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## RETAIL THERAPY

ASPENX FLAGSHIP BY  
ROWLAND+BROUGHTON

To a portfolio that ranges from spectacular private residences to a thoughtful exhibition at this year's Venice Biennale of Architecture, Aspen-based design firm **Rowland+Broughton** recently added a chic retail experience at the base of Aspen Mountain. Conceived in collaboration with Aspen Skiing Company and Cinco Design, the **AspenX** flagship store at Gondola Plaza showcases premium performance wear against a slick backdrop of ebonized-oak cabinetry and bleached-oak seating. Overhead, a dropped ceiling comprising thin beams of extruded aluminum creates a sense of openness, while underfoot lies a bespoke geometric carpet in tones of black, gray and "Herbert Bayer Blue"—a nod to the design visionary who was instrumental in the town's postwar revitalization. A Neolith bar invites visitors to linger over drinks, savory bites and Ladurée macarons after shopping or while arranging rentals of top-tier bikes and skis, rounding out this stylish base camp for adventures on the mountain. [aspenx.com](http://aspenx.com)

## ON VIEW

"JUSTIN FAVELA:  
VISTAS IN COLOR"

In June, community members gathered at the Denver Botanic Gardens to help install the floor-to-ceiling, site-specific installation that's now wrapping the entire ellipse-shaped Bonfils-Stanton Gallery in vivid color this summer. Titled "Justin Favela: Vistas in Color" and on display through the end of September, the mural uses a familiar material in an unexpected way: In his signature style, Las Vegas-based Mexican American artist Justin Favela painstakingly placed myriad strips of delicate piñata tissue paper to create an abstract landscape. Inspired by the artist's road trips across the United States and Mexico and by desert imagery painted on low-rider cars, the composition immerses viewers in a vibrant Western world while sparking conversations about the region's communities, cultures and history. [botanicgardens.org](http://botanicgardens.org)



RETAIL THERAPY PHOTOS: SHAWN O'CONNOR. ON VIEW PHOTO: JUSTIN FAVELA, POPOCATEPÉTLE IZTACCHUATL VISTAS DESDE ATLIXCO, AFTER JOSÉ MARÍA VELASCO, PAPER, GLUE AND CARDBOARD, 2015. PHOTO BY MIKAYLA WHITMORE.





## CHECK IN

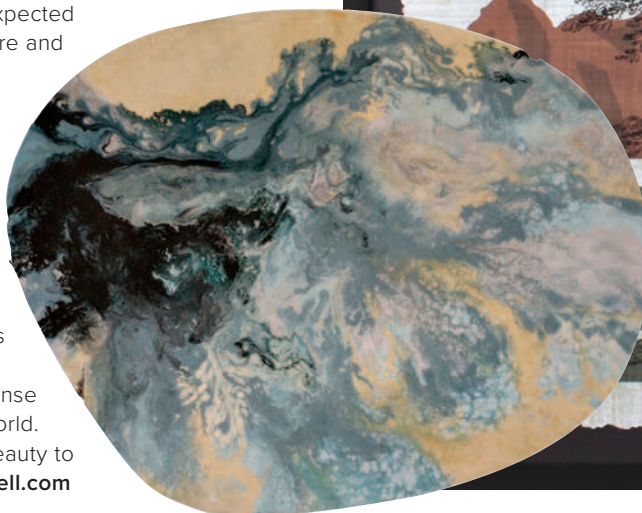
### THE BENSON HOTEL AND FACULTY CLUB

A new boutique hotel in the heart of Aurora's Anschutz Medical Campus and Fitzsimons Innovation Community may have been designed with the needs of a healthcare hub in mind, but its elevated style promises to attract guests from much farther afield. Imagined by Denver's Tryba Architects and Los Angeles-based firm Avenue Interior Design, The Benson Hotel and Faculty Club captures "the rugged natural beauty of the mountains and the vast open spaces of the plains," says Denise Pan, Avenue's director of design and projects. Guest rooms, suites and extended-stay apartments show off four distinct design themes: "Campus" channels the aesthetics of classic British universities with its parquet wood floors, deep-blue wainscoting and dark-walnut furniture; "Plains" evokes fields of grain with oak floors and a soothing tallgrass wallpaper motif; "Mountain" cozies up in leathers, hides and warm wood tones; and "Garden" offers the delicate touch of tufted headboards and lush layers of botanical patterns. [thebensonhotel.com](http://thebensonhotel.com)

## LAUNCH

### THE BODE & WELL COLLECTION BY ANGELA HARRIS

At last spring's High Point Market, Denver-based multihyphenate designer Angela Harris expanded the growing assortment of home goods gathered under her Bode & Well brand. The new Bode & Well Collection by Angela Harris comprises 43 wall art pieces—produced in collaboration with wall decor manufacturers Paragon and Propac—influenced by her interest in the connection between neuroscience and nature. "The artworks are playful and elegant, layered with unexpected elements and inspired by nature and wonder," says Harris, whose pursuit of a master's degree in sustainable design inspired her passion for mindful projects powered by science and technology. From block print-style landscape diptychs to vintage botanicals, charcoal figure drawings and surrealist photo collages, the line utilizes biophilic concepts and visual complexity to elicit viewers' sense of connection to the natural world. And it's sure to add organic beauty to rooms of all styles. [bodeandwell.com](http://bodeandwell.com)



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LAUNCH PHOTOS: COURTESY THE BODE & WELL COLLECTION BY ANGELA HARRIS.





## BLUEPRINT

### CIRQUE RESIDENCES AT VICEROY SNOWMASS

Near Snowmass' buzzy base village, the Viceroy Snowmass hotel recently debuted Cirque x Viceroy, a new slope-side tower addition comprising two- and three-bedroom residences as well as four-bedroom penthouses. Here, open floor plans are cozied up with an elevated rustic look: Light-wood floors and millwork, natural stone and blackened-steel accents mingle with sophisticated furnishings in warm woods, leathers and wools. Broad window walls invite the high-country landscape inside while a host of hotel services and amenities—from housekeeping to ski valets—makes it easy for residents to maximize time spent on the mountain. [cirqueviceroy.com](http://cirqueviceroy.com)



## ON THE HUNT

JESS KNAUF



What drives Denver designer Jess Knauf's eclectic style? A passion for color, textiles and unique details. "There are fabulous vendors here who will customize anything to your specifications," she says, "so why pick a standard side table when you could have it lacquered in a custom color or upholstered in leather, wallpaper or fabric?" Here, she shares three of her go-to local sources with *Luxe*. [jessknauf.com](http://jessknauf.com)

### FOR ANTIQUES

Eron Johnson Antiques is a treasure trove that offers a vast collection of pieces with varied styles and pedigrees. After my first year in business, I congratulated myself by buying my first piece of "grown-up" furniture there—a stunning bone-inlay table with a scalloped edge (right).



### FOR TIMELESS UPHOLSTERY

My designs tend to be eclectic and textile-forward, but still carry a traditional, timeless continuity. To achieve that sensibility, I often turn to Design Wright Studios in RiNo, which has a fully customizable upholstery line called DWS Collection that has found its way into almost every project I have done (left). The quality is superior, the details gorgeous—and they have beautifully executed every over-the-top idea I've ever had.



### FOR CUSTOM TOUCHES

Artist Mimi Finn of Wall Creations by Mimi can do anything from painting an English garden mural on a nursery wall to faux-finishing switch plates to match a marble backsplash. Mimi has refinished countless furnishings for me (see wardrobe at right), including a vintage Ming-style cabinet in a unique finish inspired by a little scrap of Brunswick & Fils zebra velvet I had been holding onto for years.

