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SALT CAVES
ARE THE
NEW SAUNAS

In the hierarchy of trendy wellness ingredients, pink Himalayan rock salt is the new charcoal—a purported cure-all said to promote relaxation and respiratory function while combatting skin conditions like acne and eczema. The salt cave at HOAME, a new meditation studio downtown, has a whole lot of it: more than five tons of pink Himalayan crystals lining the walls and piled on the

floor like sand on a beach. The practice of lounging in a salt cave, also known as halotherapy, dates back to ancient Egypt and has recently been lauded by modern-day Cleopatras like Gwyneth Paltrow. The jury's out on how well it works, but a few hours in a warm pink cave with a mug of tea and noisecancelling headphones: how bad could it be? 430 Adelaide St. W., 647-749-6036.



## BECAUSE EVERY PRODUCT CAN BE BESPOKE



THE MOISTURIZER
Blend and Boost is the
Goldilocks of moisturizers.
There are five options for a
cream base and a boatload of so-called boosters:
a blackcurrant-balloon
vine blend is said to nourish sensitive skin, for
example, while peptides
reduce redness. \$200.
Blendandboost.com.



THE CLAY MASK
At Subtle Green, users choose a base—activated charcoal-Brazilian clay for cleansing, seaweed-French clay for hydrating, and so on—then add vitamin or antioxidant infusions. Finally, they pick from scents like rose, jasmine or honeysuckle. \$93. Subtlegreen.com.



THE SERUM
Province Apothecary
customers answer a glut
of questions about their
problem areas, sun exposure, even menstrual
cycles, then leave with a
face serum made from
essential oils like rosehip,
sea buckthorn and pomegranate. \$146. 1518 Dundas
St. W., 647-479-4854.



THE HAIR CURE
The Function of Beauty
team includes two MIT
engineers who deal in
bespoke hair cures. A
customer with fine, curly
hair seeking anti-frizz and
shine, for example, might
get products infused
with acai oil, coconut and
tamarind extract. \$49.
Functionofbeauty.com.



THE PERFUME
The cultish brand Le Labo, beloved by Gwyneth Paltrow and Justin Bieber, will create a custom perfume on-site, blending scents like Santal 33 (musk, iris, cardamom, violet) and Thé Noir 29 (bergamot, fig, bay leaf and cedar). \$205. 876 Queen St. W., 416-531-3129.