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HIGH-POWERED FASHION

One of Las Vegas' most influential retailers reveals her signature look.

MIRACLE MILE SHOPS' Wendy Albert is one executive with no interest in leaving her work at the office. "I like shopping centers so much that I can be found in them even on my days off," she says, "and when I travel." Albert moved to Las Vegas 10 years ago to accept her still-current position as senior director of marketing of the shops (then called Desert Passage), ready to embrace a unique challenge. "I handled the marketing for 10 other shopping centers prior to moving to Vegas," she says. "But I'd never worked at a mall that sees 74,000 people every day, has a target market of 37 million visitors that come to Vegas, or has a new group of customers every three days."



Wendy Albert

MY CLOSET: Is bursting at the seams, but I try to keep it organized so I can keep adding to it.

SIGNATURE LOOK: I'm a huge fan of form-fitting sheath dresses. They show off my curves and are a great base to display my shoe and accessory collections.

FAVORITE ACCESSORIES: Cocktail rings—the bigger and more sparkly, the better—and oversized watches, especially from Michael Kors.

I'M KNOWN FOR: My shoe collection. I love sky-high heels even though I'm tall and don't need them.

SECRET WEAPONS FOR SURVIVING A VEGAS SUMMER: Water and Desert Hydrating facials at Aquea Salis Spa at the JW Marriott.

FAVORITE DESIGNERS: Diane von Furstenberg, Robert Rodriguez, Michael Kors.

MY JEWELRY COLLECTION: Is comprehensive! I can't get enough—bangles, earrings, necklaces, rings, watches. And expensive is not the only way to go. I like pieces from everywhere—unique necklaces from Club Tattoo at Miracle Mile Shops, bracelets from H&M, rings from Swarovski.

LAST PIECE OF JEWELRY I BOUGHT: An onyx and marcasite cocktail ring from La Basilica Galeria, an amazing jewelry store in Barcelona.



FASHION ICON:

Rosalind Russell in the movie *Auntie Mame*. She was flamboyant, eccentric and dressed to please herself.

FAVORITE STORE: Nordstrom shoe departments are the happiest places on earth!

MUST-HAVE BEAUTY PRODUCTS: Clé de Peau Beauté Concealer, Bare Escentuals Buxom Big & Healthy Lip Polish in Dolly, MoroccanOil.

CHARITY CLOSEST TO MY HEART: Boys & Girls Clubs of Henderson. I love interacting with the kids and being involved with an organization that provides great programs that aid in the development of the children in our community.

MY MOTTO: "Give a girl the correct footwear and she can conquer the world."—Bette Midler

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