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Interior designer Martin Kemp's month ahead in London

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The founder of Martin Kemp Design – famed for its ultra-luxury interiors – discusses his March plans, from tipping at The Connaught to shopping at Cromford Leather

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A WALK YOU ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO TAKING?

I always enjoy walking through the streets of the city at night or early on Sunday morning when all is calm. I usually start at Bank and thread my way through many of the old alleys and side-streets, taking in the juxtaposition of old and new, imagining the daily life that has taken place in the backstreets for hundreds of years.

A NEW BOOK YOU WANT TO READ?

I am fascinated by history and classic cars so something related to those subjects often grabs my inquisitive mind.

WHICH BARS WILL YOU BE VISITING?

I am fond of tipping in The Connaught as there is much glamour and lovely detailing to admire whilst sipping a Globetrotter.



WHICH CAFÉS?

The Regency on Regency Street in SW1 - think traditional formica, mugs of piping hot tea and a hearty builder's breakfast.

WHICH NEW RESTAURANTS?

Caravan Bankside - although not that new anymore - is a favourite of mine. It has a very interesting menu with stimulating combinations and unusual recipes.



ANY IN-THE-KNOW SHOPS YOU MIGHT GO TO ?

Cromford Leather on Chiltern St, classic men's coats and apparel with a subtle twist.

WHERE MIGHT YOU GET A LOVELY SPA FEATURE DONE - OR, WHERE DO YOU ENJOY GETTING FIT?

I train with Pal Nemeth and swim in a private pool close to my office in Victoria. I rarely use a spa unless I am on holiday, but I could easily be a regular in Teds Grooming Room in Lancaster Place for the occasional tidying.



YOUR FAVOURITE HIDDEN SPOT IN LONDON?

Vincent Square would be my ideal choice to make a home, peaceful, overlooking sports pitches and often as quiet as the countryside.

YOUR FAVOURITE LONDON BRAND AND WHY?

Bolongaro Trevor for their t-shirts, quirky cut, flattering fit and comfortable fabrics, what's not to like?

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