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Restaurant and lounge Queen Miami Beach has opened inside the Magic City's iconic Paris Theater, setting a new standard for luxury dining in South Beach into motion.

Beyond the structure's signature Art Deco façade, interiors were revitalized by designer Carlos Rodriguez of Modplay Studio to convey a posh, modern ambiance. "My highest endeavor was to make sure that the theater was not lost in the redesign," Rodriguez says. "The design truly echoes the soul of the building, where you feel the impact of the Art Deco of the '40s from the transitions in the spaces to every elaborate detail. I wanted the guests to feel the grandeur of the historic Paris Theater with a residential approach in the design. There is a high focus on detail, textures, and finishes, allowing a person to transition from Washington Avenue, which is very cold into a high state of luxury."

Golden doors open to custom handmade mosaics from Italy and sensual terrazzo floors illuminated by a midcentury brass chandelier. A convivial black and white mural by local artist Gonzalo Fuenmayor also commands the arrival experience with an exuberant rendering of Brazilian entertainer Carmen Miranda.

A curvaceous Art Deco-style passageway comprising brass slats leads to the Salon Lounge, where a marble bar and original crown molding motifs are also lit by ornate chandeliers. In addition to views of a theatrical open kitchen, the grandiose main dining room is anchored by the Mondrian wall, around which a medley of rich, textural focal points abound below a dome ceiling clad with LED panels. An eight-seat omakase counter on the second floor is also featured.

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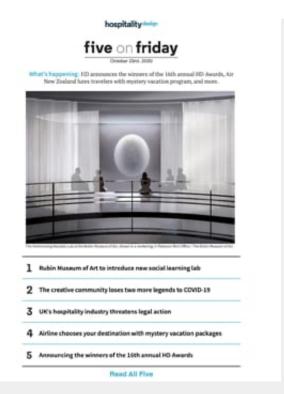
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