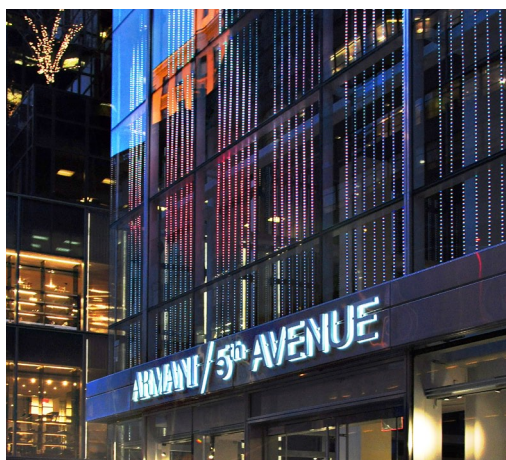


# DREAM SHOPS

*set the stage for Spring*



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Spring is on the horizon and Fashion Week has dazzled, the City is in a mode for renewal. Fresh facades have debuted and high-profile openings are finally here....we welcome change with open arms.

**On magnificent Madison Avenue,** French crystal palace, **Lalique** will reemerge in sparkling new space, 609 Madison Avenue. **Armani Collezioni** is being reinvented at 601 Madison Avenue.

**On fabulous Fifth Avenue,** Giorgio Armani opened his pièce de résistance Armani/5th Avenue, 717 Fifth Avenue and will showcase Giorgio Armani, Emporio Armani, Armani Jeans, Sportswear EA7, Armani Casa and Armani Restaurant under one roof. **Diesel** at 685 Fifth Avenue is their largest store ever tri-level and offers a full roster for the brand. Cornelia 663 Fifth Avenue is reborn as **Spa**

**Chakra**, the renowned global spa network.

**Grand Central Terminal territory** is happy to have **Tumi** and **MAC** as new additions.

**Unmatched Union Square** may see a **Best Buy** or, gasp, **Walmart** in the former Circuit City and Virgin Megastore.

**In marvelous Meatpacking,** **Matthew Williamson's** new flagship at 415 West 14th Street was worth the wait. Pop the champagne, **Ports 1961** has bowed at 3 Ninth Avenue and left us breathless. **Vince** is open at 833 Washington Street at Little West 12th Street and is a masterpiece.

**In the wonderful West Village,** **Thom Browne's Black Fleece** from Brooks Brothers label shop 351 Blecker Street meets the world.

**In sumptuous Soho,** the only NYC **Timberland** is here at 474 Broadway on the block between Broome and Prince Streets where

**Topshop** is opening this spring at 478 Broadway and **Madewell** is already up and running. **Escada** will be unveiling a store at 560 Broadway, at Prince Street, previously occupied by Ann Taylor.

Our shopping inspirations come from the beautiful new stores that opened their doors. For many it has been a longtime coming but when the spectacular spaces are revealed we are always in awe!

Happy Spring and Happy Shopping!

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