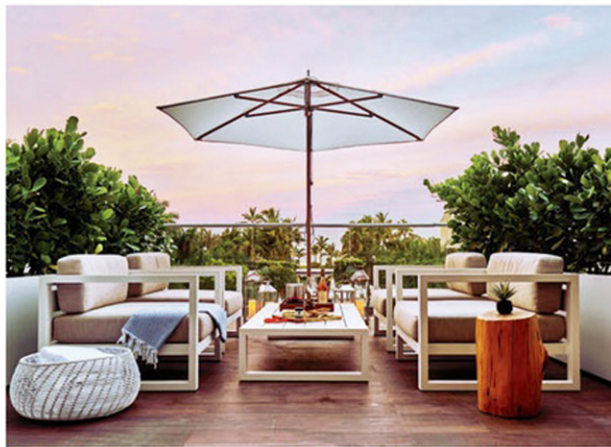


MAKING THE UPGRADE

Two ritzy Miami hotels get even ritzier—just in time for high season



< Nautilus

Nautilus, a Sixty Hotel, has entered the fray in pent-house-mad Miami. The eighth-floor perch combines nearly 1,500 square feet of blue and white interiors with a nearly 2,000-square-foot ipe wood deck, perfect for sinking into ikat pillows amid flickering lanterns and tropical greenery. "Guests can sunbathe with a view of the city," says Nautilus GM Steven Hiblum. The pent-house's decor departs from that in the rest of the 250-room hotel too. Nautical and seaside cottage motifs unfold in the one-bedroom layout, from whitewashed rattan to walnut millwork. "The living room's three portal windows add to the effect," says Hiblum. Families and besties can convert the den into a bona fide second bedroom—its sectional sofa expands into a queen bed, while pocket doors seal tightly for privacy. The master soars higher with 16-foot ceilings and a king bed. 1825 Collins Avenue; sixtyhotels.com



< Fontainebleau Miami Beach

In the spirit of election season, the Fontainebleau Miami Beach is going all the way to the White House with its new poolside cabanas. The resort commissioned Clausen-Chewning Interior Design, the same Southeastern firm that designed its presidential suites, to revamp 33 cabanas around several pools, including family-friendly options in the kids' zone. "Ipe wood panels offer privacy while allowing ocean breezes to flow through," says president and COO Philip Goldfarb. "They enhance the sophistication of the already iconic pool-scape." Bigger Haiku ceiling fans keep things comfortable too, and neutral furnishings and plush poufs by Paola Lenti offset the dark wood. Flatscreen TVs have also been upgraded and enlarged, a handy amenity for afternoon siestas after snacking on mahi-mahi tacos with rosé, Cointreau and strawberry sangria. Personal charging stations and mini fridges stocked with fruit and beverages complete the stylish set-up. 4441 Collins Avenue; fontainebleau.com

Servicing South Beach

Employees Only, the late-night New York haunt that's sweet on the service industry, is set to open in Miami in a cozy, coral-rock bungalow. Besides its signature complimentary soup—served in the wee hours so patrons can get home in one piece—the craft-cocktail pioneer is bringing down some tasty, tried-and-true concoctions. Pucker up with the Westside's Charbay Meyer lemon-flavored vodka, or brood in the corner with the Billionaire's single-barrel bourbon and absinthe bitters. "Billy Gilroy, a founding partner who's leading the Miami expansion, deejays soul and disco music on Mondays in New York, so expect the tradition to continue," says Miami project manager Allyson Noman.

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