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The well-heeled will be clicking to **Linus Lounge**, the Euro-style shoe salon opening Tuesday, October 3, on the second floor of the red-brick house at 2724 Routh Street and offering some of the world's most avant-garde shoe designs by Rodo, Barbara Bui and more. Heads up: After this month, the shop goes appointment-only ... After you've had your shoe fix, head downstairs to **Kacky & Carl**, the ultra-chic, one-stop boutique newly opened on Routh, just off McKinney Avenue. They're stocking everything from cocktail dresses to men's gifts, artwork to antique furniture, one-of-a-kind jewelry to dog toys. On our last visit, we flipped for the vintage Vuitton luggage from an estate ... Design divas, rejoice! **Mecox Gardens**, purveyor of elegant home and garden furnishings and accessories, has come to town. The new storefront in the Knox-Henderson area (in the former Domestic Bliss space)

joins sister stores in posh locales such as Manhattan, L.A., Palm Beach and the Hamptons. Manager is **Tyler Sweatman** ... For furnishings inspired by everything from mid-century mod to European contemporary, check out **Lofty Concepts**, the new urban-oriented furniture and lighting shop on Dragon Street. Note: The angular, space-conscious couches and beds leave more room for shoes ... Come this December, we'll have yet another reason to celebrate in high style: **Oscar de la Renta** is set to open

its fifth freestanding U.S. store in NorthPark Center. The 3,149-square-foot wonderland will carry the complete ready-to-wear collection, plus handbags, jewelry and a shoe display that recalls a catwalk (*nous l'aimons!*). There will even be goods unavailable anywhere but in Oscar's stand-alone boutiques. *Regan Cumming*

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Maxine bootie by Scorah Pattullo at Linus Lounge