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SOUTH FLORIDA BY WAY OF THE HAMPTONS!

The latest New York hotel migrating to South Florida is the chic **Thompson Hotel**. Set to open later this month just blocks away from the Fontainebleau, the Thompson Miami Beach (4041 Collins Ave., Miami) celebrated earlier this summer with celebrities such as **Countess LuAnn de Lesseps, Lawrence Bender** and **Brian Atwood** at the private Hamptons home of record executive **Charlie Walk** and his wife **Lauran Walk**. **Sobe Wine and Food Festival** founder (and author) **Lee Brian Schrager** was also in attendance with James Beard Award-winning chef

Michelle Bernstein – who will open the "Seagrape" restaurant at the new hotel.

> Michelle Bernstein at The Thompson Hotel

CHOW DOWN!

Creative Kitchen, the hospitality group behind Whiskey Tango and Bull Market, recently unveiled a new Asian/Korean BBQ joint aptly named Chow. Owner John Todora has traveled extensively through Asia and wanted to bring that flavor (literally) to downtown Fort Lauderdale. Todora savs the Asian-American mix at Chow will fit the downtown Himmarshee scene "to a tee." The menu features creative dishes such as spicy lobster balls, a Korean Kalbi Burger, and Bangkok Street Noodles, as well as a large selection of sushi (including "celebrity rolls" like the Scarlett Johannson). 208 SW 2nd St., Fort Lauderdale

VOUVEILS NEW LOOK AND NEW MENU

One of Fort Lauderdale's hottest restaurants, **YOLO** has recently completed major interior renovations and rolled out an exciting new menu. Executive Chef **Peter Boulukos** has introduced new lunch, dinner, and brunch menus. Highlighted dishes include, Blistered Shishito Peppers, Oak Grilled Bronzino, and Short Rib Meatloaf for brunch. yolorestaurant.com