Magic City's hottest boîtes + Fredrik Eklund toasts the town + Seaplane getaways



THE MIX

PASSPORT MIAMI By NICOLE ZANE



Charmed, we're sure. **Alex and Ani**, an eco-conscious jewelry brand, has opened a new Miami outpost at Brickell City Centre. It's stocked with the brand's latest spring charms, which evoke an "Earth element" theme, symbolized by "Globe," "Sunflower" and "Yin Yang." Exclusives at the store include chandelier earrings made from reclaimed wood, rose gold and silver. But the biggest find may be a new line of "Game of Thrones"-inspired pieces debuting this month — get ready for Westeros chic.

FLOWER POWER



Boho babes, rejoice! Aussie label **Camilla** is bringing its free-spirited duds to Miami's Aventura Mall. The brand's first stateside shop mimics a tented temple (with tassels and trims creative director and founder Camilla Franks collected on a trip to Pakistan). The store will offer the spring La Fleur Libertine collection — an array of handcrafted dresses, caftans, sultry swimwear and accessories — inspired by French tastemakers, from Paris to St. Tropez. "They have an energy for life, which is sensual, passionate and unapologetic," says Franks.



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Golden Goose is playing footsie with Florida. The Italian luxury label has injected its signature Venetian cool into a new flagship (its first in the state) at the Bal Harbour Shops. The brand's cult-favorite sneaks are showcased at the center of the sleek, 1,200-square-foot space, with the latest women's, men's and kids' collections also on display. A neon entrance leads to long walls adorned with antique wood paneling and wallpaper, geometric-patterned marble floors and a small, Cuban-style lounge. Where better than Miami for these glittering worlds to collide?

GRAY SCALE



Dapper brand **Thom Browne** is lightening up with its new Design District store (above), offering pieces in easy-breezy fabrics such as seersucker, linen, and lightweight fresco wool — tailor-made for sultry Miami. The floors, walls and ceilings of the space (inside the historic, 1921-built Moore Building) are covered in gray ceramic subway tiles, while windows are shaded with slat blinds, and mid-century decor comes from notable French and American designers. "I felt the Design District deserved a unique retail experience," Browne says. Mission accomplished.

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MIAMI VIBES

BY ANAHITA MOUSSAVIAN PHOTO BY JONATHON KAMBOURIS

Floral fantasies are in full bloom for spring, courtesy of Dolce & Gabbana's coveted box bags. The Italian house's latest takes are embellished with vibrant fleurs and lined with eye-popping deco designs. This top-handle perfectly echoes Miami's wildly colorful aesthetic. Dare to carry it with something equally over the top — it's the Magic City way.

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EDITOR'S LETTER

Magic City moments



"Sexy" is a word that comes up a lot in reference to Miami. Certainly one that Bravo star Fredrik Eklund uses more than once to describe his favorite spots in the city, where he's just launched a new real-estate office. Faena District developer and art collector Alan Faena, meanwhile, reaches for the word "dream" to describe his favorite things in Magic City. And both words leap to mind for our cover star, Brazilian supermodel Isabeli Fontana, who makes Miami her home-away-from-home. She

embodies that sexy dream of a city - also considered the unofficial capital of South America - in this special Miami issue.



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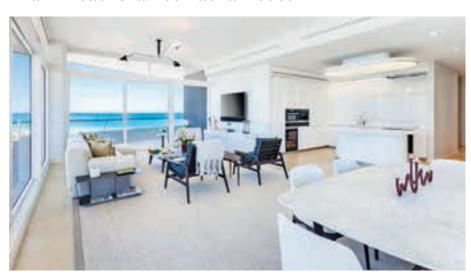
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Lee Brian Schrager, founder and director of the Food Network & Cooking Channel South Beach Wine & Food Festival, digs into Miami's sizzling new restaurant scene

SUSHI BY BOU

1116 Ocean Dr. As illustrious as the location in which it resides, Sushi by Bou has opened its first location outside of New York in the former Versace mansion. Nestled inside Gianni's Suite, the four-seat sushi bar serves up a 60-minute omakase experience accessible via key card from Villa Casa Casuarina's front desk, given to those lucky enough to snag a reservation (available one month in advance). Offerings include everything from torched A5 wagyu beef with truffle salt, to uni from Hokkaido. Japan, and marinated bluefin tuna with daikon radish. Optional sake pairings round out the fresh, ever-changing menu, or guests can serve themselves from a sake vending machine

CAFE LA TROVA 971 SW 8th St.

Miami's famed culinary sweetheart Michelle "Michy" Bernstein has teamed up with revered mixologist Julio Cabrera, bringing their take on iconic Cuban food and drink to Calle Ocho. In a setting evoking 1980s Little Havana — complete with a clothesline hanging over the stage and dominos on the patio — Bernstein's playful mix of refinement and tradition shines. Highlights include a Cuban-Lebanese hummus bowl, mezcal-infused tempura-fried calamari and lechón con chicharrones (a braised pork shoulder dish) — capped off with Michy's signature bread pudding. Cabrera leads his team of cantineros (outfitted in burgundy tuxedo jackets and vests), in crafting flavorful libations, thanks to house-made bitters and syrups.

La Placita

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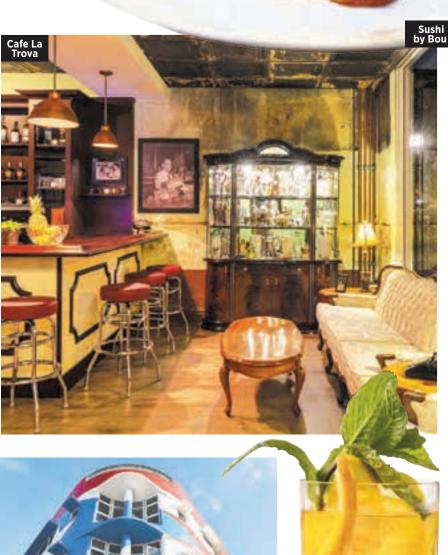
6789 Biscayne Blvd. Five-time James Beard Awardnominee Jose Mendín pays homage to his Puerto Rican heritage with La Placita, named after La Plaza del Mercado de Santurce, the popular open market in San Juan. A partnership with Latin American telenovela star Julián Gil, the restaurant made a splash by painting its building with an enormous PR flag. The taste of those roots - including a designyour-own mofongo offering (a plantain-based dish) — are a welcome addition to the expanding Biscayne corridor. Don't miss the carne guisada a la Zaydi, a stew specialty straight from the recipe box of Mendin's mom

MIRA FIVE STARS 801 South Pointe Dr.

