



## The vanguard

Never a place to shy away from reinvention, Miami has gone from being known as “Heaven’s Waiting Room” to the unofficial “Capital of Affluent South America” and “True North of the Art World” in just two generations. That recent influx of the glitterati has led to a new crop of forward-thinking hotels that are seemingly purpose-built for Instagram posts. No one can deny the eye candy that is **Faena Hotel Miami Beach** ([Faena.com](http://Faena.com)), which requires walking past a (mammoth) gilded mammoth skeleton by Damien Hirst to access. Custom-designed tiles by Juan Gatti and red-and-white striped umbrellas flank the pool, where A-list celebrities are always, always pretending to hide from the paparazzi. Alan Faena, the art-loving Argentine co-owner and visionary, has South America’s most famous chef, Francis Mallmann, manning the pool-adjacent Los Fuegos restaurant. In Brickell, the **SLS LUX** ([SLSHotels.com/Lux-Brickell](http://SLSHotels.com/Lux-Brickell)) and its lush ninth-floor pool opened this summer. The pool deck’s tropical elegance seems to float above the city — an oasis within a sea of high-rise towers. Leave the kids at home when you venture up to the roof of the **1 Hotel South Beach** ([1Hotels.com](http://1Hotels.com)) — it’s adults-only at this 26,000-square-foot, 110-foot-long behemoth. The floating daybeds and glass-wrapped patio make it the chicest spot on Collins Avenue. Richard Meier and Joseph Dirand updated Russell Pancoast’s classic 1930s social club in northerly Surfside, including its legendary Cabana Row (imagine Noel Coward writing here or Winston Churchill painting and you get the gist). The cabana pool at the **Four Seasons Hotel at the Surf Club** ([FourSeasons.com](http://FourSeasons.com)), restored to its historic glory, now has 40 air-conditioned day-use cabanas, each outfitted with Dirand’s very tropical, very creamy, very dreamy furnishings. And in case you wanted to try something even newer, the **Cadillac Hotel & Beach Club** ([CadillacHotelMiamiBeach.com](http://CadillacHotelMiamiBeach.com)) recently reopened after a major face-lift. The oceanfront icon (it dates to 1940) has two pools (one oval-shaped and surrounded by oversize potted plants) and — natch — a cool blue color scheme.

