

Tiffany & Co., the internationally renowned jeweller, today announced plans to open its first company-operated retail store in New Zealand. The store will be located in Auckland's Britomart, the city's premier's destination for luxury shopping and a prime heritage location.

The approximately 430 square metre store will occupy the entire ground floor of Australis House, at 36-38 Customs Street in Auckland, and is expected to open late 2016. Australis House, built in 1903, is Historic Places Trust Registered, and the interior is being carefully restored under the supervision of heritage architects to preserve and enhance its beautiful historic features.

"We are very excited to introduce Tiffany & Co. to New Zealand and launch with a magnificent store in Auckland," said Glen Schlehuber, vice president and managing director of Tiffany & Co. "We have many loyal Tiffany customers in New Zealand and have been looking to establish a presence for some time, and the location at Britomart is perfect. We look forward to welcoming everyone to experience our iconic jewellery collections, heritage and craftsmanship that have distinguished Tiffany for over 175 years."

The store's interior will feature archival motifs symbolic of Tiffany's great heritage of quality and design excellence. They include the colour Tiffany Blue, a symbol of luxury and style worldwide; polished stainless steel details with a wheat leaf pattern that frames the entrance of the jeweller's Fifth Avenue flagship store; marble and amazonite floors; and custom furnishings inspired by the stained glass works of Art Nouveau designer Louis Comfort Tiffany, son of the company's founder, Charles Lewis Tiffany.

Asia-Pacific represents Tiffany's greatest region for store expansion. Auckland will be Tiffany's first company-operated retail presence in New Zealand, complementing its current DFS trade partner location nearby. In addition, Tiffany & Co. maintains seven stores in Australia, one of which opened in 2014, as well as offers a selection of Tiffany & Co. merchandise for purchase in Australia through its website www.tiffany.com.au.

Tiffany is the internationally renowned jeweler founded in New York in 1837. Through its subsidiaries, Tiffany & Co. manufactures products and operates TIFFANY & CO. retail stores worldwide, and also engages in direct selling through Internet, catalog and business gift operations. For additional information, please visit Tiffany.com.