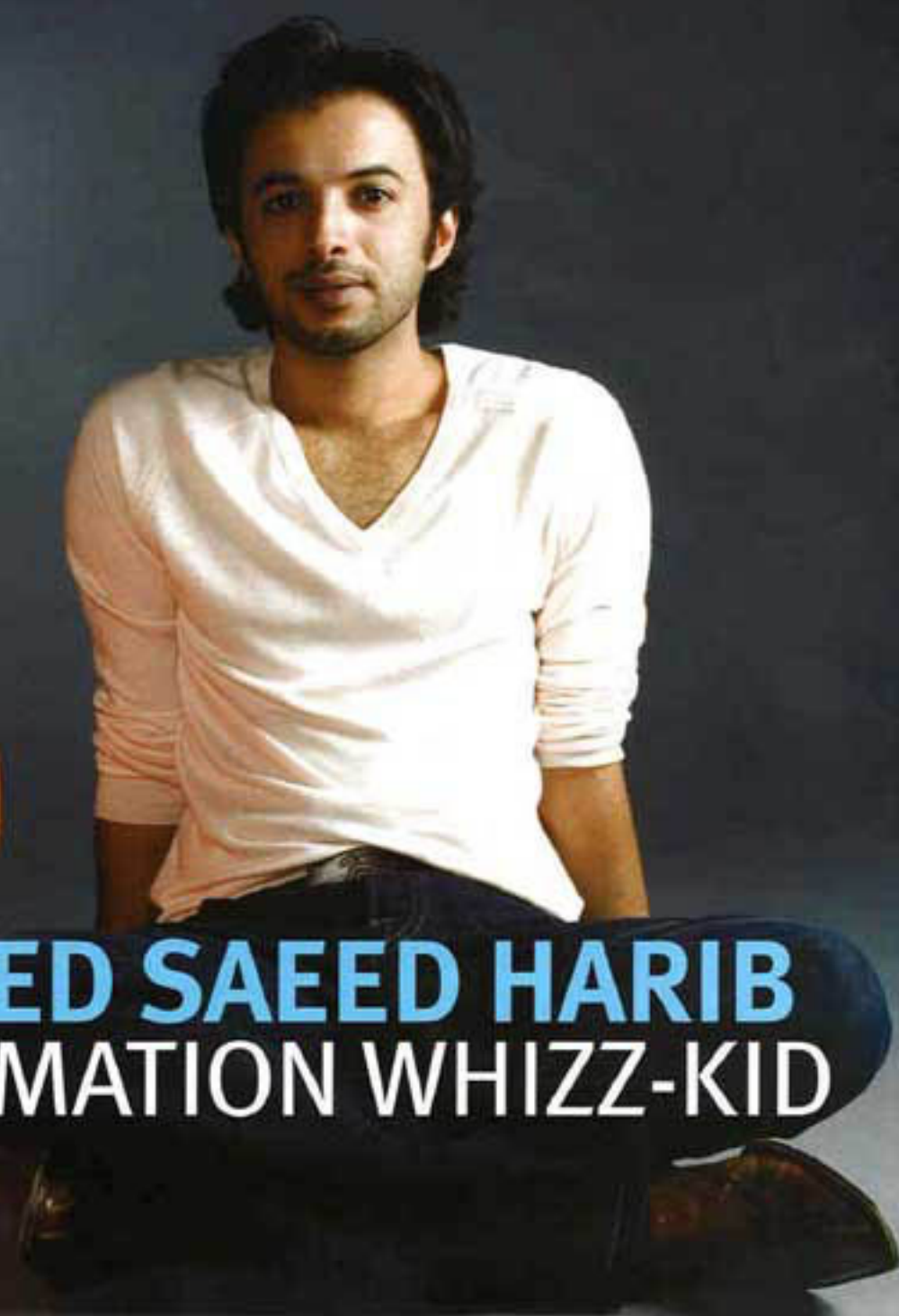


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## Emirates Towers, Boulevard

