

Melville's Afro-Zen motel

We love

the cheeky attitude of **Motel Mi Pi Chi (35A Fourth Ave, Melville. 011 726 8844)** – a perky “boutique motel”, as owner Nicky Rofail calls it, that makes many other spots in lively Melville pale in comparison.

The rough, rather masculine exterior brick wall and pink neon sign provoke intrigue, and you won't be disappointed.

Mi Pi Chi's clever interior is small but spacious. The clean, curvy lines and white backdrop give way to splashes of colour in the stylish mix of furniture, old and modern, and bold, quirky artwork.

It's a little bit African – vibrant linocuts by Mozambican artists – and



Quirky décor at Mi Pi Chi

a little bit Asian in its Zen-like approach. The rooms were designed with hip urbanites in mind.

Simple and smart space-age working areas with free wireless internet access meet faux fur spreads on large beds.

Talented architect Andrew Mankin

created an uncluttered environment so that guests can make the space their own.

Don't be surprised to find a jaunty bowl of Liquorice Allsorts, Smarties and Nik Naks waiting in your room.

From around R800 per night.

Fashion forward

Bradley Kirshenbaum's ninth range of limited edition Love Jozi T-shirts are all over the plugged-in set.

How many people work on Love Jozi?

Just me. I collaborate with designers, photographers and stylists. Two factories manufacture the garments and I handle the production and management myself.

Why T-shirts?

T-shirts are accessible, affordable, walking billboards for ideas.

Did you set out to promote Jo'burg?

No – I just portray the city as I experience it: sometimes sexy or dowdy, sometimes slick or gritty.

What's a hot design concept right now?

Personalisation and customisation



"Heartbreaker" by Love Jozi

– sophisticated production techniques have allowed us to print a relatively small amount of shirts and still make a profit.

Which words do you most over-use?

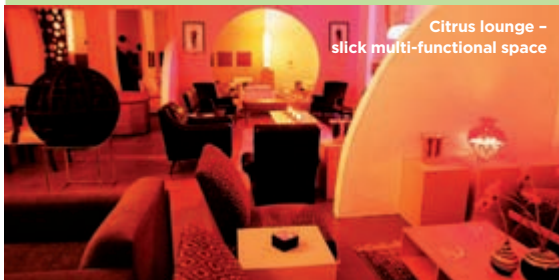
“Love” and “hate” are so abstract, and I am guilty of using them inappropriately.

Where do you hang out?

I eat at **Trabella (Galen House, Oxford Rd, Illovo. 011 442 0413)**, drink at **Berlin Bar (Seventh St, Melville. 011 482 9345)** and shop at **Dokter and Misses (44 Stanley Ave, Milpark. 082 952 7798)**.

Visit www.lovejozi.co.za.

HOT LIST



Citrus lounge – slick multi-functional space

SHANKARA This boutique is the exclusive stockist of sexy Israeli label, SugarDaddy. The ultra-stylish selection is updated every six to eight weeks.

Great streetwear and accessories put it at the top of the cool list.

BENMORE GARDENS SHOPPING CENTRE, BENMORE. 011 883 8580

CITRUS LOUNGE An enchanting one-stop props warehouse for the film and commercials industry and a super-hot, multi-functional venue catering to just about anybody who wants to throw a fabulous party or host a spectacular event. **38 ROGER ST, SELBY. 011 493 4887**

WONDERBOOM SHOPPING CENTRE Built amidst the beautiful Wonderboom Nature Reserve with escape from the

concrete jungle in mind, it's a relief to rest your feet along the banks of the Apies River. And don't be surprised if you spot wildlife grazing on the opposite side. **LAVENDER RD, WONDERBOOM, PRETORIA NORTH.**

THE FARMERS MARKET on the roof of The Bamboo Centre is happening on 1 November from 7am and the first Saturday of every month. Grocery shop and stock up on

naturally grown organic produce – humanely raised meats, handmade cheese, free-range eggs, fresh flowers, baked goods, wines ... It's all there. **53 RUSTENBURG RD, MELVILLE. 072 990 8800 OR 083 284 6226**