Oozing with the elegance that South Beach's swanky South of Fifth area is known for, Mira Five Stars promises a Mediterannean meal sure to please the most discerning diner. White-and-gold decor is accented by lush greens and refined touches: candelabras adorn each table and an elevated wine collection reigns behind the bar. With dishes like pumpkin soup with king crab, Dover sole, black crab ravioli, and multiple risottos, the menu comes with a five-star price tag to match the heavenly cuisine.

INTERNATIONAL SMOKE

19565 Biscayne Blvd.; Aventura The third bustling outpost of chef Michael Mina's barbecue concept — with cookbook author and face of Covergirl, Ayesha Curry — has landed in the growing Outdoor Oasis at Aventura Mall. With a spotlight on fire-infused flavor, the menu is a collaboration of influences from the pair's individual travels. From the smoked burrata and charred Moroccan carrots, to the charcoal-grilled Sinaloan chicken and signature St. Louis-style ribs (prepared with a choice of culturally inspired spices and sauces), the eatery offers a global journey for the taste buds. Pro tip: Invite some friends to enjoy the shared punch bowls.





Secret sips

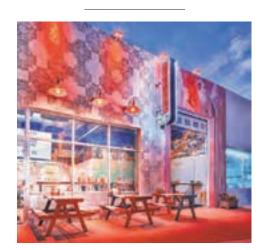
A sneak peek at Magic City's sexiest speak-easies

By MARK ELLWOOD



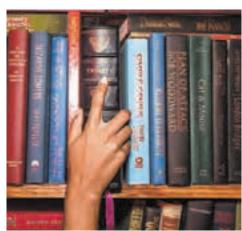
AMA

Tucked, Russian doll-style, in the heart of James Beard Award-nominated chef Brad Kilgore's buzzy new Japanese joint, Kaido, is this even more exclusive, 8-seat venue. (The name Ama is in honor of Hokkaido's mermaid-like free divers, who scour the ocean floor for sea urchins and pearls.) You'll enter via a closet-sized anteroom, where you'll receive instructions for your evening — there's no re-entry, and strictly no social media — before being whisked into the sanctum, where you can sample cocktails and a raft of rare Japanese whiskies. Hungry? Kilgore also offers a 16-course omakase-style supper in the Design District space twice weekly. KaidoMiami.com



BODEGA

This unassuming taqueria has a Superman-like secret identity. Come here first for affordable tortas, cooked up in an Airstream trailer and scarfed down at picnic tables. Once you've pregamed, head to the bathroom — or rather the blue port-o-potty door in the back marked "Baños." Breeze past the urinals on the wall in the next room, and walk through yet another door: You'll finally enter the two-story speak-easy at the rear, decked out with overstuffed couches, raw walls and a live DJ. Even better, the craft cocktails here are refreshingly affordable ringing up at no more than \$13. BodegaSouthBeach.com



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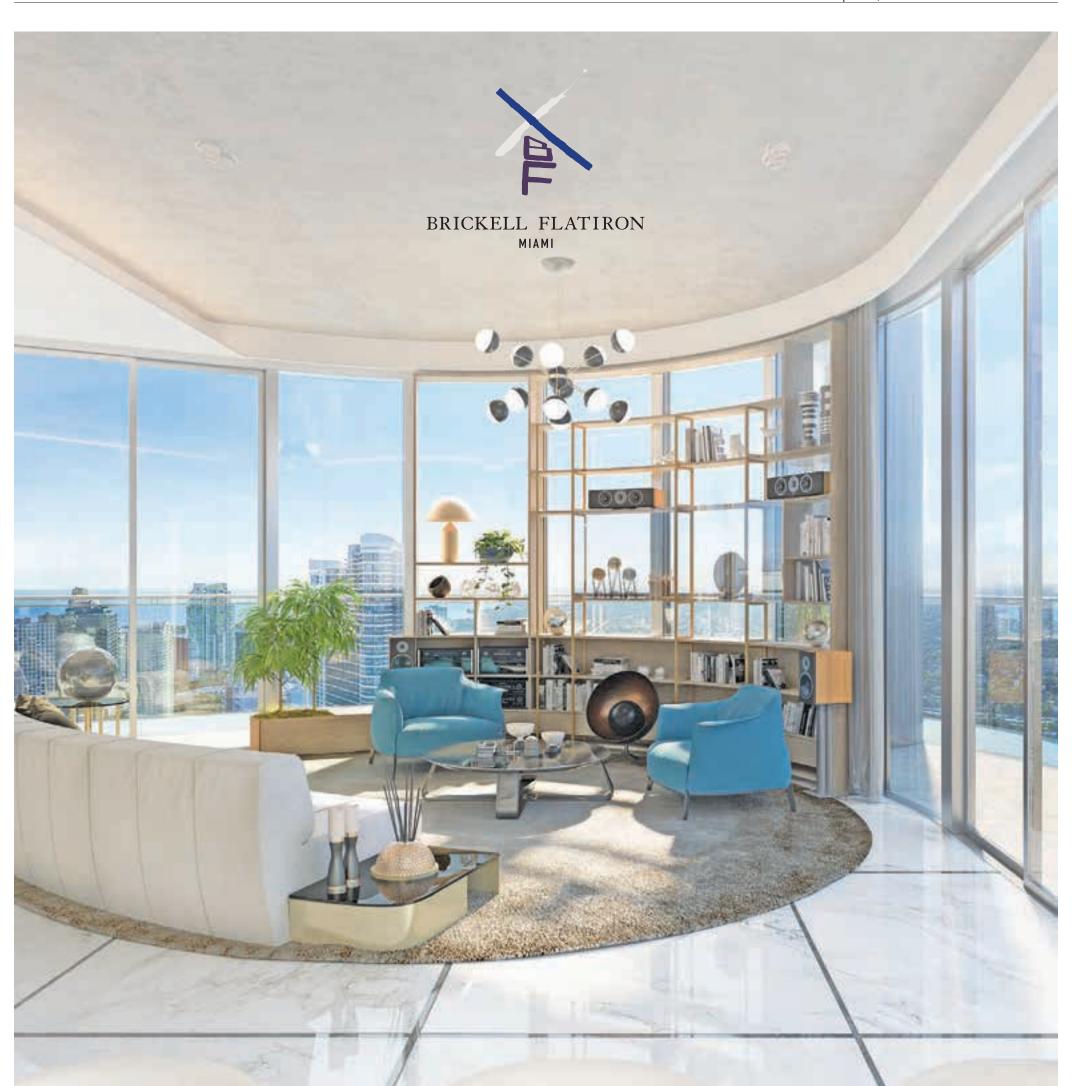
Ducking into the Franklin Hotel's library to escape the hubbub of South Beach's Ocean Drive may not be as restful as it seems. Press one of the books on the wall (ask a staff member if you can't deduce which) and a door will open, revealing a New York-style speak-easy. The lounge was created by homesick hotel owner Chris Viso, an NYC native; expect classic hip-hop, graffiti-spattered walls and neon signs, all evoking the gritty streets of the 1980s. Sign up on the bar's website to receive a password in advance. ShhLounge.com



