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ha inaugurato il suo primo flagshipstore a **Kobe**, nella regione Kansai in Giappone





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Barneys New York in Kobe - Japan

## US specialty store retailer launches its first store in the Kansai region

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Barneys New York opened its first flaashin store in the Kansai region, and its fourth flaaship store in Japan. The department store occupies three floors with a total area of 2,800 sqm. The three existing Barneys New York stores are all located in the Tokyo area (Shinjuku, Yokohama and Ginza) and were designed by architects appointed by Barneys Inc. headquarters in the United States. For the Kobe store however: Barneus Japan commissioned GARDE to collaborate on the interior design, and consequently proposed the concept to its US headquarters. Under the direction of Barneys Japan's Creative Director Mr. Katsuhiko Tanigucki, GARDE's Senior Designer. Soichiro Matsuda "developed an interior design that reflects the brand's core concept while integrating the", qualities that characterize Kobe. For the Japanese, Kobe is a city which evokes images of affluence, westernization and open-mindedness. Furthermore, the new Barneys New York store is located in the more westernized part of town

popular amona foreigners. Bu incorporating the three elements that canture the essence of Kobe as well as the Barneus New York core concept of "Taste, Luxury and Humor", GARDE designed a new space for this store with its own unique character. A sculptured wall dominates the center of the façade, framed between two large display windows. Upon entering the shop, the space opens up into a wide area with a ceiling height of 5,4 meters, creating the impression of being in a bustling bazaar with bags, accessories, shoes and jewelry for women, accessories and eyewear for men. The women's wear area is located on the first floor which can be reached by a large curved staircase, while a sculpture marks the location of the staircase that leads to the mensucear department in the basement. On all three floors, the Barneys New York design concept is expressed in a chic "Classic & Modern" style. Mr. Taniguchi directed the design for the furniture, props and display based on this concept. The artwork, including the eye-catching sculptures, was created by John-Paul Philippé, Collectively, it's these elements that create the unique environment of the new Barneus New York Kobe store.



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