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Best Hotels

If you want to be in the middle of the scene on South Beach:

Art Deco isn't the only architectural style celebrated in South Beach. [The Betsy](#), which is a 1942 ode to U.S. Colonial architecture with columns that look more Virginia estate than Miami, was designed by L. Murray Dixon who also designed most of the Deco buildings around it. Reopened in 2009, it's tucked into a cul de sac on Ocean Drive which gives it a bit more privacy than most South Beach hotels. It's also smaller, only 63 rooms, sharply styled and buzzing but not as pretentious as some of its neighbours (yes, Delano, we're talking about you). It's also home to a branch of New York chef Laurent Tourondel's BLT Steak which ups the room service quotient immeasurably. The only drawback is that the service is strictly South Beach, meaning the staff look beautiful but good luck getting them to do what you need efficiently and within a reasonable amount of time.