

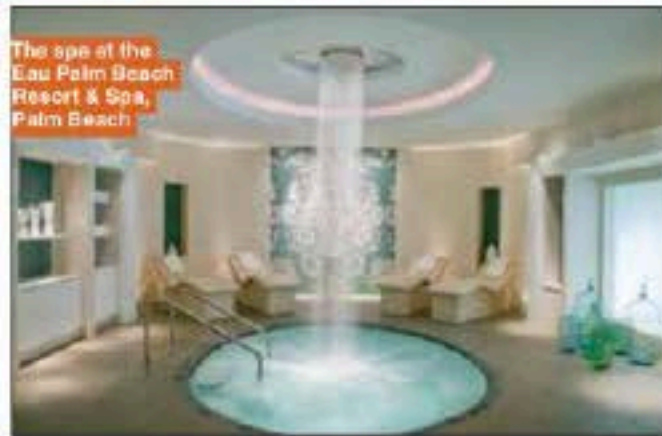
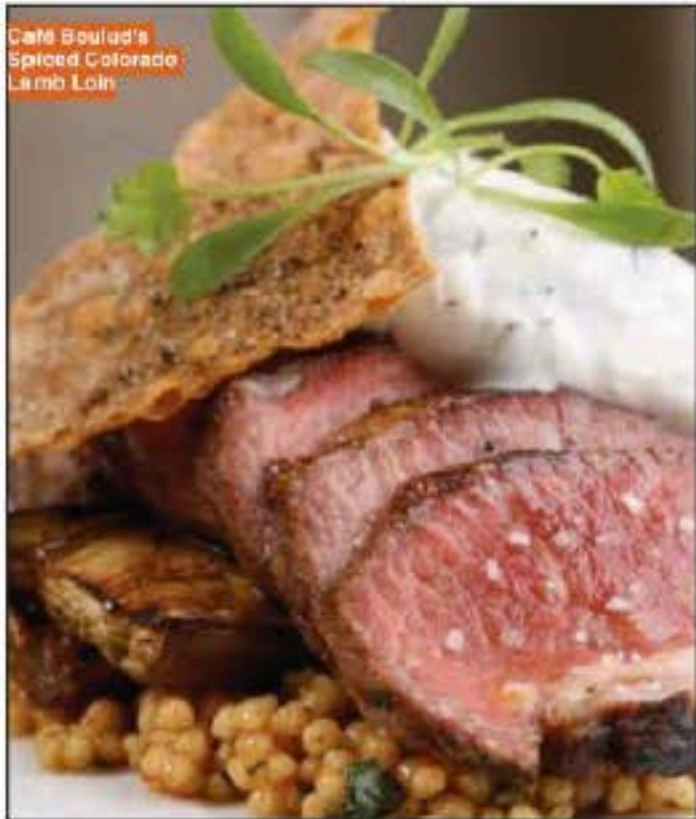
# CITY & SHORE MAGAZINE

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## We know what we

# LIKE

We've never liked "Best Of" issues here at *City & Shore Magazine* — but our contributing editors and writers know what they LIKE. **2013**



made-to-order Arthur Collection was created with a European modern aesthetic combined with Asian proportions. Shown is the 144-inch long Rotterdam sofa that sits on a rift cut oak base, but it can be ordered in various lengths. The Shanghai cocktail table has a brushed oak top and mirror polished stainless steel ends with integrated storage wells. The legs are reminiscent of stilettos.

**Italian elegance**

[armanicasa.com](http://armanicasa.com)

Giorgio Armani not only designs clothing with elegance, his furniture line also echoes the same aesthetic. Now South Floridians can find his furniture in his Armani/



Casa store in the Miami Design District. The D'Alambert armoire is available in brushed oak, brushed brown oak or brown mahogany and is accented with a round handle with the GA logo reminiscent of a Chinese wedding chest. Metal accents are placed on top and bottom of the chest. Three options are available – a small wardrobe with drawers, a home office or a multi-purpose storage unit.

**John Tanasychuk,  
Dining writer**

**La Mia Focaccia, Fort Lauderdale**

[lamiafocaccia.com](http://lamiafocaccia.com)

Chiara Trocchia's sandwiches start with her fresh bread rounds, which are filled with such made-in-house ingredients as grilled eggplant, roasted red peppers and chicken marinated in the fresh herbs she grows out back. Sandwiches don't get any fresher.



