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FACE TIME

Born in Geneva to a renowned Swiss dermatologist, **Ada Polla** moved stateside in 1995 to attend Georgetown University before launching plant-based skincare line Alchimie Forever (alchimie-forever.com) in 2004. She globalized the brand at 25 and now, at 40, she has a beauty empire behind her and all of DC at her fingertips. "I fell madly in love with this amazing city," she says. "Above all, I love the smart, entrepreneurial women who call DC home." This month—and just in time for fall trips abroad—Polla introduces travels sizes for a few products, including Alchimie's gel cleanser. Here, the savvy CEO shares her favorite places to dine and indulge in the district.
—Lauren Staehle



REFLECT ↑ "Whenever I need to be by myself and think, I wander through the **Phillips Collection** (1600 21st St. NW, phillipscollection.org). I love the intimate energy of that space, and the Rothko room is an amazing sanctuary."



DATE ← "My husband and I laugh that **Bourbon Steak** at the Four Seasons (2800 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, bourbonsteakdc.com) is our neighborhood bar—technically, it is the closest to our house. We have fries and Ruinart Rose. Or a Manhattan. Best date night ever!"



POLISH ↑ "I take care of my eyebrows at **Karma by Erwin Gomez** (1104 24th St. NW, karmaerwingomez.com) every three weeks, religiously. The perfect eyebrows always make me feel polished."



REJUVENATE ↑ "**Salamander Resort & Spa** (500 N. Pendleton St., Middleburg, Va., salamanderresort.com), has the best massage therapist around, Brian."



CLEANSE ← "I love **JRINK** (1323 Connecticut Ave NW, jrink.com), which is owned by two women who used to be lawyers and decided to switch careers. I try to do a Jrink-juice cleanse one to two days per month—it keeps me craving the right things like water and veggies, and helps my analytical thinking!"