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WHAT DO YOU THINK IS YOUR BEST QUALITY? *J'ai de vivre and sense of humour. My friends tell me I'm very easy to talk to and I get the same kind of feedback from my patients. I think coming from rural Quebec, where everyone speaks to each other, and spending time in France has helped me to become a genuinely friendly person.*

WHAT'S YOUR FAVOURITE PASTIME? *Living and working in the Fashion District allows me the luxury of visiting local art galleries, spas and good restaurants. I am also an avid photographer, but I would have to say cooking and entertaining family and friends at home are the most enjoyable.*

WHAT WOULD YOUR IDEAL VACATION BE? *Shopping in Paris, going to the Louvre, biking through the south of France enjoying the countryside, strolling vineyards and sampling good food and wines.*

IF YOU WEREN'T IN YOUR CURRENT PROFESSION, WHAT WOULD YOU BE DOING? *Living the life of a writer or actor on the left bank of the Seine in*

Paris, or maybe I'd own a restaurant in the South of France. I love studying cultures and languages. I'm presently working on Spanish to prepare for my trip south.

WHO'S YOUR FAVORITE DESIGNER? *I like to support young Canadian talent, such as D'SquarE, Dolce and Farley Chaps. It's modern, trendy and hip. I also admire French designers like YSL (Yves St Laurent) and Jil Sander (Jean-Paul Gaultier) for their artistic genius and elegance.*

IF YOU COULD CHANGE ANYTHING ABOUT YOURSELF, WHAT WOULD IT BE? *I'm a perfectionist and tend to hyper-focus on detail, which is great for clients but can be hard on me. My goal is to give some of my time and surgical skills to help children with congenital birth defects in South America and Russia.*

WHAT KIND OF CAR DO YOU DRIVE? *Because I live close to my clinic, roller skating or riding my bike is my favourite mode of transportation. It's practical, gives me a sense of freedom and being and a great workout. However, my favorite car has to be the 1987 Mercedes SL40.*

IF YOU WERE STUCK ON A DESERT ISLAND, WHAT THREE THINGS WOULD YOU TAKE WITH YOU? *The lovely, outstanding and talented British celebrity chef, Stella Lewson, food and wine.*

IF A MOVIE WAS MADE OF YOUR LIFE, WHO WOULD YOU CHOOSE TO PLAY YOUR PART? *Johnny Depp. He would appreciate my love of the French lifestyle.*

IF YOU COULD HAVE DINNER WITH THREE FAMOUS PEOPLE, WHO WOULD YOU CHOOSE? *The French singer, Edith Piaf, Daniel Libeskind, architect for the Grand Zoo Museum Foundations and the Royal Ontario Museum Expansion, and Thorin Soren, celebrity.*

WHAT ACCOMPLISHMENTS ARE YOU MOST PROUD OF IN YOUR LIFE? *Setting up my own cosmetic clinic, VISAGE, felt very good but I'm still young so there's a lot more to come. But if you asked my patients, they would probably say it was my winning the F.M. Woodhouse Clinical Research Award, the highest distinction at the annual meeting of the Canadian Society of Plastic Surgeons.*