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WET AND DRY: The modern pool is just one of the amenities at Eden Roc.

5. Eden Roc

4525 Collins Ave.; 305.672.8562 or
hollisnewedenroc.com

THE SCOOP Long in the shadow of next-door neighbor the Fontainebleau (literally, since the latter's owner built the infamous Spire Wall to block Eden Roc's sun after architect Morris Lapidus defected to the Roc), this ship-like Miami Beach icon is back and better than ever after a multimillion-dollar facelift. **THE 1000** Millionaire's Row—across from the Intracoastal and directly on the beach. **WOW FACTOR** A new 21-story tower opens in January with 15 bungalow suites, for a total of 682 rooms and two towers. Waterworks include four infinity-edge pools, two hot tubs and a waterfall bar.

Viceroy Miami

Brickell Ave.; 866.781.9924 or
viceroy.com

THE SCOOP Within the U.S., the posh Viceroy had previously only showed California love (Santa Monica, Palm Springs). But February marks the East Coast debut of the 50-story Miami location with 168 guestrooms and two living towers of residences (the Philippe-designed Icon Brickell).

THE 1000 Ten acres fronting Biscayne Bay along Brickell Avenue on the mainland. **WOW FACTOR** Architecture by Arquitectonica. Interior design by Kelly Wearstler. A 28,000-square-foot spa with a screening room. A 50th-floor rooftop pool lounge exclusively for guests and residents (also by Wearstler), and 19th floor amenities deck (by Starck) with the longest infinity-edge pool in the state, a 50-person hot tub and, of course, a life-size chess set.

OD FIGHT

Street-credit stars and gadget geeks are only a drive, but Miami's new hotels are placing emphasis squarely on food—and drawing some of the world's best chefs in the process.

THE BETSY The Betsy Lauson, the hotel's renowned liner popovers or not be part of South Beach Diet. Guests of The Betsy find it hard to resist greasy-crusted ones. Opening the merchandise French fair will tide all food and page service for the betsy.com

PHILIPPE *Fontainebleau* Scott Constant (and Alfred Le) (Gotham Steak)

are used to being big fish in a big pond, and their first-ever locations outside New York are no different. Scarpetta's space (designed by David Collins) has ocean and poolside views, while Gotham Steak has indoor and al fresco dining options, as well as a brasserie-style raw bar reminiscent of NYC's Gotham Bar and Grill. fontainebleau.com

THE GARDEN OF EARTHLY DELICIES Need a 20-ounce home-in at 3 x 1? Who doesn't? STK does 24-



hour in-room dining for the Garden of Earthly Delicacies South, as well as poolside snacks. The Miami sibling of the ultra-hip Meatpacking House will open a traditional restaurant space soon. stkhq.com

PHILIPPE *Garden of Earthly Delicacies* What's black, white and red all over? Chef Philippe Chow's new restaurant, Philippe (his first outside New York), which boasts fresh-

pullled noodles and other delicious spins on Chinese specialties. gardenofearthlydelicities.com

ADA H. CHEN *Mandarin* The north outpost of Jeffrey Chodorow's Fusion love is right at home on Miami turf with Asian-meets-Latin flavors including the rompicopia from tartar with Spanish olives and black currents) and Lobster Mac 'n' Tat, with fresh, coconut and red carry. adamandip.com



BLISS: The spa and pool are just one of the amenities at The Betsy.

6. The Betsy

1440 Ocean Dr.; 305.531.3934 or
thebetsyhotel.com

THE SCOOP There's no mistaking the colonial columns of The Betsy, originally named The Betsy Ross when it opened in 1942. Its colonial façade and "Florida Georgian" presence add élan to Art Deco row, and the multimillion-dollar renovation will add spice as well. **THE 1000** Northern tip of Ocean Drive in the heart of South Beach. **WOW FACTOR** Award-winning architectural firm Bellinson-Gomez, the force behind 22 other hotel restorations in South Beach, worked with interior designers Diamante Pedersen (private residences for Ralph Lauren) and Carmelina Sammons (Bulgari retail store) on the 63 rooms, suites and luxurious common areas. Check out the B-4 lounge, if you can find its hidden, private entrance, and the spa, housed in a rooftop solarium. ☑



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STARBUCKS WINDS UP Just east of L.A.'s Palms, this design SLS hotel (start at \$300, but in California months, the rates start at only \$200. Ask for the new SLSCA plan.

America's Hottest New Hotels

Domestic Stimulus

Stay local, save major. Check into one of these hot beds with cred right here in the U.S.

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1. The SLS Hotel

>>> 011 0011 Designer Philippe Starck reaches his surrealism apogee in this 600-room, 297-room, Starwood Luxury Collection hotel from nightlife kingpin Sam Nazarian. A life-size, lampshade-headed horse greets visitors in the main lobby, while a second lobby houses The Baraca, a social experiment that includes a gift shop curated by design veteran Murray Moss, plus Rojo y Blanca, a sprawling tapas bar inspired from D.C.'s Spanish maestro José Andrés. Fitness buffs flock to the seven suites with state-of-the-art private gyms (personal trainers available). Rates from \$300; 465 S. La Cienega Blvd., 310.247.0100, dlslovelly.com.