La Mia Focaccia

**Racks Fish House + Oyster Bar, Delray Beach**

[racksdelray.com](http://racksdelray.com)

While the oysters shouldn't be missed, Chef Matthew Danaher's shrimp and grits made with green chile and jack cheese along with andouille gravy will revive your appetite for this Southern staple.

**Riverside Market, Fort Lauderdale**

[facebook.com/riversidemarket](https://facebook.com/riversidemarket)

Owner Julian Siegel calls his beer emporium and cafe a combination of man cave, living room and "a tribute to old Florida." I call it a Fort Lauderdale piece of heaven. With 550 different bottles and 20 on draft, it also has the best beer menu in South Florida.



Julian Siegel owner of Riverside Market

**Marcello's La Sirena, West Palm Beach**

[lasirenaonline.com](http://lasirenaonline.com)

The building looks as if it once housed a fast food joint. (It didn't). Once inside the tight dining room, the team of expert servers in white jackets plus the magic from the kitchen will remind you why we go to restaurants in the first place.



Marcello's La Sirena



Kaluz

**Kaluz, Fort Lauderdale**

[kaluzrestaurant.com](http://kaluzrestaurant.com)

My favorite setting on the Intracoastal Waterway is this glass homage to Frank Lloyd Wright, on the water at Commercial Boulevard. A perfect perch to enjoy cocktails and watch the yachts pass.

**Sea, Lauderdale-by-the-Sea**

[seatherestaurant.com](http://seatherestaurant.com)

First at Sunfish Grill and now at Sea, chef and owner Tony Sindaco is one of the best seafood chefs in the region. His tuna Bolognese features meaty pieces of fish and a tomato-based sauce with just a bit of butter. Incredible.

Lighthouse, which is recognized as the state's first lighthouse. The Spanish originally constructed it as a watchtower in the 1500s. The lighthouse, situated 165 feet about sea level, is one of the best places to observe an unobstructed view of a Florida sunset and moonrise.



#### Turks and Caicos

[turksandcaicostourism.com](http://turksandcaicostourism.com)

Turks and Caicos is a relaxing getaway that sits in the Atlantic 550 miles southeast of Miami. Like the Bahamas, Turks and Caicos is English speaking; and, like the Bahamas, its 40 islands and cays are wrapped in pristine turquoise warm waters, eight of which are inhabited. Even though this island is considered a British Overseas Territory, the U.S. dollar is the official currency, which makes buying coconut rum cocktails while relaxing on the white-sand shores a bit easier.

Charlyne Varkonyi Schaub,  
Design writer

#### Classy countertop

[pinongrill.com](http://pinongrill.com), [iddidesign.com](http://iddidesign.com), [atainc.com](http://atainc.com)

Restaurants are more than just food. Service and design also make the experience special. One of the most intriguing aspects of the design at Pinon Grill at Town Center Mall in Boca Raton is the countertop that is reminiscent of the priceless walls of the Amber Room in St. Petersburg, Russia, which were presented to Peter the Great in 1716 by the King of Prussia and stolen by the Nazis in WW II. Pinon's 3-inch thick countertop of poured resin with indirect lighting was custom made by Atta in New York City for the commercial interior design firm ID & Design International in Fort Lauderdale.



#### Stately statues

[sklarfurnishings.com](http://sklarfurnishings.com)

Homes with high ceilings require accessories that don't get lost or look like they are in miniature. What we need are pieces that are tall and memorable. Two of my favorite examples are the resin statues of a male and female found at Sklar in Boca Raton that resemble statues in a promotion for Art Basel in Switzerland. The statues, 13 by 16 by 84 inches, would make a grand statement in a great room or an entry foyer.



#### Going in circles

[christopherguy.com](http://christopherguy.com)

[brownsinteriors.com](http://brownsinteriors.com)

Mirrors have come a long way from simple circles, rectangles, ovals and squares. One of the most intriguing is a mirror by Christopher Guy that I first saw in a Delray Beach home designed by Patty Gilbert of Brown's Interior Design in Boca Raton. The spyrograph mirror intertwines three single ribbon rings with the complexity of hand-carved twists. It comes in three sizes – 44 by 44 inches, 51 by 51 inches and 57 by 57 inches.



#### Contemporary cache

[arthur-collection.com](http://arthur-collection.com)

I may be a traditionalist at heart, but I still can appreciate good, sleek modern design. Eric Dyer, a Hallandale Beach architect/designer known for his clean contemporary style, has designed a furniture collection that meets his clients' desires for comfort. His