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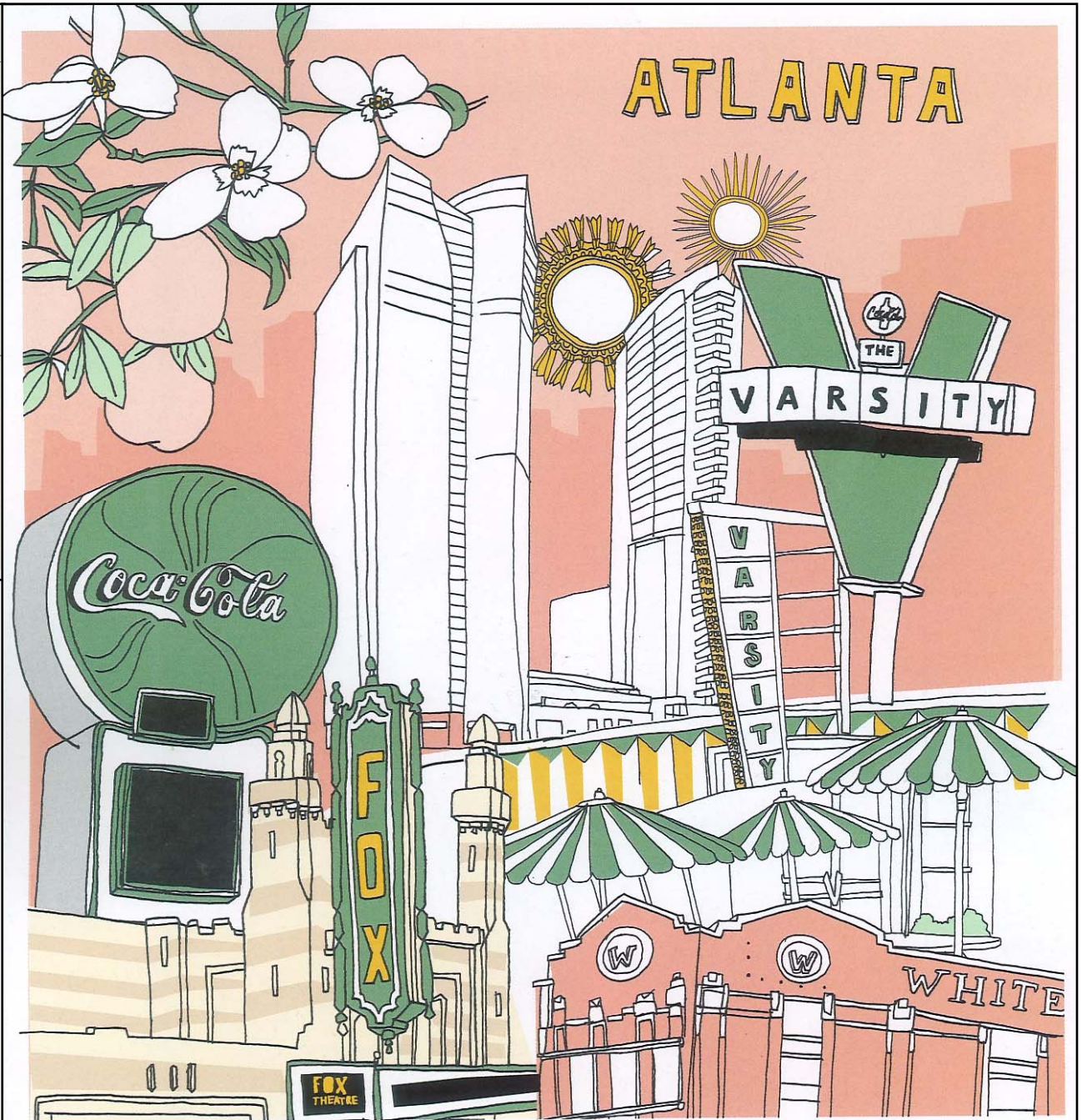
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What's Hot Now!

AS *AH&L* EDITORS CONTINUALLY COMB THE METROPOLIS and scout its hidden corners, we find one fact hard to ignore: Atlanta design is constantly evolving, with neighborhoods expanding and businesses burgeoning at every juncture. Already home to AmericasMart, ADAC, Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport, Turner Broadcasting and 14 Fortune 500 companies, Atlanta is quickly gaining esteem with global travelers, luxury brand flagships and international design authorities drawn to our city's vibrancy, originality and Southern hospitality. As tastemakers infiltrate developing design districts and refresh our most frequented shopping haunts, they beget a steadfast flow of new shops, showrooms and seemingly perpetual restaurant debuts. Here, we cut through the chaos to reveal the latest and greatest of local design revolutions and why you should take notice.

