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THE BRAND-NEW PALM HOUSE HOTEL CAPTURES THE ESSENCE OF PALM BEACH LIVING

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CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: SUNSET POOL AND DECK; PALM HOUSE'S ENTRY LOUNGE AND PALM BAR, COMPLETE WITH MURANO GLASS CHANDELIERS; THE PRESIDENTIAL SUITE; PALM HOUSE DINING ROOM; DETAIL OF CUSTOM SEASHELL WALL ART BY CHRISTA WILM.

While the architecture and aesthetics among Palm Beach's finest homes vary, there's one attribute they all have in common: they're utterly enchanting. So, too, is Palm House, a luxury boutique hotel that recently opened on Royal Palm Way.

Palm House is the first U.S. property in London-based L+R Hotel group's Iconic Luxury Hotels collection. The building itself was constructed as a motor lodge in the 1960s, but with this reimagination, the new owners sought to evoke the relaxed exclusivity of a palatial Palm Beach estate. A coral facade gives way to interiors by Muza Lab, replete with unexpected shades of pink and green. There's also an abundance of cheeky-meets-chic

details, like seashell wall installations by artist Christa Wilm and Murano glass chandeliers with a flirty flounce.

As in many grand homes, the entryway is designed to showcase the property's best feature. In this case, that's the Sunset Pool and Deck, which is nestled beyond the lounge and framed by an arched doorway. It's the kind of cinematic hideaway reminiscent of Apple TV+'s *Palm Royale*. One could just envision Kristen Wiig's Maxine Dellacorte-Simmons sipping a Grasshopper while in repose on a cabana bed.

Though some design cues recall Palm Beach circa 1969, Palm House's overall vibe is rooted in the renaissance of today. It boasts a modernity that speaks to the island's long-established cachet and more recent emergence as a permanent home for next-gen movers and shakers. Just look to the hotel's bar and restaurant, which have already become a bona fide hot spot among the local glitterati.

A beacon of luminous pink marble, the Palm Bar offers classics with a tropical twist. A must-try is the Grapefruit on the Rocks, with Nikka Coffey Gin, Domaine de Canton Ginger Liqueur, St-Germain Elderflower Liqueur, pink grapefruit, and lychee. And don't leave your

barstool without sampling the to-die-for olives with confit garlic.

The bar menu is the perfect palate primer to the main event: the Japanese-Peruvian cuisine at the adjacent Palm House Dining Room. Inspired by his time working with chef Nobu Matsuhisa, executive chef de cuisine Jerry Ayala presents an array of small bites to tempt all senses. Prepare to order at least half a dozen dishes, choosing from various cold or hot options heavy in raw delicacies (hello, deconstructed crispy rice with spicy tuna) and cool surprises (we recommend the teeny but tasty taquitos with lobster or Japanese Wagyu).

If the culinary program reads "on the town," the accommodations invite you back home. Overlooking the pool, the Terrace Rooms will make you feel like you're staying in your best friend's ultra-posh guest house, complete with a private patio; opt for a ground-level Terrace Room to gain direct access to the pool deck and all the amenities available therein. If you want to feel like part of the Palm Beach elite, book the Presidential Suite, which spans two stories and comes with dedicated butler service. Now that's paradise personified. (palmhouse.com) <<