2. The Mark

>>> 011 011 A 1920s Upper East Side landmark, The Mark just reopened under the exciting eye of architect/designer extraordinaire Jacques Garcia. A Mark from Central Park, the remarkably spacious 180-room hotel claims a Follies Terrace salon and, still in the works, a new game temple by Jean-Georges Vongerichten. Rates from \$425; 21 E. 77th St., 212.744.4000, themark.com.

3. The Betsy

>>> 011 011 On the art-deco-dominated northern (or better) end of Ocean Drive, The Betsy South Beach is somewhat conspicuous with its white, shuttered windows and colonial bones. The 63-suite boutique attracts a beautiful crowd to its ocean-view rooftop and its BLY South outpost. Rates from \$300; 1449 Ocean Dr., 305.531.6000, thebetsy.com.

4. The Joule

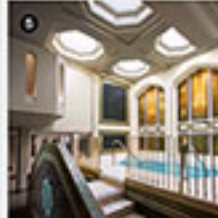
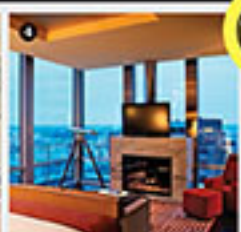
>>> 011 011 The gothic facade of the Dallas National Park Tower has sprung back to life as a 129-room hotel. The beautifully curated art collection spotlights Andy Warhol, David Lauder and Ellsworth Kelly. Dive into the cantilevered rooftop infinity pool—if you dare—for dizzying city views. A subterranean club stages live burlesque. Rates from \$200; 1530 Main St., 214.768.1300, luxurycollection.com/dallas.

5. Montage Beverly Hills

>>> 011 011 Inspired by the Spanish Revival architecture from Hollywood's golden age, this neo-renaissance, 200-room hotel brings grown-up elegance to a trend- and youth-obsessed city. The rooftop pool offers panoramic views of downtown, while a 20,000-square-foot basement gym provides chill-out bliss with Moroccan flair. Rates from \$495; 225 N. Canon Dr., 310.660.7000, montagebeverlyhills.com.

6. L' Auberge Del Mar

>>> 01 011 011 A \$26 million makeover has given this 120-room, seaside resort a new life, both classic and hip. The beach-club lobby spills onto a sprawling terrace, and chef Paul McCabe's restaurant plays it cool (shellfish tower and Vans sneakers). Surf dunes and boss nova beers give the new spa the perfect beachfront vibe. Rates from \$335; 1540 Camino del Mar, 858.239.1515, loubergedelmar.com.



7. The Standard NYC

>>> 011 011 A confident statement if ever there was one, the latest outpost of André Balazs's celebrity-antedesign is a hinged glam marvel that elegantly waddles New York's High Line, an abandoned elevated railroad turned park and pedestrian walkway in the Meatpacking District. Most of the colorful 337 rooms overlook the city with floor-to-ceiling panoramas. Rates from \$195; 448 Washington St., 212.645.6666, standardnyc.com.

8. Pelican Hill Resort

>>> 011 011 011 Perched above the Pacific on a 504-acre hillside site, the resort celebrates Old World luxury—as in pre-2000—and privacy. Its 204 bungalows and 128 villas top to four bedrooms, 3,500-square feet are detached from the main house, which houses two golf courses, a stunning ocean view and the world's longest circular pool. Rates from \$405; 22701 Pelican Hill Rd., Newport Beach, 800.315.8714, pelicanhill.com.

9. The Dana Hotel & Spa

>>> 011 011 The history, 216-room Dana merges sleek design with luxury pampering in the mid-bay River North district. And while standard rooms are smallish, each features a vast expanse of windows, a separate bath and contemporary, eco-minded furniture. The neighborhood's hippest residents flock to the rooftop lounge. Rates from \$245; 660 N. State St., 888.881.3362, danahotelandspa.com.

10. The Lorien Hotel & Spa

>>> 011 011 011 Blending into an Old Town neighborhood, this new—but properly traditional—mudbrick mansion houses a 307-room Kimpton charter designed by Victor Wolf, whose gray and red interiors, lattice headboards that touch the ceiling and chandeliered baths are winning. Chef Robert Widmayer headlines Bravo and Bravo Tasting Room. Rates from \$280; 1640 King St., 703.854.3434, lorienhotelandspa.com.



"In an abandoned building on a secluded beach in Negrit, Jamaica, *De Bus* makes the most amazing jerk chicken. You sit at picnic tables and listen to live reggae. Be ready to drink lots of Red Stripes." —Rande Gerber

