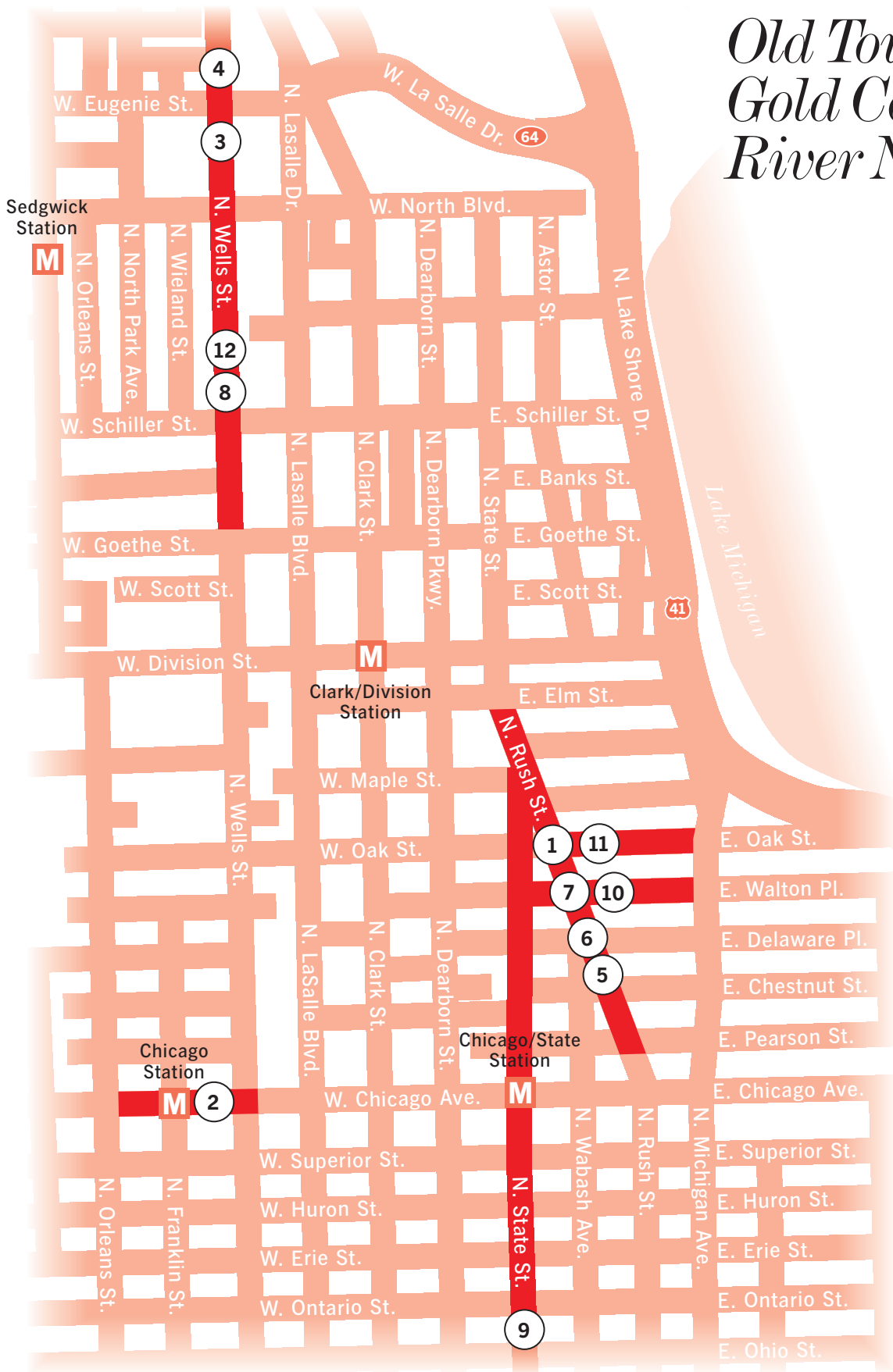


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1. Barneys New York The Chicago branch of the storied department store is flush with Chloé boots, Fetto necklaces, and Goyard totes. **25 E. Oak St., 312-587-1700**

2. Blake Two years ago, this Chicago icon quietly moved from its Lincoln Park home to a stark new space in River North's gallery district. Things are understated as ever: There's no sign outside, and the pieces on the racks are equally dramatic and somber—Dries Van Noten gray patent wedges, Marni gunmetal taffeta tunics, Balenciaga schoolboy jackets. **212 W. Chicago Ave., 312-202-0047**

3. Greer A paper goods shop with the intimate ambience of an eccentric professor's study, Greer features letterpress invitations, fancy pens, and amusingly retro etiquette books. **1657 N. Wells St., 312-337-8000**

4. Handle With Care Originally a small gift shop, this 25-year-old neighborhood favorite sells prettily packaged grooming products and color-splashed garments. **1706 N. Wells St., 312-751-2929**

5. Ikram This upscale standard has long been

known as the place to zero in on high-end-but-experimental talents like Viktor & Rolf and Rick Owens. Our favorite reason to visit Ikram is its wait-list-worthy selection of shoes (particularly styles by Lanvin, Martin Margiela, and Azzedine Alaïa). **873 N. Rush St., 312-587-1000**

6. Intermix Boasting big names like Stella McCartney and Matthew Williamson, this minichain has a citified allure. **40 E. Delaware Pl., 312-640-2922**

7. Jake With three outposts now in the Chicago area, this rapidly expanding boutique empire has made it easy to secure formerly under-the-radar labels like Willow and Riser Goodwin. The Rush Street location is our go-to: It's ambitious in scope and healthily stocked. **939 N. Rush St., 312-664-5553**

8. Josephine Headed up by identical twins Danielle Rego and Nicole Shockley, this refined footwear and handbag purveyor sells luxe styles by hard-to-find lines like Tania Spinelli, Laurence Dacade, and Marc Marmel. **1405 N. Wells St., 312-274-0359**

9. P.O.S.H. This store brims with unusual, surprisingly affordable pieces like coronation

dishware, colorful seltzer bottles, and elaborate brass candelabras—all procured in spots ranging from Prague to Buenos Aires. **613 N. State St., 312-280-1602**

10. Samantha Chicago Samantha Mittelman puts a modern-day stamp on traditional glamour through her classically flattering picks, which currently include Catherine Malandrino high-waisted wool pants and Smythe portrait-collared swing jackets. **64 E. Walton Pl., 312-951-5383**

11. Sugar Magnolia Husband-and-wife owners Jeffrey and Leslie Gersten brilliantly focus on the kind of clothes that you can spend all weekend in yet still wear straight to work on Monday, like Kate & Kass gathered-yoke dresses and Rory Beca jewel-toned silk caftans.

34 E. Oak St., 312-944-0885

12. Uri Boutique This newcomer concentrates on pieces with a subdued, citified aesthetic, like Heike Jarick's eelskin-belted kimono dress and Ardistia New York's bishop-sleeved jacket. **1445 N. Wells St., 312-475-9002**