FOXHOLE

This beloved dive bar is deliberately hidden just off of Alton Road en route to West Avenue; rule of thumb — if you think you're headed in the wrong direction, keep going and look for a lamp. The boîte (which opened nearly a decade ago) has managed to preserve its mystique largely by focusing on locals, turning Foxhole into a best-keptsecret-style bar. And no wonder, with its jukebox, retro video games, pool table and plentiful seating, this is a relaxed, and plentiful seating, this is a relaxed, after-hours alternative to the bottle-service scene. (The affordable happy hour makes it a worthwhile launching pad for an evening, too.) There's usually a hiphop DJ, and retro movies play on the TVs. FoxHoleBar.com

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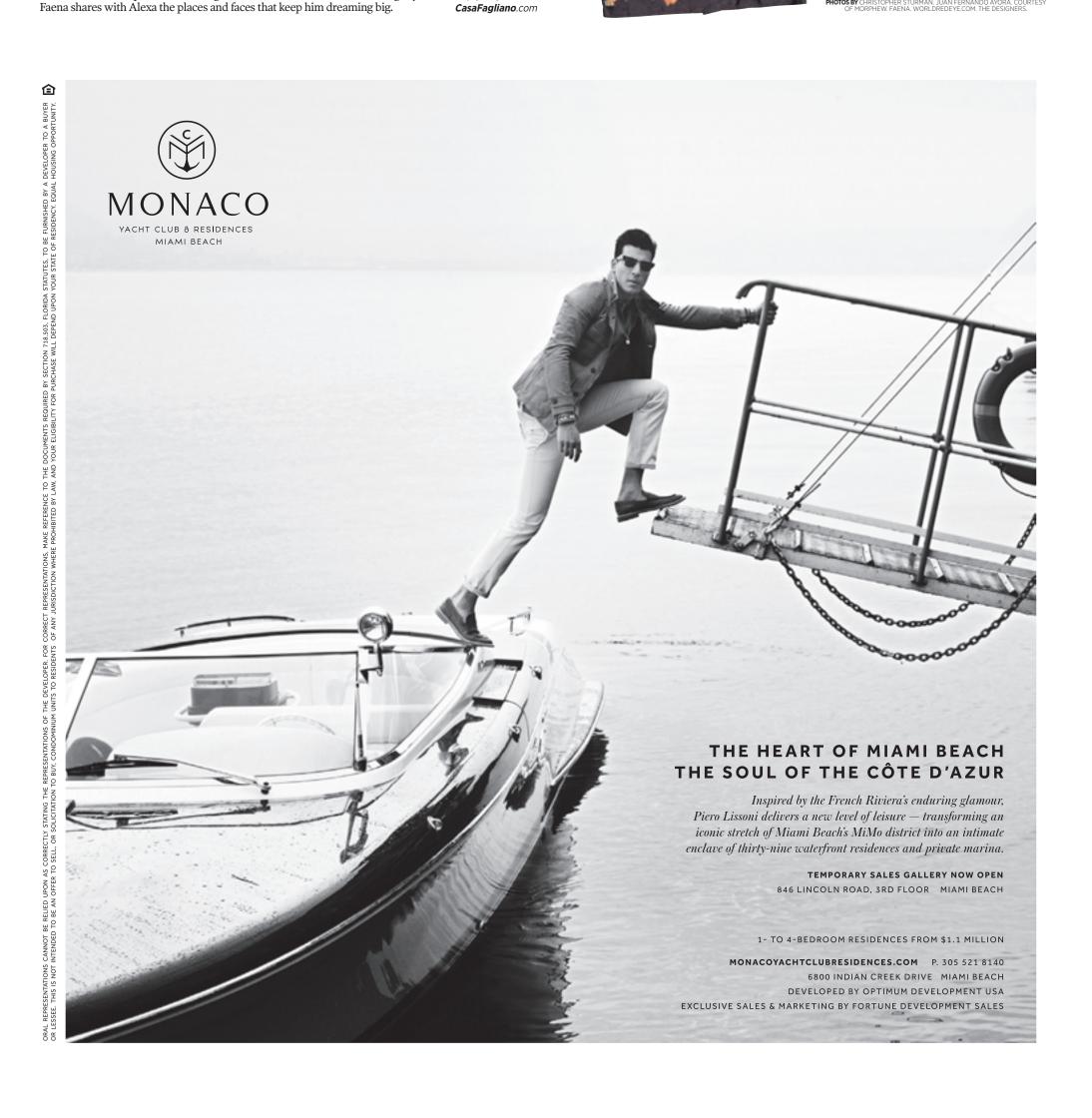
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 ${\tt IRGIN\ Trains\ USA-South}$ Florida's new express-train service, a collab between Brightline and Richard Branson's Virgin Group — is reshaping development in Miami. A slew of new towers are popping up around those high-speed stations, allowing residents to dash to Palm Beach (and eventually Orlando) in a luxurious wink. "There was a lot of conversation about connectivity and public transportation as we were planning this project," says Dan Kodsi, CEO of Paramount Ventures, which is developing **Paramount Miami Worldcenter**, the signature tower of the 27-acre mixed-use megaproject just three blocks from the Miami Central station. "With the amount of office space, hotel rooms, shops, restaurants and residences we are building, it's like a little city. Everything is walkable. It's pretty incredible."

