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## WORD OF MOUTH



### THE FASHION DESIGNER

*Istanbul-born Zeynep Tosun launched her label in 2008 and shows at London and Istanbul Fashion Weeks*

'Inspiration and creativity is everywhere in Turkey. In a village in Anatolia, for example, one of the ladies who does my embroidery had a beautiful carpet hanging on the wall.

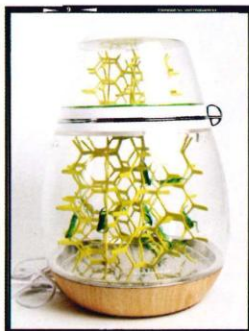
Her mother had made it. In Istanbul, Self Estate and Building are brilliant boutiques that support emerging designers.

And I like Midnight Express because of its beautiful Turkish collection and jewellery – everything from bold costume pieces to minimalist Perspex designs.

My favourite neighbourhood is Karaköy, which has lots of cool bars and hosts the monthly Souq Karaköy, a festival-like market where you can find upcoming designers and delicious food.'



Top, Turkish designer Zeynep Tosun and favourite hangouts Souq Karakoy, above, and boutique Self Estate, top left



Two Biennial creations: Lepsis, for breeding edible insects, above; Bless No.41 Workout Computer, left



### THE CURATOR

*Zoë Ryan oversees the 2nd Istanbul Design Biennial, which runs across the city from 1 November to 14 December*

'This year's theme is 'The Future Is Not What It Used To Be' and there are lots of impressive projects. Architects Cenk Dereli and Yeltra Köm are hosting a radio show looking at design in everyday life and don't miss the events at SALT, one of the best art spaces in Turkey.

Away from the Biennial, I love tea on the terrace of the Istanbul Modern museum with its incredible Bosphorus views. Yeni Lokanta restaurant serves terrific contemporary Turkish food and is lined in beautiful tiles with aubergines painted on them. Then there's Gram, a café owned by Didem Şenol, one of the most brilliant chefs in Turkey. She rethinks Anatolian cuisine in a modern way with exquisite results.'

# DESIGN OF THE TIMES

With Soho House set to launch and the Biennial underway, Istanbul is fizzing with creative energy.

Here three insiders give us the lowdown



Left: Münferit and, above, its dish of calamari on black couscous. Bottom, Sunset Grill & Bar

### THE COCKTAIL CONNOISSEUR

*Tom Kerr heads up Soho House bars across Europe: its 13th House opens in Istanbul's Beyoğlu neighbourhood this winter*

'Istanbul will have the biggest Soho House yet with eight bars including one on the rooftop. It's in a former palazzo with lots of period details, historic paintings and a grand winding staircase. The city inspires me so much: it's international yet has a strong sense of local culture. We're incorporating that into our cocktails, with herbs and spices from the Grand Bazaar and ingredients such as pomegranate, mint and rosewater. I love the Sunset Grill & Bar for the best views and La Petite Maison in Nişantaşı for its Mediterranean menu and terrace dotted with olive trees. But my favourite is the bohemian-style Münferit, which serves Turkish-inspired food and amazing cocktails.'

