

Shop talk

Time Out window-shops at the city's newest stores.



Pandora's box Trunk has some gems for those with hefty pockets

Trunk

The new store on Colaba's Wodehouse Road is shaped like a round brown box, which is pretty appropriate for a place called Trunk. But it takes more than a pretty shape to make it in Mumbai. Opening a store amid end-of-season sales is never a good idea, and if the store stocks lesser-known brands that cost as much as designer labels, there is little to hold a shopper's interest.

Pratik Sheth's cheery yellow, store stocks brands from South America, London and New York, and is designed to send shoppers into a Technicolor tizzy. Cotton trousers in fuchsia, purple, green, yellow and orange from Monkee Genes retail at a hefty price tag of ₹4,600, though a quick browse on the brand's website reveals a sale, at which the same pair costs roughly ₹1,900. For those who don't mind the inflated price, there are options aplenty, like snazzy shades from Glassing, available in a riot of colours (₹3,500) to match the pants.

T-shirts bearing cartoon prints and daft one-liners about cougars, cocks, balls and asses are available under the David and Goliath (₹1,950) brand, which the store assistants call D&G regardless of that other more famous acronym. We loved the Gavin Watson tee that read "I heart nerds" (₹1,890). The Recession denims, besides their distressed look, show no sign of the slump and are priced at ₹7,400.

Once you've browsed enough, head to the shop's spa, dunk your feet into a fish tank and have tiny Garra rufa fishes nibble away at your dead skin for ₹500, which is perhaps the cheapest deal at Trunk.

Also for sale are vibrant shades of nail polish (₹599) by the curiously named brand, Piggy Polish.

We like: Christian Audigier dungarees and a printed dress by Laura Dawson.

We didn't like: The limited variety of products and the price tags. Basic polo tees from Married to the Mob's cost ₹4,000 here.

Megha Mahindru
67-69, Seaview Terrace Building, Wodehouse Road, Colaba (3221-0569). Daily 10am-8pm.

ShopYourWorld

Do away with all the associated bother of shopping in one fell swoop or in this case, one mouse-click. ShopYourWorld.com is a new online portal to global chic, with a brand roster that includes Nordstrom, Victoria's Secret, Lane Bryant and Urban Outfitters. A quick browse yielded cult-beauty brands from SkinStore (Decleor, Peter Thomas Roth, Frederic Fekkai, ₹1,600 onward), gorgeous chiffon tea-dresses and BDG jersey separates from Urban Outfitters (₹3,000 onward) and vertiginous Pedro Garcia pumps (₹26,000) from Nordstrom.

ICICI cardholders get a five per cent discount. What's really handy is that all prices are in rupees, so no more currency converts. As with anything being shipped to our shores, you might be looking at additional Customs being tacked on to your final value.

We like: The sheer range of products to choose from.

We didn't like: The navigation. Browsing multiple brands on their separate sites makes the process very tedious. *Vandana Verma*
Visit www.shopyourworld.com

Check out

Don't coin me

Tantra's cute new T-shirt adds new meanings with the new rupee sign.

Tantra, Narisons, opposite Colaba Police Station, Colaba (2202-0614). Also available at Libra Tower, Shop No 2, Ground Floor, opposite St Peter's Church, Hill Road, Bandra (W) (2643-0329). Daily 10.30-8pm. ₹295.

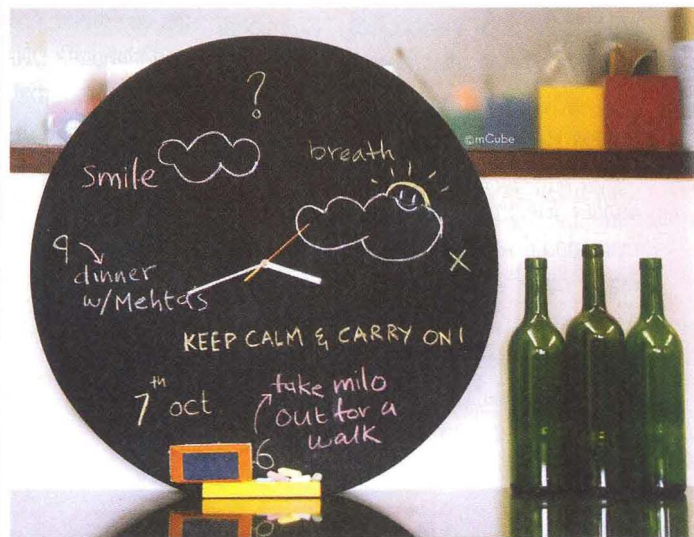


Secret crush

Slate Clock

mCube Design's ingenious clock makes you go back to school. The timepiece comes with colourful pieces of chalk and a duster to help you scribble notes by the hour. The slate-like material also finds its way to table mats and flower vases so you can chalk out a recipe for the day or leave a note to a loved one. Admit it, you always wanted to be blackboard monitor in school.

Tappu Ki Dukaan, 27-A, Kermani Building, Mezzanine Floor, entrance through Saxonia Specs, Sir PM Road, opposite Citibank, Fort (2204-3716, www.mcubedesign.com). Mon-Sat 11am-8pm. ₹4,000.



Wave me about

Hidesign's latest collection is made using vegetable tanned leather and takes inspiration from the colours of the Indian flag. Find yourself wallets, totes, belts and clutches that are



available in saffron, green, ivory and blue. *Hidesign, Ground Floor, High Street Phoenix, 462, Senapati Bapat Marg, Lower Parel (3046-4701). Daily 11am-9pm. From ₹995.*