



# Hingetown, Cleveland

Once an independent municipality settled by immigrants from Ireland, Germany, and Hungary, Ohio City became part of Cleveland in 1854. More than 150 years later, local developers Graham Veysey and Mariko Shioiri-Clark moved into a section of the neighborhood full of disused historic buildings and dubbed it Hingetown, envisioning it as a “hinge” between two other sub-neighborhoods. It has since become a hub for creatives and independent entrepreneurs.



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## Luca's Barkery

Named for co-owners Tony Rini and Jennifer Bowling's dog, this pet boutique sells everything from animal apparel to homemade treats and custom doggie birthday cakes. Rini points out that Hingetown was the perfect spot for the store, which opened in 2022, since dogs “are everywhere you turn—especially with all the housing and the patios and businesses that are dog-friendly around here.”

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## Patron Saint

Set in a former tile showroom lined with dramatic archways, this European-inspired café serves coffee, spritzes, and vegetable-focused bites. “Hingetown was always at the top of my list,” says owner Marie Artale. “Luckily, I was able to find a landlord whose mission is to support small, local, brick-and-mortar entrepreneurs. I am so grateful to be part of such a vibrant neighborhood.”

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## Impossible Art Store

Fashion designers Aidan Meany and Jack Romer grew up together in the Cleveland suburb of Lakewood, and they founded this boutique and gallery not only to sell paintings, books, clothing, and jewelry, but also to provide a gathering space for local artists. “It was very intentional to put the space in Hingetown,” Meany says, “to highlight the most talented artists that Cleveland has.”

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## Larder Delicatessen & Bakery

Menu staples at Allie La Valle-Umansky and Jeremy Umansky's James Beard Award-nominated deli include the “adult Lunchables” charcuterie plate and pastrami made from local Angus beef rubbed in the Japanese fungal enzyme koji. “We let it hang out for a couple of days,” Umansky says, “then we spice it, smoke it, steam it off, and serve it in a wonderful sandwich.”

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## City Goods

The area's creative community comes together at this marketplace, which boasts 24 studios from artisans who make apparel, jewelry, and more. “The inspiration was to be able to give a home to local, small, handmade businesses,” says founder Sam Friedman. “Hingetown has been supporting what we're doing here—I can't imagine we could do this anywhere else.”

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## Amba

While looking for a space for an Indian restaurant a couple of years ago, celebrated chef Douglas Katz discovered this building, which fittingly had a mural of a tiger on its exterior. His small plates menu features items such as lentil donuts and ghee-basted shrimp, plus creative cocktails. The restaurant, Katz says, “allows people to experience these really intense flavors and a cool atmosphere.”