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KRISTIE STREICHER

BROW EXPERT/FOUNDER, KRISTIE STREICHER BEAUTY BAR

When I'm ready to splurge on some pampering, I head to the Hotel Bel-Air Spa by La Prairie (310.909.1681). The grounds are exquisite and I love the La Prairie products.

I can't live without facials at Biba (310.770.5831). The owner is wonderful and will get to the bottom of your skin problems. She once gave me a printed list of all ingredients that are pore-clogging that you would have never expected. She also does Reiki.

Every Angeleno should know about Korean spas. Wi Spa (213.487.2700) is my favorite. I love the thermal therapy and body scrubs.

THE PAINT IS still drying at The Langham Huntington, Pasadena's completely renovated Chuan Spa, an all-in-one wellness spot featuring treatments inspired by traditional Chinese medicine, as well as the latest skin-care technology, a fitness center and a salon. It's the latest unveiling in a bevy of new beauty arrivals, including Melrose Place's Violet Grey, a petite boutique boasting skin-care and cosmetic lines handpicked by Hollywood's top makeup artists and stylists. On Melrose Avenue, Benjamin with Negin Zand salon has debuted its adjoining Selects Apothecary featuring international beauty brands discovered by founders Benjamin Mohapi and Genavieve Lynch during their jet-setting jaunts. Australian body- and hair-care line Aesop has also made a splash with storefronts in both downtown L.A. and Venice, where it rubs shoulders with French vinotherapy line Caudalíe's first West Coast boutique spa. L.A. has also added several noteworthy hairstyling destinations to its roster, including Ramirez Tran Salon in Beverly Hills, which unites the talents of colorist Johnny Ramirez and stylist Anh Co Tran under one roof. Meanwhile, Aveda guest artist Jon Reyman and seasoned color pro Christine Thompson have set up shop on West 3rd Street with their tress-taming spot, Spoke & Weal. The same stretch is also home to celebrity stylist Lionel Renard's eponymous flagship, where clients sip on Champagne as they indulge in services including organic hair treatments, hair extensions, makeup and more. Studio City is putting its best face forward thanks to express-facial spot Face Haus (soon to open a West 3rd Street location) and Marianne Kehoe Skin Studio, beloved by A-listers for its signature collagen-firming and deep-cleaning galvanic treatments. And when it comes to nails, local beauty buffs trust Côte to get their tips in top shape with manicures and pedicures using the salon's in-house eco-friendly polish lines.—*L.M.*

Spoke & Weal on West 3rd Street. Above: Top-shelf products at Violet Grey on Melrose Place

Aesop 1504 1/2 Abbot Kinney Blvd., Venice, 424.272.9882; 862 S. Broadway, downtown, 213.265.7487 **Caudalíe** 1416 Abbot Kinney Blvd., Venice, 310.450.3560 **Chuan Spa** The Langham Huntington, Pasadena, 1401 S. Oak Knoll Ave., Pasadena, 626.585.6414 **Côte** 11714 San Vicente Blvd., L.A., 310.820.0906 **Face Haus** 12332 Ventura Blvd., Studio City, 855.550.4287; 8377 W. 3rd St., L.A. **Lionel Renard Hair Salon** 8113 W. 3rd St., L.A., 323.782.1397 **Marianne Kehoe Skin Studio** 4383 Tujunga Ave., Studio City, 818.509.0384 **Ramirez Tran Salon** 8912 W. Olympic Blvd., Beverly Hills, 310.724.8167 **Selects Apothecary** 8908 Melrose Ave., West Hollywood, 424.249.3296 **Spoke & Weal L.A.** 8211 W. 3rd St., L.A., 323.591.0979 **Violet Grey** 8452 Melrose Place, L.A., 323.782.9700

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: STEVEN SIMKO; LAURE JOLIET FOR VIOLET GREY; COURTESY SPOKE & WEAL