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French and feminine. Toward the back, you'll find silk slips and bodices with precious embellishments; that they'll come in handy for a night in goes without saying.

CALVIN KLEIN UNDERWEAR

150 Bloor St. W., Toronto, 416-413-0411, cku.com.

Calvin Klein underthings (sizes 32A to 38D, XS to L) are as good as ever. The three-year-old über-minimalist boutique allows vibrant colours and modern prints (some with patterned-mesh overlays) to stand out, while nude-toned bras and panties remain a forte. The Perfectly Fit and Five-Way bras (with invisible straps) are flattering everyday options, the Plunge does exactly that, and there's no shortage of seamless, laser-cut styles. Underwear in modal cotton and bamboo lives up to CK's legendary catchphrase.

LEGS PLUS & BRA BOUTIQUE

5867 Leslie St., Toronto, 416-497-2350, braboutique.com.

Owners and long-time friends Randi Szymkowicz and Rhonda Finkelstein joke, "We feel each other up the whole day." Which is another way of saying they've been having fun since they opened 25 years ago. Offering what they call the "bread and butter" of bras—sizes 28AA to 56L—these ladies pride themselves on being approachable, literally, as they'll gladly pull up their shirts so mothers and daughters alike can see how real bras look on real bodies. They offer recognizable lines such as Chantelle, Wacoal, Warner's and Wonderbra alongside Freya, Lejaby and Goddess. Don't miss the Bosom Buddy—a 44G bra that collects donations for various causes.

LINEA INTIMA

1925 Avenue Rd., Toronto, 416-780-1726, and three other Toronto-area locations, lineaintima.com.

Owner Liliana Mann is not a softie on sizing, especially given such a range: 32A to 44H. Whether through her newsletter, web site or in-store advice, she ceaselessly reveals the mistakes women commonly make and the easy solutions that will make us more comfortable. To wit, adding a nipple cover inside a lacy bra, easing pressure with shoulder cushions, or buying

two panties for every bra. An emphasis on instruction does not come at the expense of fashion: Selections from Empreinte, Prima Donna, Aubade, Lejaby, Chantelle and Simone Pérèle are among the best available. All locations specialize in mastectomy fittings; booking ahead is recommended.

LOVELY LINGERIE

7600 Weston Rd., Woodbridge, 905-850-4067.

Women who live north of the city's shopping nexus need not schlep downtown to pick up a pretty pick-me-up. For the past 12 years, owner Rose DeCarlo has attracted neighbourhood mothers and daughters. So it seems even more, well, fitting that her daughter Maria oversees much of the daily action. From special-occasion wear to everyday must-haves, a sampling of labels includes Freya, Empreinte, Prima Donna, Lejaby, Elixir and Marie Jo. Staying open until 9 p.m. on Thursdays allows shoppers to dash in before hitting the clubs or settling in for a romantic night.

MELMIRA BRA & SWIM BOUTIQUE

3319 Yonge St., Toronto, 416-488-3409, melmira.com.

Until recently, Melmira's selections of lingerie and swimwear were separated across Yonge Street. Now they've merged in a beautifully renovated space overseen by Melanie Heenan and her four daughters—call it a sweet 16th anniversary. Dark hardwood floors and white marble provide a sophisticated backdrop for bras from Ravage, Lejaby and Marie Jo, plus Fauve and Antinéa (sister lines of Fantasie and Lise Charmel), in sizes 28AA to 54J. Services, including customer "wardrobe cards" and mastectomy fittings, remain unchanged. Sixteen fitting rooms spread out over three storeys, elevator access and late weeknight hours (until 8 p.m., Tuesdays to Thursdays) are value-added gifts.

MISSBEHAV'N

650 Queen St. W., Toronto, 416-866-7979, missbehavn.com.

"Cum on in" is the sign on the door, but if you go on a Saturday, chances are you'll notice something far more enticing in the windows. Each week, »