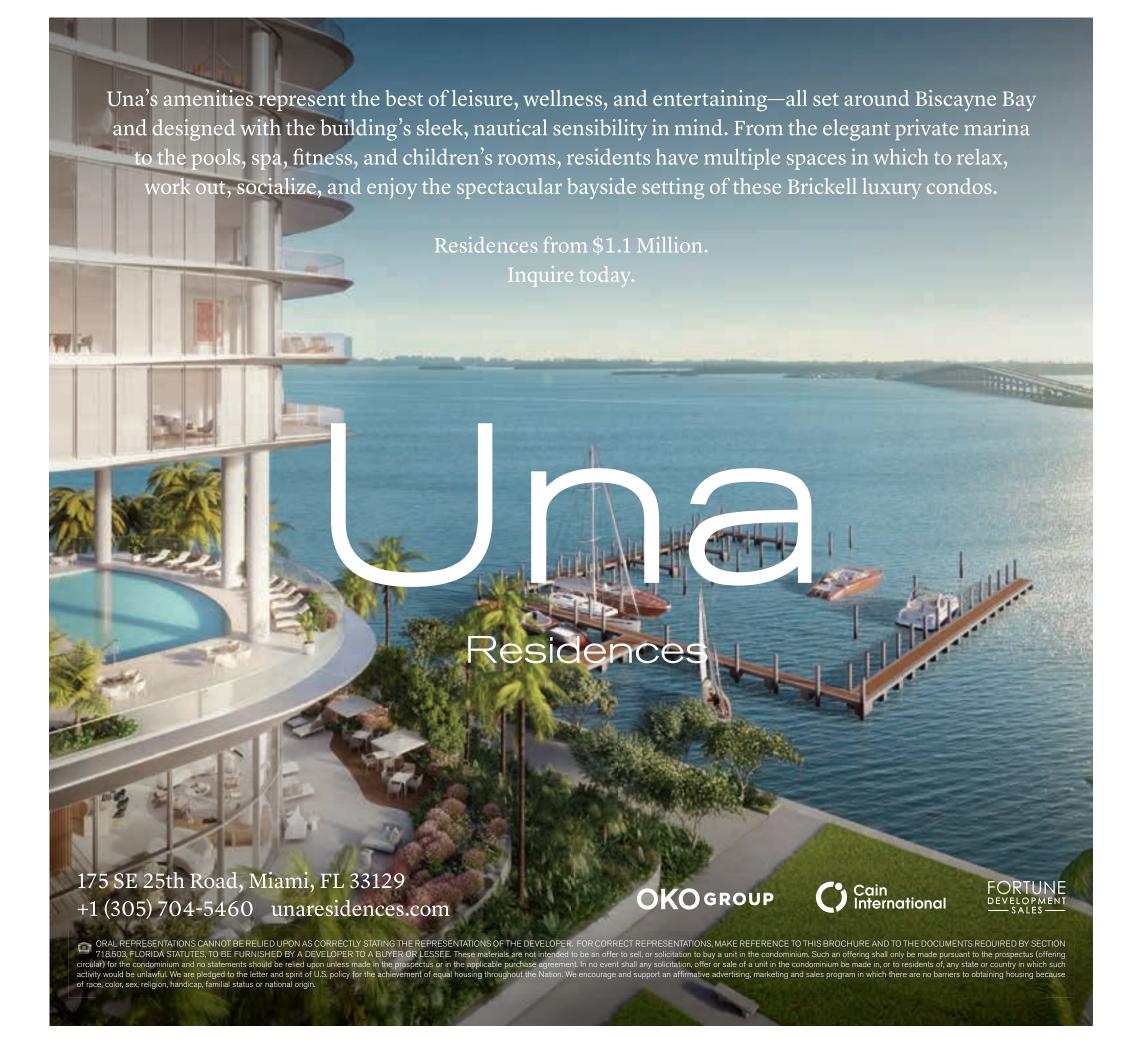
The 60-story Paramount, which will open this summer, has more than 500 units, ranging from \$700,000 to \$11 million. And Worldcenter's 43-story, 444-unit **Caoba** rental tower is already open, with rentals starting at \$1,775 per month.

Even closer still, the 70-story **Okan Tower** is rising just one block from that same Virgin station. The building — which evokes the silhouette of a blossoming tulip — will offer 153 condos, which are asking \$579,000 to \$1.6 million.

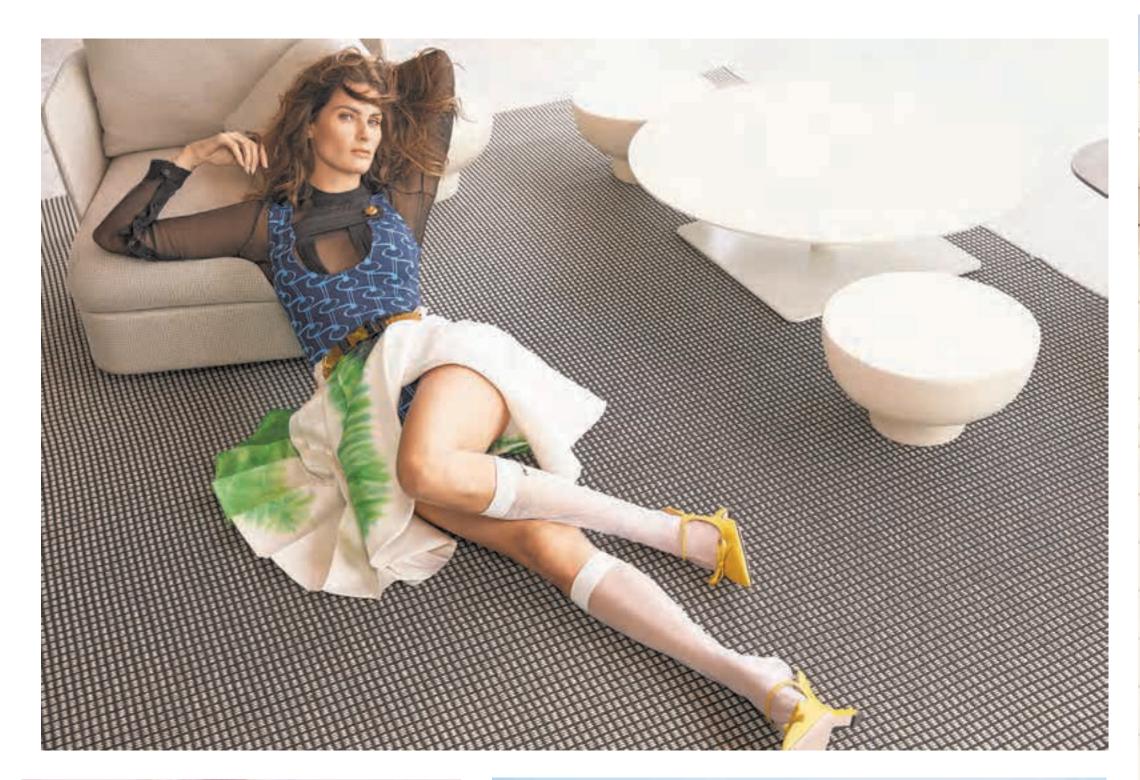
And finally, **YotelPad** will open in 2021 only steps from MiamiCentral. The transit-friendly tower offers a modern take on hyper-urban living, with 231 residences (a mix of studios, one- and two-bedrooms, starting at \$300,000 and rising to \$495,000). Besides its train-adjacent location, YotelPad's other claim to fame is a team of R2-D2-like robots, who take orders and deliver room service to condo residents. All aboard.

