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**BEST-SELLERS**

*Brownes & Co.*  
Miami



"Bond No. 9 Chinatown's peony-and-tuberose scent is such a stunner that people buy two," says Brownes proprietor Nikki Mallon.

*SoLo*



Susanne Collective versions popular

**WHAT WOMEN BUY FOR MEN**



"Acqua di Parma Colonia, a conservative rosemary-yetivier combo, is quite affordable," Mallon says, "but reeks of loads of dollars."

**WHAT MEN BUY FOR WOMEN**



"The Agent Provocateur brand evokes such sensuality that the perfume literally has men salivating," Mallon says. "I've seen it at the counter myself!"

**PERFECT GIFT**



"Comme des Garçons Odeur 53's sand-dunes-and-metal aroma is unique and unisex," Mallon says. "It never disappoints."



"Ebba Miss Marisa is a knockout," Wright says. "It contains an unusual ingredient, mint, that delights the senses and dances with the water-lily note to make this perfume irresistible."

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From the company that created "the world's most expensive perfume," Clive Christian X suits the elite with its Egyptian jasmine essence.

"NellyRodi Scent Factory is an inspired idea," Robinson says. "It takes a core fragrance genre—oriental, for example—and creates eight interpretations around it."