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Susanne Birbragher, Alain Perez, and Jami Kirk at the grand opening celebration for The St. Regis Bal Harbour Resort



Buster Cox and Hilda Solano at the Hearts & Stars Gala for The Little Lighthouse Foundation



Diane Kruger and Jason Wu at The St. Regis opening

gowns and guns and roses

OUR MAN DIRK DESOUZA'S TAKE ON THIS SPRING'S MOST AMUSING BACCHANALS—DAY AND NIGHT

The gorgeously executed, over-the-top grand opening of the majestic **St. Regis Bal Harbour Resort** proved that no town parties like Miami (in case you had doubts). A long journey through throngs of bowing hotel staff (they seem to have hired the most polite peeps to be found in South Florida) revealed a suitably adult, nonetheless Wonka-level fantasyland by the pool. Killer live music from the **Jonathan Batiste** band, endless pours of both Laurent-Perrier Champagne and Jordan Wines, and “are you kidding me” food stations (lobster and Wagyu, anyone?) raised the bar for what a Miami fête should be. It’s amazing how a little lobster can prompt some guests to hoard six skewers at a time. Notable partygoers included St. Regis director of public relations **Michelle Payer**, property general manager **Marco A. Selva**, mega-developer **Tibor Hollo**, actress **Diane Kruger**, fashion designer **Jason Wu**, and, seemingly out of nowhere, CNN’s **Wolf Blitzer**. Adding to the pageantry was the most preposterously beautiful fireworks display in memory, and the band spontaneously marching around the pool deck in a New Orleans-style musical trot. The starry poolside celebration raged until rain forced partygoers inside to **The St. Regis Wine Vault**, a stunning lobby bar where Batiste’s troupe joined the resident **St. Regis** band for a jam session, entertaining within sardine-like confines—which only delighted further. So inspired was polo stud **Nacho Figueras** that he tried his hand at sabering open a magnum of bubbly. Of course, he managed it flawlessly. Some guys have all the luck.

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Delfina Blaquier and Nacho Figueras at The St. Regis opening



Arizona Muse and Olivia Chantebaille at The St. Regis opening

The do-gooders over at **The Little Lighthouse Foundation** again threw a doozy, this time the third annual Hearts & Stars Gala fundraiser at the palatial waterfront estate of **George Wallner**. Imagine a mind-boggling, zoo-like display of 800 of the prettiest, most socially influential scenesters guzzling bubbles, Absolut cocktails, and food for miles. Miami’s **Real Housewives**, film crew in tow, caused a stir (as is often the case these days), and **Michael Bay**, in town filming *Pain and Gain*, an ‘80s bodybuilding/heist flick starring **Mark Wahlberg** and **Dwayne Johnson**, strolled the crowd, lending gravitas to an annual party that’s been gaining quite a bit of buzz for such a young organization. Out by the waterfront, **DJ Louis Dee** handily provided the tunes atop a *Saturday Night Fever*-ish glowing white dancefloor. Most memorable moment? Condo pre-partying with stunning models **Illya Biederman** and **Jessica Smith** before decamping to the Hibiscus Island-bound bus stocked with 40 models, commandeered by **Burton Wilkins III**. Welcome to Miami.

“Bungalow”—the word has such lovely connotations of lavish leisure. The **W South Beach** put its own to excellent use during the Winter Music Conference as Belvedere Vodka and SiriusXM chose the location to invite a few hundred lucky guests to intimately party alongside the likes of DJs **Tiësto**, **Sander van Doorn**, **Avicii**, **Kaskade**, **Dada Life**, **Ruckus**, and

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