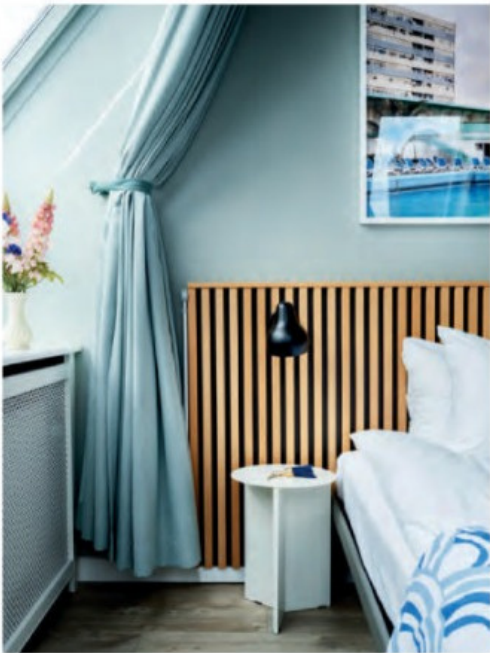
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SHOPPING IN

COPENHAGEN

THE DANISH CAPITAL IS ALREADY KNOWN FOR ITS ECO CREDENTIALS. NOW LOCAL RETAILERS IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD OF NØRREBRO ARE UPPING THE ANTE ON SUSTAINABILITY. BY LISE NIELSEN. PHOTOGRAPHS BY LINE KLEIN



*Clockwise from this picture:
womenswear at Res-Res;
ceramics at Knast; Coco Hotel
bedroom; Nørrebro buildings;
Collective bakery; Arrebro
coffee shop; denim at CHHO;
beauty products at Res-Res;
exterior of Tú a Tú*

GREEN DESIGN

One of the first shops that made Nørrebro's Jægersborggade a must-visit street was **Gågrøn** ('Go Green'). It was opened by Charlotte Ikjær in 2010 as a means of showcasing sustainably produced homeware and beauty supplies without compromising on design. Today, her basement shop is an affordable haven of ecologically reimagined everyday products, including hugely popular reusable cotton pads and disposable plates made from 100-per cent biodegradable palm leaves. Nearby, impressive concept store **Res-Res** only carries brands that push the boundaries with sustainable practices – from New Zealand's Kowtow, whose sculptural silhouettes are made from certified organic and biodegradable fibres, to Nørrebro brand Kintobe's popular bum bags, produced from recycled materials. The store, which offers eco-friendly workshops such as How To Dye Your Own Socks, now has B Corp Certification – so it is the real thing. gagrøn.dk; res-res.com

VINTAGE FINDS

Further down the street, sleek secondhand shop **Tú a Tú** stocks pre-loved womenswear but sets itself apart with its careful curation, exclusively selecting clothing in near-perfect condition and unworn items from contemporary Scandinavian brands such as Ganni and Acne Studios. There are rare finds to be snapped up, including Danish knitting phenomenon Lærke Bagger's hand-crafted sweaters, made entirely of yarn scraps. New accessories are scattered around the shop, from bright socks to hair clips in delicate pastels. tuatu.dk

HOMEWARE

Design and interiors shop **Knast** ('knot in wood') is all about serious craftsmanship, only stocking handmade items – from sleek wooden coffee tables and shelving units created by owner Anders Andersen to ceramics by co-owner Carla Jørsum. Her colourful 'weather cups' have become collector's items among locals, and line walls decorated with hand-painted prints by Swedish illustrator Helena Frank. Andersen also runs regular workshops on crafts such as stool carving. knastkbh.dk

WINE

At **Steffi**, a natural wine shop in Stefansgade, a wine is chosen based on whether it 'tastes well' – be it red, white, orange or alcohol-free. This unpretentious approach to natural wine

is mirrored in the fun tennis-ball logo, bright rose-painted floors and selection of wines from predominantly small European wineries with punkish labels and names such as 'Daughters of Madness'. Shoppers can borrow glasses and head to nearby Nørrebroparken with their chosen bottle. But don't be fooled by the laid-back vibe – all the employees are trained sommeliers. And the name? A playful homage to both the street and German tennis legend Steffi Graf. steffigraf.dk

DANISH PASTRIES

Among the best of a new breed of forward-thinking bakeries in the city is **Collective**, from local roasters Coffee Collective. Its aim is to create a sustainable bakery-meets-coffee-shop, with zero waste. Treats such as the bestselling lemon wave are made from leftover croissant-dough trimmings, and visitors can get free sourdough starters or buy the same organic local flour used in the bakery. The basics in the exhibition-like space are on point, too: award-winning, ethically sourced coffee and both classic and reimagined Danish pastries that sell out every day. coffeecollective.dk

MENSWEAR

A scattering of concept stores have popped up by a small intersection on charming Elmegade street, each with its own interpretation of contemporary Scandinavian menswear. **Grocery** carries high-end labels with timeless silhouettes, including sustainable Danish brand Another Aspect. Local streetwear favourite **Packyard** handpicks items from brands that manage to marry the practicality of outdoor apparel with style – from the popular North Face puffer to trending Newline Halo's activewear inspired by the Danish special forces. **Hooha** is all about classic homegrown brands, from international darling Rains to affordable Samsøe-Samsøe. grocerycopenhagen.com; packyard.com; hooahastore.com

BOOKS

English bookstore **Ark Books**, on picturesque, mural-clad Møllegade, might seem unassuming – but the shelves of the self-proclaimed 'niche bookshop' are packed with titles on race, gender and politics within fiction, as well as critical theory, graphic novels and poetry. Because all the books are personally picked by the volunteer staff, the selection is ever-changing and often injected with their favourite novels, such as best-selling titles from authors

such as Sally Rooney. Look out for the regular readers' events and free summer literary street festival Lyse Nætter ('Bright Nights'). arkbooks.dk

CONTEMPORARY FASHION

This basement concept store might look unassuming from the outside, but **CHHO** is a cosy space dotted with vintage finds, usually prowled by Ben, the French bulldog. Owners Tom Rasmussen and Chau Phung are a couple – he's a hairdresser, she's a tailor – and have filled the shop with hard-wearing slow-fashion designs, including selvedge jeans from Amsterdam-based Benzak and merino-wool shirts from Danish brand FUB. chho.dk

WHERE TO STAY

A 15-minute bike ride from Nørrebro, in Vesterbro, **Coco Hotel** is a boutique gem owned by Danish restaurant collective Cofoco. It's run on energy from the hotel's own solar park, and the interior is a playful yet carefully curated mix of design classics and custom-made furniture, giving a feel of Paris colliding with clean Scandi sensibilities. The buzzy café is furnished with Murano lamps, marble and Gebrüder Thonet chairs in black-painted banded wood and woven cane. The 88 newly renovated rooms are decorated in calming powder blues and whites, with monumental wooden headboards by local cabinet makers Københavns Møbelsnedkeri. *Doubles from about £95; coco-hotel.com* 

BEAUTY SPOTS

THE ADDRESSES TO KNOW

THE SALON

Hair-and-beauty parlour **Juicy Beauty** offers treatments including facials, brow laminations and the Middle Eastern (and environmentally friendly) waxing technique sugaring – all in a delicious 1950s-inspired, pastel-coloured space. juicybeauty.dk

THE BARBERSHOP

Just around the corner, men's grooming institution **Henri** is the place to go for a high-quality trim, skin fade or hot-towel shave, all finished with organic grooming products that are also available to buy in store.

henri.dk