

BEST NEW ITALIAN RESTAURANT: [MC Kitchen](#), Miami, brings the city its first modern Italian restaurant via Chef Dena Marino and partner Brandy Coletta, in a clean, stripped down décor befitting its Design District location. What distinguishes MC's cooking is its elemental simplicity—the first rubric of Italian cuisine, adapted by Marino with all the gusto she can muster in a dish like her *pappardelle* of spring ramps and “forever braised” pork *ragù*, and her crisp, charred pizzas topped with broccoli di rabe, sausage, fontina and caramelized onions. Her food and Coletta's savvy coalesce in a sophisticated balance rare in a sunny city where glitz too often trumps good taste.