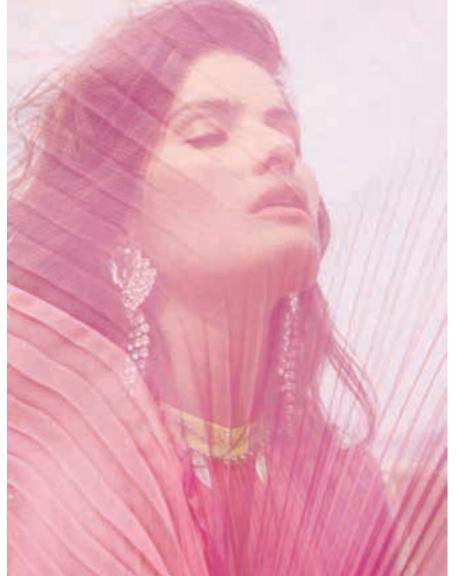
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sabeli Fontana knew she wanted to be a model when she was all of 12 years old and rummaging through her mother's closet in Curitiba, Brazil, searching for slinky dresses, makeup and, most importantly, high heels.

"I was pretty much a tomboy," the 35-year-old supermodel tells Alexa. "I was in the middle of two brothers, but I had these crazy, girly moments when I was just dying to wear heels."

Still, her mother refused to buy her a pair of stilettos. "She thought I was too young to have them," recalls Fontana. But Fontana refused to take "no" for an



answer, quickly realizing that her father, a salesman for several different shoe brands, would quietly indulge Trying on all manner of heels was

good preparation for Fontana's rapid rise to catwalk fame. At age 13, she made it to the finals of Elite Model Look, an international modeling contest, and a year later traveled to Paris and Milan (accompanied by her mother) to work as a model. By 16, she had become the youngest model ever to appear in a Victoria's Secret catalog; she would go on to become the face of Valentino, Versace and Ralph Lauren and star in campaigns and catwalks for the likes of Chanel, Bulgari and Dolce

"I worked every show, every brand and [my mother] was always with me while my brothers were back in Brazil," says Fontana, who was then living in New York. "When I turned 18, I told my mother that she could go back home, because I was pretty independent and had a boyfriend."

The blue-eyed, 5-foot-10-inch stunner was also very savvy, and from an early age invested in NYC real estate, famously buying an Upper West Side apartment from Donald Trump Jr. in 2010. (She has since flipped several other NYC trophy condos for impressive profits.)

"I love buying and selling real estate," she says with a sparkle. "At times I made more on real estate than I did in modeling. While her mother eventually

returned to Brazil, she sent Fontana's grandmother to New York in her place. "To make sure that I ate properly and took care of myself," the strutter recalls. "It's a very Brazilian thing, to always be surrounded by family." Years later, Fontana finds herself in a similar position, living part-time in

a beachfront Miami home with her 16-year-old son (with model Alvaro Jacomossi), Zion, who is attending an elite school in the city. "I spend most of my time at mid Miami Beach," she says. "I love just

hanging by the ocean or roller-skating and riding bicycles with my son along

She's also a fan of the city's many vegan and raw restaurants. "And being from Brazil, I love getting an açai from Juice & Java." The devoted yogi (who also recently earned her teaching certificate in t'ai-chi) practices daily at home or at Tropical Vinyasa on Miami Beach. But her main priority remains

"I'm teaching my son how to be independent," explains Fontana, who now divides her time between homes in São Paulo and the Magic City. "He is learning how to make his own food, to take care of himself." Her other son, Lucas (with actor Henri Castelli), is 12 and lives in São Paulo, where he is also surrounded by family.

"I learned very early on how to manage my life, but it was a totally different experience when I had my children. At that point in my life, I was not only responsible for myself, but for my two angels," she says. "I am

trying to teach them how to balance school and life and be the best version of themselves they can be." Fontana is also helping strangers become the best version of them-

selves, via "Face to Face with Isabeli Fontana" — a series of cooking, beauty and soon-to-come travel videos on her YouTube channel. The budding influencer gives laid-back lessons on making gluten-free Brazilian pao de queijo (cheese bread) and almond milk, or jet-setting with ease. (Fontana recommends always traveling with

incense.) The bilingual English and Portuguese-language videos, which average over 150,000 viewers each, radiate a sort of Goop-down-to-earth vibe, complete with hair and beauty techniques and glimpses from Fontana's own keep-it-real life — she often does her own makeup in the backseat of a car on her way to gala events.

In a video posted last spring, she appeared with her husband, Diego "Di" Ferrero, a Brazilian rock 'n' roll star who gained fame for his duet with Nelly Furtado ("All Good Things"). Lounging on their bed, the couple happily answered personal questions about their relationship from some of Fontana's 1.2 million Instagram

"I suffered bullying, because your fans hated me," she joked with Ferrero. "We have such a beautiful relationship. I was always a very insecure person. I always thought I was too thin, not well proportioned. And Di has really helped me overcome my shyness and to be more confident in

Fontana (who was also briefly engaged to Bob Marley's son Rohan Marley) met Ferrero (her third husband) at a Brazilian TV studio in 2013, where they were both waiting to appear on a children's program. "I hit on him first," she told a Brazil-

ian reporter at the time. "I thought it was beautiful how he treated a child on the set. He looked half sad, half lost. We are together, because he is the more rational side of the relationship, and I am the more sentimental." Fontana and Ferrero married in

an intimate ceremony on a Maldives sandbar in 2016. The barefoot couple was surrounded by a Maldivian band, a local preacher and a handful of their friends, all dressed in casual white.

The bride arrived on a boat for the ceremony, wearing a white bikini under a sheer wedding dress that featured hand-embroidered and intricately beaded white palm fronds. It was designed by Renato Thomaz, from the Brazilian bathing-suit brand Agua de Coco.

"I was doing their campaign, and asked them to make my wedding dress," Fontana explains. "They had never done a wedding dress before but were really excited about it. And the dress was so incredibly beautiful."

Fontana has cameoed in two of Ferrero's music videos, including one for "Meu Bem," in which she appears in shadow, dancing in a bikini. But rock 'n' roll and modeling gigs aside, she's most comfortable spending time with her family.

On their live YouTube chat, when Ferrero read a question from a fan asking him what it was like to live with such a beautiful goddess, Fontana cut him off, and told her audience in Brazilian slang: "I'm just a normal person, people!



ON LOCATION It's all about Brazil on Miami Beach. Our Brazilian cover star was photographed in a model apartment for 57 Ocean, a new 18-story luxury condo from Brazilian developer José Isaac Peres, architect Bernardo Fort-Brescia of Arquitectonica and Brazilian interior design er Patricia Anastassiadis Perched beachside on Collins Avenue, the health-focused boutique building (set to open in 2021) will offer a wealth of green spaces, including a seaside wellness garden, vertical gardens outdoor massage and meditation rooms, a yoga deck and a spa. "Every aspect of the design blends the indoors and outdoors," savs Marcelo Kingston. one of the project's developers. "The building creates a seamless connection to nature." Olá! More information at 570cean.com



By ANDREW SESSA

HARTERING a chopper used to be the height of chic for a weekend escape — Manhattan to Southampton in 40 minutes, anyone? But these days, it's seaplane sojourns that are all the rage, not least from Miami and especially to the Bahamas and the Florida Keys. As with the helicopter flights, it's not about YOLO bragging rights and tartly hashtagged Instagram posts from the sky — or at least not *just* about those things. It's also plain convenient, cutting down on transit time, traffic frustrations and wasted hours waiting in lines and on commercial airline delays.

