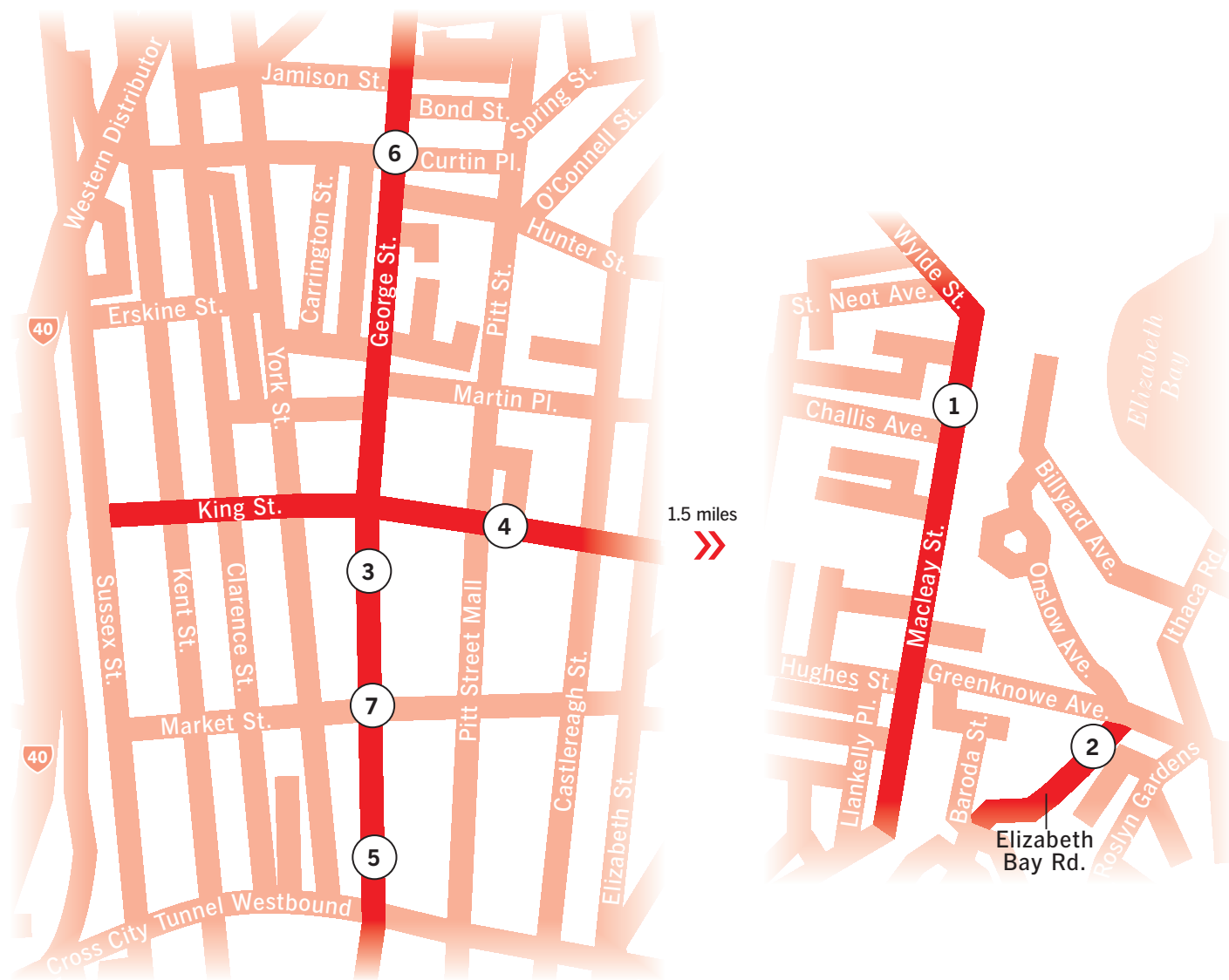


Downtown Sydney



1. Arida Like its sister store Attic, this shop caters to a clientele seeking big-name items like Lanvin flats or a Rick Owens jacket. Arida is the original, and larger, of the duo. **61 Macleay St. POTTS POINT 61-2-9357-4788**

2. Blood Orange With its pressed-tin walls and Balinese tables, this seems like a place you'd stumble across in the Montmartre quarter of Paris, and fittingly, many of the labels, like Lover, have a Gallic sensibility. (There are also a number of authentically French lines represented, including A.P.C. and K. Jacques.) **35 Elizabeth Bay Rd. ELIZABETH BAY 61-2-9357-2424**

3. The Corner Shop Though their two outposts are quite different (the downtown store is roomy

and offbeat, with slick chrome furniture and cheeky decor; the Paddington shop is situated in an impossibly cute Victorian cottage), both stock a spot-on mixture of the best from regional and international labels, including Biba, Isabel Marant, 3.1 Phillip Lim, and Friedrich Gray. **The Strand, 412-414 George St. SYDNEY 61-2-9221-1788**

4. Country Road You can always count on digging up classics like cashmere cardigans and voile sundresses at this chain; currently, its old-school canvas duffels are all the rage among the nation's teens. **127 King St. SYDNEY 61-2-9261-2009**

5. Incu Short for "incubate," Incu cultivates a following for nascent international labels by offering a broad sampling from each collection. Twins Brian and

Vincent Wu take as much care in selecting whom to promote as they do choosing the shop's darkly glam decorative elements: charred-wood Maarten Baas chandeliers, ebony railings, and a spooky *Nightmare Before Christmas*-inspired mural. **The Galleries Victoria, 500 George St. SYDNEY 61-2-9266-0244**

6. Sportsgirl This beloved chain consistently hits the mark when it comes to cute tops, tunics, and other must-have-now off-the-runway buys. **273 George St. SYDNEY 61-2-9247-1355**

7. Supré While their cavernous, dimly lit stores—with their turned-up-to-11 dance music—can test your patience, your reward is their ridiculously comprehensive stock. **45 Market St. SYDNEY 61-2-9264-2313**