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## ASK A LOCAL: MILAN

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*Piero Castellini of the Italian fabric house C&C Milano offers tips on the most stylish places to shop, eat and drink in his home city*



## SHOPPING

Zona Corso Magenta, one of the oldest parts of Milan and most famous for Leonardo da Vinci's sublime depiction of The Last Supper in the Basilica di Santa Maria delle Grazie, has always been my family's base. My fabric and textile showroom **C&C Milano** ([cec-milano.com](http://cec-milano.com)) and neighbouring **Son Milano** ([sonmilano.com](http://sonmilano.com)), for my furniture and design accessories, are both in this area, on via Zenale. In my view, **Rossana Orlandi** ([rossanaorlandi.com](http://rossanaorlandi.com)) is a true creative genius and Milan's greatest champion of contemporary design. Her eponymous gallery and shop, with a sun-dappled courtyard and café at the back, showcases unique or limited-edition works from international emerging talent. In beautiful Piazza Tommaseo - the magnolias in spring are spectacular - sister brands **Pupi Solari** for womenswear and children's clothes and **Host** for menswear ([pupisolari.com](http://pupisolari.com)) are the city's fashion benchmarks.



Brera, Milan's former artistic and bohemian quarter, is known for its cobbled streets and cornucopia of shops and bars. There are numerous browsing opportunities, but two of my favourites are the **Boffi Solferino** kitchen and bathroom showroom ([boffi-solferino.com](http://boffi-solferino.com)) - an architectural and design masterpiece - and the **Fornasetti** store ([fornasetti.com](http://fornasetti.com)), where the whimsical, surreal decorative creations of Piero Fornasetti are now overseen by his son, Barnaba - a good friend of mine. I always enjoy a visit to **Il Segno del Tempo** ([ilsegnodeltempo.com](http://ilsegnodeltempo.com)), a brilliantly eccentric shop for canes, walking sticks, industrial furniture, sculpture and one-off design pieces. For fashion, I go to **Massimo Alba** ([massimoalba.com](http://massimoalba.com)).