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## CHANGING ROOMS

PHILLIP AND LIZ CAPOCCHI'S UNIQUE NEW STORE FEELS LIKE A HOME AWAY FROM HOME

Walk inside new store Capocchi and you immediately feel like you've been transported to another time and place. Yet it is neither in the past or the present – it seems to be a unique place somewhere in between.

Created by well-known Melbourne antique dealers Phillip and Liz Capocchi and located at the site of Melbourne's first antiques market in Armadale's High Street district, Capocchi combines a sophisticated collector's sensibility with an eclectic touch.

“Capocchi is not an antiques store,” says Phillip. “It's a decorative retail concept that is in step with today's interiors, fusing the past with the present. What we offer is a complete solution for the discerning buyer.”

The experience of shopping here is made all the more pleasurable by the rabbit warren-like space – a series of beautiful rooms and vignettes where items are displayed as they would appear in a home. The back of the store is like an old-fashioned library, with bookcases, globes, a writing desk and deep armchairs. The theme of the central area changes often. When we visit, it's like a gentleman's club of a bygone era, with aged leather sofas, framed moth collections and hunting trophies.

All of the pieces, which range in age from the 1800s to present, have been selected for their unique appeal, resulting in a store that combines old-world charm with a modern vision. The Capocchis believe people want decorative items that have a history and story to them, as well as aesthetic interest.

Capocchi, 941-951 High Street, Armadale VIC (03) 9822 3700, [www.capocchi.com.au](http://www.capocchi.com.au).

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+ **Markt:** This Auckland gallery offers vintage modern European furniture from the 1940s to the 1970s, from designers such as Florence Knoll and Harry Bertoia. 3 Britomart Place, Auckland NZ +64 (0)9 307 0266, [www.markt.co.nz](http://www.markt.co.nz).

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