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What do you get when you mix a buzz that's worthy of South Beach, the culinary prowess of New York, and the serenity of the Virgin Islands? This sexy, open-sided restaurant above Frenchman's Reef & Morning Star Marriott Beach Resort. From the 20-foot windows with flowing sheer white veils to the bowls of warm cinnamon and cloves passed between courses (for smelling only), Havana Blue nails every detail—courtesy of stylish ex-Manhattanite owners Nicole Horstmeyer and her husband, Eric. They didn't overlook the menu, either, a mix of Cuban and Pacific Rim fusion dishes devised by Puerto Rican wunderkind Omar Sanchez. The ahi in the ceviche starter tastes like it was caught just minutes before; a duck crepe with jalapeño and espresso sauces is ingenious fusion; and punchy yuzu sauce gives the *tres leches* dessert a new—but no less creamy—life.

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