This is such a civilised way to shop. Take the back road and avoid the traffic, stay cool inside, enjoy some of the best brands Dubai has to offer, grab a coffee or choose from some great venues for lunch or dinner. My daughter, Jenna and I often hang out here and throw in a pedicure at the end of the day to soothe our tired feet. (04) 3198999



## Beit Al Bahar, Jumeirah Beach

Beit Al Bahar means 'house by the sea' and its alfresco dining area and bar has played host to countless birthdays and family celebrations for us. I have wonderful memories of talking late into the night on the terrace with family and friends in the shadow of the Burj Al Arab. (04) 3480000

## THEONE, Jumeirah

I love the collections because there's something for everyone. The kids can each design and furnish their own rooms in their own individual style – and I can get it all under one roof. My husband, Mohammed, likes to pray at the beautiful mosque next door and then heads upstairs to the coffee shop for an espresso ... or three. (04) 3456687



## Tigerlily, Wafi Mall

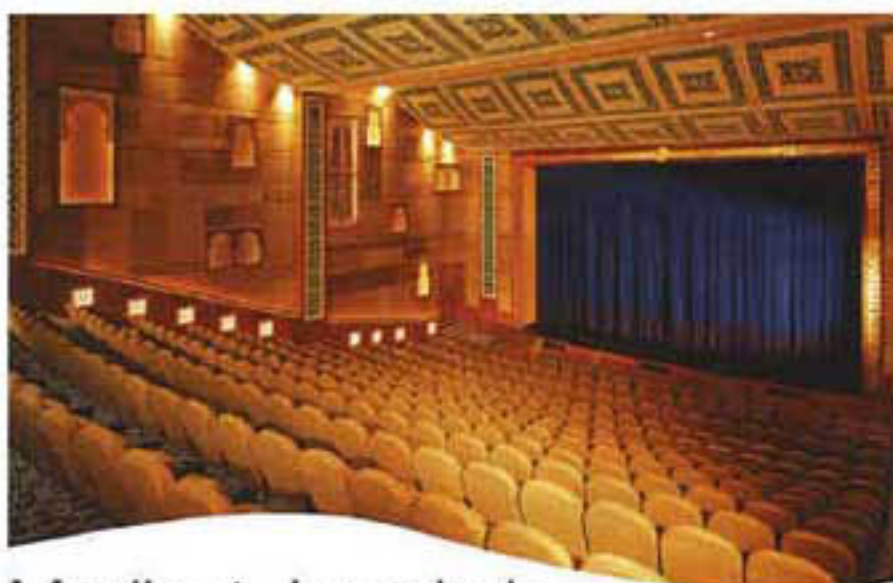
I've been a fan of Tigerlily and its lovely owner, Lena, since its launch in 2002 and love the fresh, hip feel of this wonderful boutique. Responsible for introducing fabulous brands like Chloe, Matthew Williamson and Gharani to Dubai, it's the first place I head to when I want something really cute and special. (04) 3248088

**Julie Powell,** owner of the Gold Salon at Al Attar Tower, shares her favourite places in Dubai.



## Marks & Spencer

I especially like the lovely new Dubai Festival City branch, just down the road from my home. I remember the first branch in Deira opening, and just hanging out there for hours on end without reason because it reminded me of being home in London. I always used to bump into all my English friends there – probably for the very same reason. Dubai Festival City branch, (04) 2066466



## Madinat Jumeirah and Mina A'Salam, Jumeirah

This is great for a charming afternoon out, especially if you have overseas guests. Wander around the shops and then head over to the Al Mona Restaurant at the hotel. My kids love the buffet here, and they always manage to get a ride on the abra before heading home. Last Christmas eve we took our four children to the pantomime at the Madinat Theatre – it was fabulous for both kids and adults and we are already looking forward to this year's event. (04) 3668888



## The Palm, Jumeirah

Although not yet complete, it's breathtakingly beautiful and once you get out onto the fronds just a couple of kilometers offshore, it's unbelievably peaceful and tranquil. Sitting on the beach, listening to the lapping waves, staring back at the hustle and bustle of New Dubai at sunset is amazing.