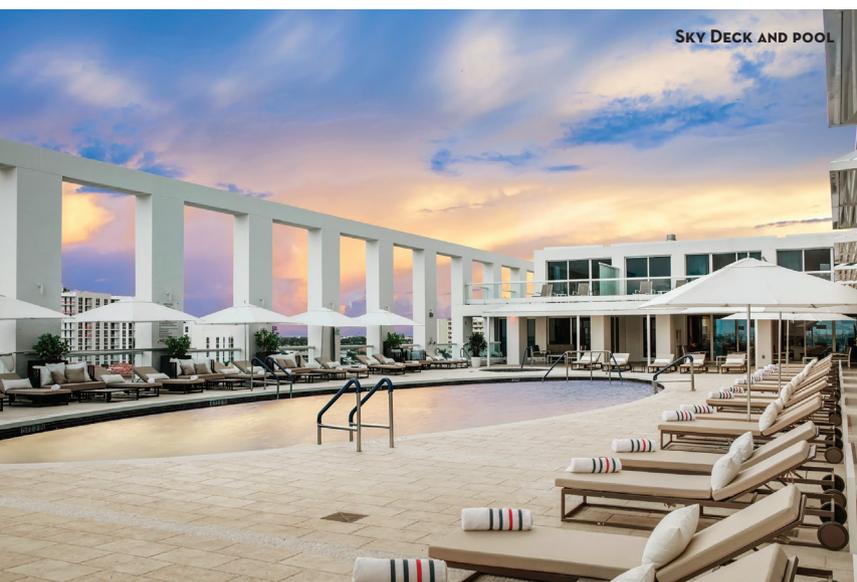


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Delight in seaside bliss at the all-suite Conrad Fort Lauderdale Beach

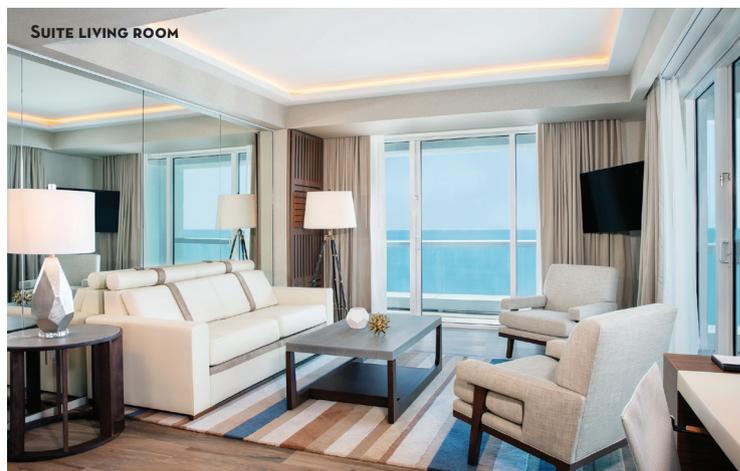
By Paul Rubio

A newer addition to Fort Lauderdale Beach's growing skyline is the 24-story Conrad Fort Lauderdale Beach, an eye-catching, Michael Graves-designed tower of 290 sumptuous suites and residences. Opened in 2017, it remains a key player in the area's reinvention as an upscale destination, a gripping alternative to top resorts in Miami Beach, and an idyllic spot for a luxe staycation.

Modeled after a swish ocean liner, the hotel's postmodern architecture reflects Fort Lauderdale's status as a global cruise port and the yachting capital of the world. Inside, a nautical theme endures. Coral- and cream-colored linens, headboards, and sofas are accented by pops of green and cobalt. Handsome woodwork balances lighter soft goods, together enhancing the waterfront vistas framed within floor-to-ceiling windows. Each unit—whether it be an entry-level studio suite or a multibedroom residence—boasts a furnished balcony or terrace, a galley kitchen (with touch-screen stovetops and Sub-Zero re-

frigerators), an Italian-marble bathroom, and ample space to roam. Accommodations feel residential and cozy, posh yet unpretentious.

The sixth floor is the hotel's center of both fun and relaxation, home to a sprawling 20,000-square-foot Sky Deck and an elegantly appointed 4,000-square-foot spa. A sleek swimming pool anchors the deck, matched with swanky cabanas, the shaded Spinnaker Pool Grill, and copious sunbeds, many in secluded nooks overlooking the Atlantic. The



boutique Conrad Spa is blessed with some of South Florida's most skilled therapists, while the bordering fitness center sports top-of-the-line cardio, resistance, and weight-training equipment. The property also nurtures outdoor fitness through complimentary sunrise beach yoga and beach cruisers for exploring the greater surroundings.

Down at the beach, prepare to reacquaint with some of Florida's superlative surf and sand. Unwind in a dedicated area of chairs and

umbrellas—they're included with the stay—and amble the shoreline to admire Fort Lauderdale's beach renaissance. Come sunset, retreat to the Conrad's stellar Japanese-Korean restaurant, Takato, for artisan cocktails, maki, gyoza, kimchi fried rice, and bao buns overlooking the ocean in a high-design setting. It's an idyllic way to cap blissful days of fun in the sun and further embrace the barefoot luxury that is redefining Fort Lauderdale. (conradfortlauderdale.com) ◀◀