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What's the most underrated restaurant in Joburg – the one you almost don't want to share? Not underrated, but Pron, Glory and Akido all have my vote as I love Asian food; from street to fine dining! All three do flavours and great produce best.

Where do you go for your daily coffee fix, and what's your order? I have a wonderful machine at home, so you won't find me queuing for coffee anywhere really, but I do love Rue du Café in Hyde Park for the privacy and how much care they put into each order.

Name your favourite art, design or décor store/gallery that always sparks inspiration. We're opening kumalo | turpin soon, so that contemporary art space is currently sparking a lot of inspiration for me.

When you need a quick escape, what's your go-to weekend getaway close to the city? I hate to admit that I haven't been able to take much time off of late, but Magaliesburg is definitely where I'll look first. Perfect Hideaways has some great options.

Which local chef, artist, or creative do you think deserves more attention? I'll get into trouble if I name just one artist or creative, so let me talk about my friend Mpho Phalane of Food I Love You, whose food feels like a long hug from your favourite person you haven't seen in too long.

What's your favourite neighbourhood to wander, eat, shop, or people-watch in? There are a few... 44 Stanley in Milpark, The Bamboo Centre in Melville, and the Parks, including Rosebank, for all the galleries and creative visitors they attract.

Where do you take out-of-towners to impress them with Joburg's cool factor? The soon-to-open Nine Yards precinct in Parktown North is where I'll be taking visitors – it officially opens in February with a few shops soft-launching this side of the year.

What's your most-loved market, pop-up, or event that captures the spirit of the city? We've just finished Design Week South Africa in Joburg, and it soon moves to Cape Town. It's a celebration of everything that holds so much promise for our country's future! It's not just about product, but about reframing and rethinking how we live. It's only in its second iteration and already so energising to be part of.

Describe Joburg in three words that capture what it means to you. My creative home. It breaks my heart all the time, but this city has given so much to me.