## FAITH'S SPRING FASHION FOCUS

Spring Thaws Bring out the Chic.



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he winter may have been

challenging for city dwellers, but it hasn't stopped them shopping, or new ultra-luxe retailers and designers from staking their claim in the world's greatest city. The major boulevards are busier than ever with new retailers bringing style around the city, while **Michael Kors** and **Marc Jacobs** fight for domination!

On Magnificent Madison Avenue, JM Weston has debuted at 600 Madison Avenue. Agent Provocateur's fine and intriguing lingerie has come to 675 Madison. Hermès has temporarily set up shop at 703 Madison Avenue while its flagship is under renovation. Hublot Genève has joined the other titans of timepieces on the avenue at 692. Even as he takes over Bleecker Street, Marc Jacobs also will head uptown to 726 Madison.

On Fabulous Fifth Avenue, Equinox Sports
Club's latest unit is at 521 Fifth. Macy's Bar
III pop-up showcases a youth-oriented line
at 156 Fifth. Ann Gish's linens will be found
at 150 Fifth. After opening units elsewhere in
Manhattan, Michael Kors is finally coming to
Rockefeller Center at 610 Fifth, just across the
road from Saks. Godiva's pop-up boutique at
650 Fifth will become permanent. Lacoste will
renovate and expand its branch at 608 Fifth.

In Scintillating Soho, Gap has opened its 1969 brand exclusive denim at 513 Broadway. Canadian brand Aritzia is now open at 524 Broadway. Italian bootmaker Fiorentini + Baker, which opened a pop-up store at 54 Mercer Street for the holidays, has now moved in permanently. Helmut Lang has relocated corner of Mercer and Spring, adding Theysken's Theory to its mix. MAC opened its Wonder Woman pop-up at 109 Spring, two doors down from its previous location at 113 Spring. Mulberry's first U.S. flagship store will come to SoHo, at 134 Spring, this summer. James Perse's pop-up at 60 Mercer will become permanent shortly. Tomasella USA's first Manhattan location will be at 32 Greene St. Outerwear retailer **Barbour** signed for its second Manhattan location at 123 Wooster Street. **Brandy** Melville's apparel, hailing from Italy and adored by LA, is now here in the East Coast at 83 Spring Street. Alexander

**Wang** has finally opened his flagship at 103 Grand Street.

In the Wonderful West Village, Nars rolled out the red carpet at 413 Bleecker. Marc by Marc Jacobs marks (pun intended) its 10th anniversary by opening a pop-up in Little Marc's space at 382 Bleecker (yes, he is everywhere). Parisian A.P.C.Specials at 92 Perry Street shortly will be joined by A.P.C. (proper) with complete women's and men's contemporary at 267 West 4th Street.

In the *Meatpacking District*, at the Highline, 819 Washington Street has been filled by **Improvd** (by former Diesel designer and the people behind the NoHo jeanshop Atrium). **Intermix** joins the scene at 812 Washington Street. **Bond No. 9's** fine perfumes will freshen 863 Washington Street.

And that's just the beginning of what will be a blockbuster spring and summer!

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Happy Spring & Happy Shopping!

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