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Spa Sentio's swank pedicure stations

INDULGENT BEAUTY

During the course of his high-profile career, Atlanta native Max Sanchez went the distance as a hairstylist, landing top stints at Las Vegas' Wynn Hotel, Los Angeles' Beverly Hills Hotel, Miami's Delano Hotel and several Ritz-Carlton properties before returning home to open *Spa Sentio*—along with brother Chris and cousin Holly Osias—at the Westside Provisions District in May. Designed with a sexy, chic, white-hot aesthetic, its interiors double as a canvas for a rotating selection of art from nearby Solomon Projects—including the likes of Joe Walters, Kathryn Refi and David Humphrey—while a colorful nail polish-drip mural by Scott Ingram (see cover) smartly camouflages the door to the treatment rooms. The space is anchored by a serpentine manicure table, crafted from reclaimed wood and iron by Decatur-based blacksmith Jason Smith, and features luxe pedicure bowls that Sanchez describes as “the Bentleys of pedicure stations.” Clients submerge their feet comfortably from gilded Louis XV French bergère armchairs that have been reupholstered in bright white Sunbrella fabric, companions to the stunning settee that greets guests upon arrival. For a real indulgence, the 24K gold facial, enhanced by revolutionary Gamma technology, is said to create incomparably radiant skin. Spa Sentio (which means to feel, perceive and experience) has the local exclusive on Sundari skincare products while Niko, a favorite of Hollywood stars, is the makeup of choice. Wedding services and bachelorette parties are specialties of the house, and if you're seeking a senior hair stylist, Sanchez and Osias still wield their shears at the adjacent Dragonfly Salon. 1170 Howell Mill Rd., Suite 102, Atlanta 30318. (404) 733-1820; spasentio.com —K.A.

STYLE SHIFT

AVA is bringing custom, American-made furniture to Atlanta via its new retail

showroom at the Westside Provisions District. Shifting the design aesthetic to a clean, modern look, the company's new line—launching later this month—will feature pieces with architectural wood detailing. AVA has also recently been named the exclusive Atlanta partner of Eco Fiber Rug Company, which offers handmade, GoodWeave-certified, organic fiber rugs from Nepal. 1100 Howell Mill Road, Suite 150, Atlanta 30318. (404) 607-1700; avadesign.com —B.D.

AVA's Luxe Sofa



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EXCEPTIONAL OFFERINGS

Featuring a number of chic furniture lines that are new and exclusive to Atlanta, tastemaker Ryan Hughes' new design showroom, *R Hughes*, is a breath of fresh air in the local design community. Located in the Westside Provisions District, R Hughes offers many collections based in California and Europe, including the Helene Aumont Collection, Coup d'Etat Antiques & Industrials, Jiun Ho, Marcall Designs and Ochre. 1170 Howell Mill Road, No. 315, Atlanta 30318. (404) 607-8877; r-hughes.com —C.S.



The new R Hughes showroom

NEW TRADITIONS

Highlighting its trademark “new traditional” style, *Maison Atlanta* carries exclusive lines from Polidor, Selva, Bolier & Company, Lillian August, Christopher Guy and Fine Art Lamps. With visionary vignettes and design services available, Maison brings the ultimate home furnishings shopping experience to Atlanta. 1100 Howell Mill Road, Suite 170, Atlanta 30318. (404) 892-3553; maisonatlanta.com —B.D.

RUSTIC MODERN

Environment Furniture

launched its gorgeous Era collection this season. (Picture the same organic charm and brilliant patina of the usual Environment piece but at a lower price point.) A long-time champion of artistic and evolving style, Atlanta's Westside is the perfect fit for this contemporary store's sleek, eco-conscious designs. Next up for Environment is the fun and quirky e'pack collection. Featuring light and compact seating and even planters, the new line will be available later this year. 1170 Howell Mill Rd., Suite P-18, Atlanta 30318. (404) 815-1488; environmentfurniture.com/atlanta —S.B.



A NEW LEAF

A futuristic hydroponic plant wall contrasts with exotic succulents, antiques and local artists' works at *Garden*, landscape designer Matthew Klyn's new storefront at the Westside Provisions District. Doubling as a gift shop and design headquarters, Garden champions an organic modern aesthetic that

works beautifully for urban settings. Most of the plants Klyn selects are low maintenance, so there's minimal pruning or irrigation required, and design services vary widely in both cost and scope, running the gamut from something as simple as a front door path to a complex rooftop garden. Don't miss the on-site vintage Ford truck (which he calls “Lucy”) that's used to transport plants to and fro. 1168 Howell Mill Rd., Atlanta 30318. (404) 941-9154; gardenatl.com —K.A.

TALK ABOUT VISION

Former Jerry Pair & Associates antiques director *Crawford Bray* can see the beauty in overlooked objects. In June, he opened his own booth at 14th Street Antiques Market, where