Blade, the Hamptons helicopter service that launched in spring 2014, began operating in South Florida the following winter, and the company reports that growth has been exponential there over the last year. Last winter, it started offering regularly scheduled weekend service between Miami and Palm Beach, with #flyblade fans also chartering and crowdsourcing planes to Bahamian destinations including Harbour Island and Baker's Bay.

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South Florida operator **Tropic Ocean Airways** saw growth of 31 percent from 2017 to 2018. Clients rely on its services to avoid slowmoving lines of cars on the one-lane highway down to the Keys, and to skip long security and immigration waits for the Bahamas. Tropic offers scheduled flights to several Bahamian islands and can handle charters anywhere within a 300-mile radius of Miami and Fort Lauderdale.

And just where are the well-heeled headed on their seaplane vacays? Here are the most exciting new destinations in the Bahamas and the Keys drawing folks south from Miami for some splashy R&R.





The Bahamas

FTER years of development, Nassau's \$4.2 billion, 1,000-acre **Baha Mar** is now fully up and running. The final major hotel piece, a 237-room **Rosewood** resort — which joined a 299-room **SLS** and an 1,800-room **Grand Hyatt** — debuted in the middle of last year. And now, luxe **Baha Mar Residences** are for sale, ranging from one-bedroom studios to eightbedroom waterside villas. (And what better way to arrive at your new pied-á-plage than by seaplane?)

Those who buy into the residences will enjoy special access to Baha Mar's extensive amenities, not least of which is its 100,000-square-foot casino, a private island, a 213-foot superyacht, top-flight shopping and a club co-founded by Tiger Woods and Justin Timberlake. Among the hot boîtes at Baha Mar, **Skybar** (Nassau's only hotel rooftop bar) and **Carna** (the first spot outside Italy for

Tuscan meat master Dario Cecchini), both at the SLS, are the latest arrivals. They join a Philippe Starck-designed **Katsuya** — and more than 40 other restaurants, bars and lounges in the development.

Beyond Nassau, the quieter pleasures of the Out Islands also have much to recommend them these days. On the pink-sand enclave of Harbour Island — known as the home (or at least one of the homes) of style-setters Diane von Furstenberg and Elle Macpherson — Coral Sands Hotel unveiled a major makeover of its beachfront cottages and Moroccan-inflected restaurant. Great Exuma's Grand Isle Resort and Spa, for its part, just opened a new beach club last month. The club's indooroutdoor restaurant, infinity pool on Emerald Bay and plush cabanas are available to hotel guests as well as by day pass, making it a perfect spot to seaplane into for the quickest of getaways.

The Keys

HE string of islands stretching southeast from the tip of Florida have seen a surge of development in the past several years, only fleetingly paused by 2017's Hurricane Irma.

Isla Bella Beach Resort — on Knights Key, at the east end of Seven Mile Bridge — opened earlier this month. The top-flight, white-clapboard hotel sits on 24 secluded, waterfront acres and boasts five pools, four dining spots (including a flagship Italian restaurant), almost a mile of private coastline and its own beach. That's all for the guests of just 199 rooms, each of them decorated in soothing shades of white and blue, with ocean views to match. A 4,000-square-foot spa and 1,000-square-foot fitness center debut next month.

A few islands back toward Miami, **Hawks Cay** reopened on Duck Key last summer after a yearlong, post-hurricane closure and \$50-million refit of its 177 rooms, lobby and restaurant. The redesign takes inspiration from the work of Morris Lapidus, the Miami Modern architect who created the original hotel here. The reimagined property now features an expanded adults-only zone with its own pool, bar, restaurant, outdoor lounge and firepit.

Even closer to the mainland, Bungalows **Key Largo** opened late last year on 1,000 feet of shoreline as the region's first all-inclusive hotel. Sensing the seaplane trend, the resort has partnered with **Staniel Air** to create a three-night package that offers transfers to and from Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport. Meanwhile, the 200-room Baker's Cay Resort Key Largo, part of Hilton's Curio Collection, emerged in February on 13 acres of a former pineapple plantation. Notable among its offerings: day-trip excursions to Key West or Dry Tortugas National Park, with transport aboard a you guessed it — seaplane.



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If your dream escape entails riding around a lazy river or plummeting down a 486-foot water slide, then this newly renovated golf resort is the fun factory for you. Along with a new 16-story Orchid Tower (which adds 325 rooms to the 300-acre property), and those two famous Robert Trent Jones Sr.-designed 18-hole courses reimagined by golf icon Raymond Floyd, the JW Marriott will unveil Tidal Cove — South Florida's first luxury waterpark — this month. It includes seven water slides, a massive kids pool with an aquatic playground (and a kids camp) and a high-tech surf-simulation pool. Take a break from all of that youthful play at Michael Mina's classy Bourbon Steak or in a high-stakes round of tennis at the elite Cañas Tennis Center.

LIFE HOUSE SOUTH BEACH 321 Collins Ave.; LifeHouseHotels.com

Life House will soon have two Miami properties. The first, in a tropical mansion in Little Havana, opened last year. This South Beach outpost (opening in June) is set in a 1930s Tudor artist's cottage in the South of Fifth Street neighborhood. Designed to make guests feel like they're staying with friends by the beach, some rooms are actually bunk rooms, and all can be booked and accessed through a social-networking app, which encourages connecting with fellow travelers and in-the-know locals long before check-in. But this is no cheap youth hostel: Bath amenities are courtesy of Le Labo, signature scents come from Dyptique, and cocktails are crafted by Brian Valencia (veteran of Broken Shaker). Don't miss al fresco dining at Pretty Swell with small plates by chef Francisco Viñas.

Health havens

CELINO SOUTH BEACH 640 Ocean Dr.; TheCelinoHotel.com

We could just mention the glass-bottom rooftop pool and be done that's enough to lure any outdoor enthusiast to this modern reworking of three classic Art Deco buildings, topped with a new, five-story glass atrium. But when the newest kid on Ocean Drive opens this summer, it will also boast beauty services from PRIV, custom wheels by Republic share bikes, a signature scent from Doctor Aromas, an ocean-view library and a mind-bending mural by street artist Mr. Brainwash. It's all guests need to stay toned, primped and cerebrally engaged in this image-driven city. Two restaurants and a bar by INK Entertainment emphasize seafood-centered Mediterranean dishes, keeping the feasting light. And the fitness room is open 24-7, so you can work out before posing on a rooftop lounger, reading a brainy tome in your skimpiest of swimwear.

