

## KEITH SPINA

**M** eet Keith Spina, senior partner with the architecture and interior design firm Glidden Spina. "I've been close to downtown all my life," says the West Palm Beach native.

Here, the graduate of Forest Hill High School reflects on simple pleasures, the social nature of Starbucks and why his firm relocated in 2014 from Palm Beach Lakes Boulevard to a 62-year-old, former boat-supply store in Downtown West Palm Beach:

**How I've seen downtown grow:**

"It's just gone straight uphill. It's incredible to see what's been done lately, and getting people to live downtown again is wonderful."

**What makes downtown unique:**

"It's still a small town, but it's starting to get the vibe of a big city. It's easy to get around, and the traffic is nothing. You can go out almost any night and find a place to park. And, of course, there's the beauty of the water."

**When I love downtown the most:**

"My wife and I love walking around downtown in the morning with Popeye, our Jack Russell. We'll drive from our house to the office, park the car there, then walk to the Bee, Starbucks, the GreenMarket or the waterfront and let Popeye run up and down the docks. It's pretty basic stuff, but it sure is a wonderful way to relax."

**Where I eat downtown:**

"I love Middle East Bakery, and Field of Greens is one of our favorites. We order lunch from there all the time. And when I'm trying to impress somebody, we go to Palm Beach Yacht Club, of course."



**DOWNTOWN BY DESIGN:** "Ten years from now, people will wonder how I was such a genius to have my office in downtown and home so close to downtown," says Keith Spina, senior partner with Glidden Spina + Partners. PHOTO BY JIM BERIAU

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**Where I shop downtown:**

"I love going to the Bee early in the morning. I get a shot to get going – a shot of juice, that is. I also love Starbucks in the morning. The baristas all know me, and I usually see other people I know. I drink decaf, so it's more about the social experience than the coffee."

**Where I unwind downtown:**

"My wife and I go to spin at Velocity, and every once in a while my wife loves going to The Blind Monk for a glass of wine or Champagne."

**Why I want to be downtown:**

"We'd been looking for a long time for a really cool office to promote

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the culture of the firm, and then the old Hopkins Marine Building became available. It's been amazing, and it's done well for us. We have people who work as far south as Boca and as far north as Port St. Lucie. Our location is an easy place to get to, and we have 30 parking spaces of our own."

**Why you should visit downtown:**

"It's continued to evolve into a really amazing city. There were times when downtown wasn't the best place to hang out, and I think that's all changed. People should come check it out."

– Staci Sturrock

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