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... *Ciao! Follow us (not the pigeons) through the city's outposts of good food, design, retail and more. Siete pronti?* ...



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Dictionary, Porta Genova
Word on the street

Don't assume that this is just another of the skating shops that abound near the Colonne di San Lorenzo: behind the tiny shopfront you'll find much more refined and design-conscious clothing.

Dictionary's range straddles streetwear and contemporary fashion: the brand selection is Scandi-heavy (or at least Scandi-inspired) with the likes of Norse Projects; Biella-based Camo is the lone (but worthy) Italian label. Accessories on offer include Sandqvist bags and Suicoke sandals from Japan.

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dictionarymilano.it



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Massimo Alba, Brera
Dream weaver

Known for his knack with cashmere, Massimo Alba is right at home weaving knitwear for men and women – and winning plaudits for his collections of superbly soft garments. His Italian cashmere is dyed with chemical-free pigments.

Fans flock to the Brera boutique, where an old-fashioned shop bell announces your arrival. Besides the jumpers and cardigans you'll find slim trousers, unstructured jackets and casual shirts in luxurious cotton and linens and an array of subtle pastel tones.

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massimoalba.com

Now this is shopping in style...



Layer up

In need of a new coat? Head to either Valstar or Sealup. The former, a recent men's label, makes suede and leather bomber jackets. The latter has been around since 1935 and offers classic macs and overcoats for both men and women.
valstar.it; sealup.net