NAUTILUS BY ARLO

1825 Collins Ave.; ArloHotels.com/Nautilus-Miami-Beach/ This first foray outside of NYC by hotel brand Arlo is buzzy to say the least. Men in white linen suits roll up their pants and take conference calls in the shallow saltwater pool; city slickers command the Cabana Club with raucous groups of friends; families hang in the lush Backyard, awash in lounge chairs, sofas and an airy tent, with groovy music setting the mood. Workout warriors can partake in fitness classes held on the rooftop of the Morris Lapidus-designed building, then have their sore muscles pummeled via in-room massages. And no stay is complete without a ride down the beach (which abuts the 250-room hotel) on one of the Nautilus' complimentary Priority Bicycles. Take the boardwalk all the way down to South Pointe Park and back again, then rehydrate in the lobby bar or the Backyard with a "Potted Plant," a coffee Negroni served in a terra-cotta pot garnished with edible flowers.



Sophisticated stays

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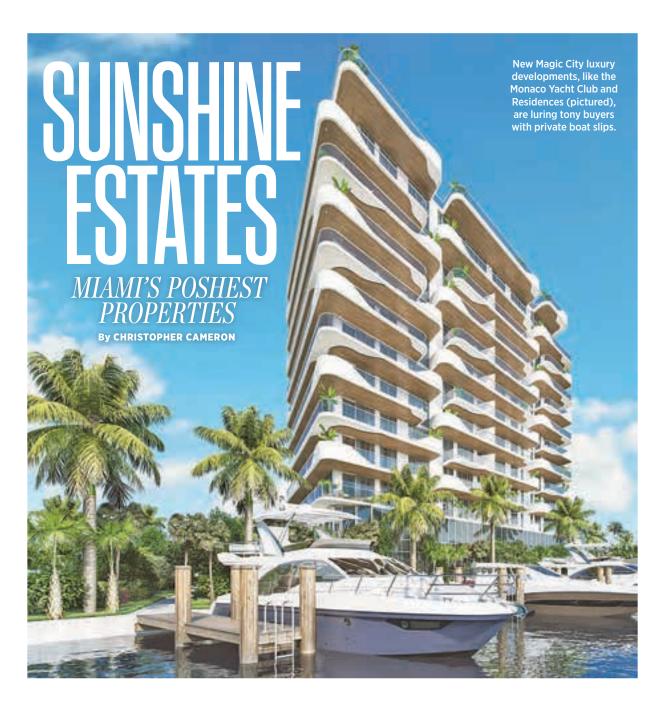
2988 McFarlane Road; MrCCoconutGrove.com

Like its Los Angeles and New York siblings, this hotel evokes a bygone era of glamour, when winter destinations like Miami drew the boating crowd in all their finery. Inspired by the curvilinear efficiency of yacht designs, interiors are quintessentially nautical and clearly Italian, with porthole windows in some of the 100 guest rooms and suites, glassed-in terraces overlooking Biscayne Bay, Tedeschi furnishings, Casarovea linens and an unmistakably oceanic blue hue. The "C" in the hotel name is a monogram of fourth-generation hospitality scions Ignazio and Maggio Cipriani, who channel their heritage in the indoor-outdoor rooftop Bellini restaurant and bar. Throw back some of those famous namesake champagne cocktails to go with Italian classics — from Piedmont to Puglia — in the eatery, or at Il Giardino patio bar.

LENNOX HOTEL MIAMI BEACH

1900 Collins Ave.; Miami.LennoxHotels.com Set in the heart of the city's Historic District, the Lennox remakes this Art Deco gem (originally designed by architect Russell Pancoast) as a modern icon. Sure, the 119 rooms are located close to the convention center, but there's a free shuttle to the hotel's private beach and an interior courtyard with an intimate pool and bar connecting the property's four buildings. The hotel prides itself on welcoming LGBTQ+ guests, with an effusive staff and an aesthete's understated cache of upcycled and handcrafted furnishings (curated by Argentinean interior designer Juan Ciavarella). Guests and locals alike will want to pop into the lobby bar, which greets visitors even before they hit the check-in desk.





GIVE 'EM THE SLIP

HEN you're all about waterfront living, it doesn't get better than owning your own private boat slip. Fortunately, several new developments rising across Miami have you covered. At Monaco Yacht Club and Residences a new 39-unit boutique, residential development at 6800 Indian Creek Dr., on Biscayne Bay — there are 11 private slips for sale, starting at \$350,000. "It's first come, first serve," says Ricardo Tabet, owner and CEO of Optimum Development USA, which is building the luxury 12-story residences, set to open in 2011 "So for every size le buyer has called for earlier It's 2021. "So far, every single buyer has asked for a slip. It's definitely the draw here on the bay." Interiors are curated by influential Italian design hotshot Piero Lissoni, while the building was overseen by iconic Miami firm Arquitectonica. Prices range from \$1.1 million for a 918-square-foot onebedroom to \$8.8 million for a 5,000-square-foot penthouse.

Other new developments are also taking to the water, including the 54-story **Turnberry Ocean Club**, in Sunny Isles Beach. Owning a condo at the Carlos Zapata and Robert Swedroe-designed 154-unit tower, which opens in 2020, gives residents complimentary access, as well as ownership privileges, at the ritzy Turnberry Marina. Condos at Turnberry start at \$3 million and rise to \$35 million.

Una Residences, a new 47-story, 135-unit tower located on the Brickell waterfront, offers private slips (prices yet to be announced) and residences from \$1.1 million to more than \$25 million. It opens in 2021.

Meanwhile, the new Fairchild Coconut Grove has three marina slips available for purchase (all to be unveiled upon the project's completion this fall). The two- to four-

upon the project's completion this fall). The two- to fourbedroom residences in the five-story building are asking \$2.2 million to more than \$4 million.

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FISHER ISLAND FINDS

OR the second year in a row, Fisher Island has rung in as the country's wealthiest zip code, with an average annual income of \$2.2 million, according to Bloomberg.

And there's good reason the well-heeled flock to the exclusive island, just south of Miami Beach Not least of which is the island's describing private slight housed in a which is the island's dazzling private club, housed in a

former Vanderbilt mansion and decorated with wood paneling from Napoleon's palace.

