



Paddington & Woollahra

1. Akira Isogawa One of the city's most popular local talents, the Japanese native routinely turns out collections that meld disparate silhouettes, like floaty dresses sharpened with origami-like folds. **12A Queen St. WOOLLAHRA 61-2-9361-5221**

2. Attic Like its sister store Arida, this shop caters to a clientele seeking big-name items like Lanvin flats or a Rick Owens jacket. Attic is the more intimate of the two, with a garret-like interior and a tighter edit of wares. **118 Queen St. WOOLLAHRA 61-2-9327-2999**

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 Grey. **43 William St. PADDINGTON 61-2-9380-9828**

4. Fleur Wood Known for her silky, lace-fringed frocks, Sydney-based designer Wood translates a boudoir influence into feminine pieces for every day. **464 Oxford St. PADDINGTON 61-2-9380-9511**

5. Ginger & Smart This Australian favorite made its name by combining the sporty with the ethereal—and doing it all in an electric palette. **27 William St. PADDINGTON 61-2-9380-9966**

6. 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. **256 Oxford St. PADDINGTON 61-2-9331-6070**

7. Kirrily Johnston Johnston's clothes are the perfect summation of life in Sydney: They're as beachy as they are citified, with breezy shapes fancied up with serious tailoring. **6 Glenmore Rd. PADDINGTON 61-2-9380-7775, kirrilyjohnston.com/shop**

8. Kit Mellow and inviting, this beauty emporium offers a panoply of hard-to-find grooming goods from around the globe. The house brand features beachy products: sheer lip balm, body lotion packed with skin-conditioning extracts from obscure Australian

plants, and nail polish ingeniously custom-blended to match your Havaianas. **140 Oxford St. PADDINGTON 61-2-9360-7711**

9. Ksubi We swear by the jeans from this label—they kick-started the craze for Australian denim and are largely responsible for the advent of the skinny-leg silhouette. **16 Glenmore Rd. PADDINGTON 61-2-9361-6291**

10. Parlour X The traditional Australian home is referred to as a “terrace,” and these graceful, iron-balconied dwellings look more French Quarter New Orleans than suburban Sydney. Retailers have begun converting these historic habitats into stores, and Parlour X is the most outstanding example, with picks from Viktor & Rolf, Luella, and Hussein Chalayan. **213 Glenmore Rd. PADDINGTON 61-2-9331-0999**

11. Roof on Fire This airy space is a consignor for upstart brands, which range from Pete Versus Toby (a collective that produces psychedelic board shorts) to Milk & Honey (responsible for bold color-block dresses), and each designer rents out a rack by the month. **461 Oxford St. PADDINGTON 61-4-9357-3419**