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CHECK IN... OR JUST CHECK IT OUT! Clockwise from top left: Washington Park Hotel's welcome desk; mixologist Danilo Bozovic holds court at Swizzle, the hotel's lobby bar; a communal table at Employees Only, the property's much-anticipated signature restaurant and bar.

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Summer was all about the EAST, Miami. Fall belonged to the SLS Brickell. But 2017's party hot spot is bound to be the new **Washington Park Hotel**. The reason? Not only does the 181-room property exude art deco charm and boast all the trappings discerning travelers demand, but it also houses plenty of creature comforts that don't even require us to check in. Prime among these is Employees Only, an outpost of Billy Gilroy's popular West Village favorite that will serve as WPH's signature restaurant and bar (as of press time, opening was slated for December) in the hotel's historic Coral House. The dinner menu (\$12 to \$68) here will include classics such as steak tartare, bone marrow peppers, bacon-wrapped lamb chops, seasonal fresh oysters and even caviar service alongside cocktails like the Billionaire, made with Knob Creek bourbon shaken with fresh lemon juice, grenadine and absinthe bitters. "We had always planned to expand to Miami Beach," says Gilroy, "and this leisure destination fits right in line with our ethos." Also of note is WPH's Swizzle, the lobby bar where Danilo Bozovic, who spearheaded the concept, is determined to get patrons to rethink crushed-ice libations. "Looking around Miami, I noticed a lot of tropical drinks, but not a great focus on swizzles," he says. "I'm looking forward to introducing a new flavor to South Florida." Cheers to that. *Room rates from \$213, 1050 Washington Ave., Miami Beach, 305.421.6265, wphsouthbeach.com -LRR*

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