



# MODERN SOPHISTICATION

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**THE PLACE:** Located in the heart of Ottawa's Wellington Village, **Alteriors Contemporary Furniture** is a showcase of contemporary design. Three years ago, husband and wife team Jacob Visutskie and Monika Durczak decided to follow their passion for interior design and purchased the store from its previous owner. While the store's focus on modern design hasn't shifted, the source of many of the products has. Now with a primary focus on furnishings from top Canadian manufacturers as well as pieces from some internationally renowned companies, the store has plenty to offer those seeking sleek, sophisticated furniture and décor. "There was a time when you would have to source pieces you would see in magazines elsewhere," says

Monika. "You would have to go to Toronto or Montreal. We wanted to bring those options to people here."

**THE STYLE:** Sleek, modern, comfortable furniture in leather, wood, glass and more. Jacob says when it comes to selecting pieces for the showroom, they go beyond the safe and expected. "We like pushing the envelope a bit and taking a little bit of risk," he says. The store also carries sophisticated lighting and décor options to add that special touch to a living space. They also offer a design consultation service for those who need a hand blending new pieces with existing furnishings.

**WHAT'S HOT:** When asked what's in style, Jacob and Monika

say they advise people to follow their own sense of personal taste. "Look at what appeals to you," says Jacob. "When you go home to your cave, you want it to be comfortable and you want to look around and enjoy what you see."

**FAVOURITES:** The fact that this store focuses on quality products from Canadian sources will make sense to the buyer with discerning taste who also wants to support his or her own economy. A stunning, deep set Bensen "Park" chair would make for a perfect place to curl up with a good book on a rainy spring day.

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