"It's a spectacular place," says Bernard Lackner, CEO of Fisher Island, which has 750 families that are club members.

have a romantic private dinner on the beach. We provide so much special attention and service for our members." Ready to join the club? You're in luck: Some ritzy Fisher

"It's like being in the South of France. You can charter a boat or

Island residences have recently become

available.
The priciest prize
on the 216-acre escape — which is named for the legendary realestate and auto-racing mogul Carl Fisher and accessible only by ferry or yacht — is atop the Palazzo Della Luna. The Palazzo, set to open this summer, is rising on the last waterfront parcel



on Fisher Island. Its \$40 million penthouse — a seven-bedroom, on Fisher Island. Its \$40 million penthouse — a seven-bedroo eight-bathroom, 10,194-square-foot space — makes quite an impression with its own 1,993-square-foot terrace on the 10th floor plus a massive 7,322-square-foot private roof terrace. Another penthouse on the island, at **7292 Fisher Island Dr.**, offers four luxurious bedrooms and is asking \$32 million. Renovated by French designer Chahan Minassian, the

6,170-square-foot, ivory-and-cream-colored condo features 20-foot arched ceilings, leather upholstered walls, hand plastering and original frescos.

If townhouse living is more your speed, check out **7412 Fisher Island Dr.**, where a 6,268-square-foot, five-bedroom, groundfloor slice of the building is up for grabs, asking \$14 million. It features a sprawling formal living room, chef's kitchen and guest suite — all facing the ocean. Island life, indeed.





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PURA VIDA

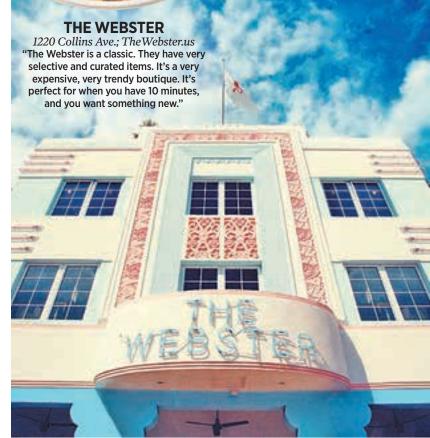
110 Washington Ave.; PuraVidaMiami.com "I'm a health freak. Nothing fried. Nothing fatty. No carbs. I like to have something small like an açai bowl. So I love Pura Vida. Everything is super, super healthy. It's all about wellness."

The real-estate star brings his bravado to the beach by Christopher Cameron

agic City just got a little extra. Fredrik Eklund, the highkicking star of Bravo's "Million Dollar Listing New York" opened his first Miami office last month, with a blowout celebration at the Soho Beach House. After becoming one of New York's most exuberant

After becoming one of New York's most exuberant and successful real-estate brokers, Eklund says that he and his five-person team (co-led by John Gomes) of Douglas Elliman agents are ready to wave their wands and sell Miami's top properties. "We have been working on this for years," Eklund says of his new outpost. "Last fall, we opened a beautiful New York office in the Flatiron District, designed by Paris Farino, and also expanded into Los Angeles. Now, Miami makes it a trifecta." From chilling out at the Faena hotel to scenic runs at South Pointe Park, here's how "Freddy" does Magic City.

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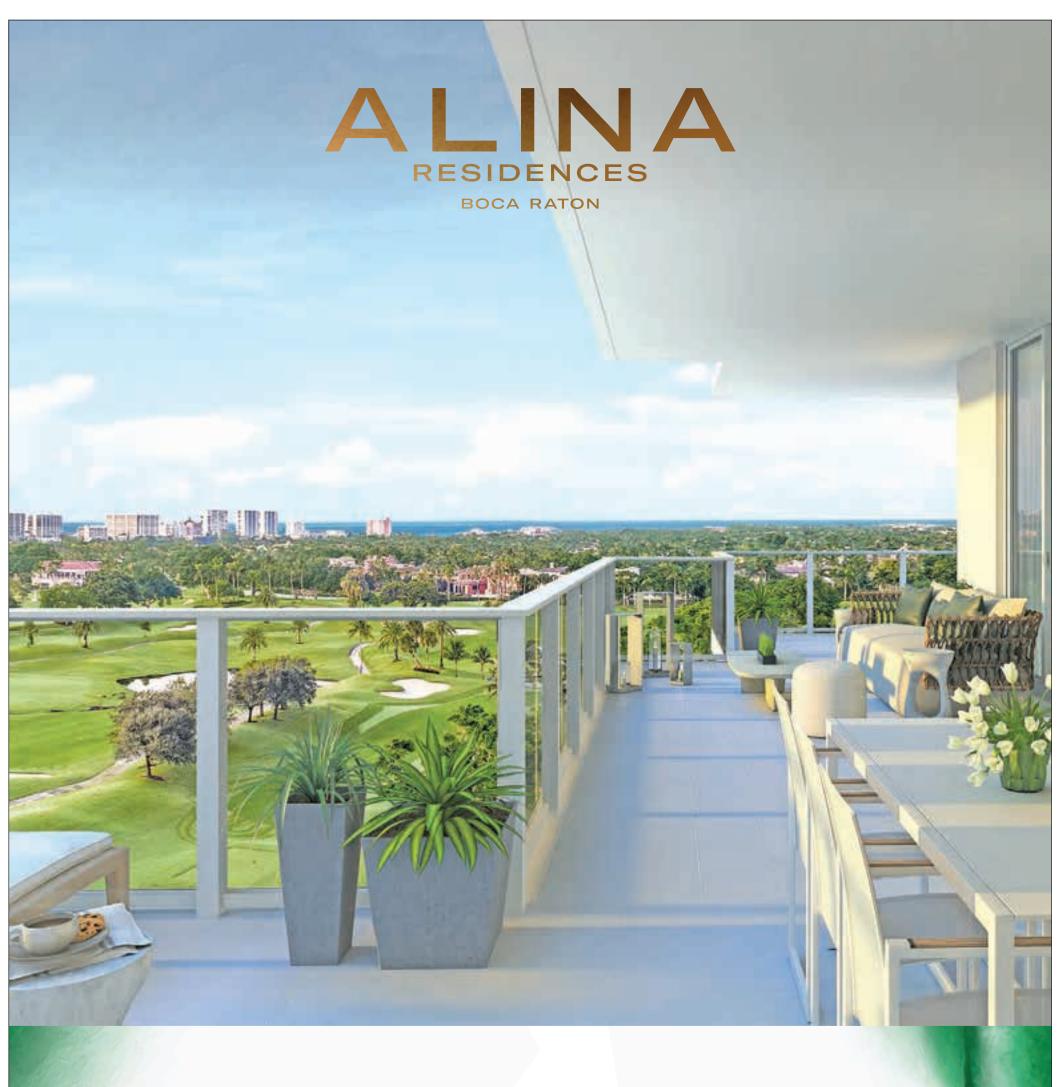


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