

Best of Home: Fab Four

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Room and Board.

Recession be damned...launchpads are still rolling into DC, and here's what and where you can find them.

Room and Board

With a nod to its streamlined Minnesota HQ, which is housed in an old car dealership, R&B's DC location will be in a former auto warehouse. Opening in spring, the retailer's sleek, simple designs bring a minimal aesthetic home.

1840 14th St., NW, roomandboard.com.

CB2

Crate & Barrel's younger, cooler sibling is rumored to be taking over the Central Union Mission at 14th Street. The DC mega-store would be one of seven new outposts for the company. Up for a June 2010 opening, expect brighter colors, sharper lines and more eco-friendly materials than its older counterpart.

1350 R St., NW, cb2.com.

Milano Group

As the sole American representative of several of Europe's top artisans, including Isella Cantu, Muebles Canella and the more contemporary Il Loft and Mangani, this showroom at the Washington Design Center has some of the chicest furniture around.

300 D St., SW, Ste. 601, milanogroupinc.com.

Arclinea

Calling all cooks: Italian kitchen manufacturer Arclinea has joined the panoply of sleek kitchen lines with ouposts in Georgetown. Staking out territory inside Poltrona Frau's cutting-edge showroom, the minimalist designs work beautifully with DC's ever-growing number of

Modernist homes.

1010 Wisconsin Ave., NW, Ste. 210, arclinea.it.

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