

# THE RADAR WEEK ENDER

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Left to right: A Bohemian suite in the Mansion on Forsyth Park; The Bösendorfer Lounge.

## THE MOD SQUAD *Forget the B&Bs and conservative wear. Savannah, Georgia, is going contemporary.*

### THE MANSION ON FORSYTH PARK

**THE BUZZ:** Since Kessler Collection bought this AAA Four-Diamond hotel, originally built in 1888, it has redecorated the 18,000-square-foot interior of the Victorian Romanesque building with glam, quirky furnishings and accessories that any modern design lover will appreciate. Now a member of the Preferred Hotels and Resorts Worldwide, the Mansion also has more than 400 pieces of American and European artwork for sale in its Grand Bohemian Gallery, as well as a 100-piece vintage hat collection and an on-site cooking school headed by chef Darin Sehnert, who's appeared on Food Network and HGTV. **THE NEIGHBORHOOD:** It's in the historic district on, well, Forsyth Park. **THE EYE CANDY:** In the lobby, you can *rendezvous* amidst white leather wing chairs, Lucite tables, Versace rugs and throw pillows, 200-year-old pink Verona marble columns and a \$250,000 antique chandelier. Of the 126 guest rooms, six suites on the second-level Bohemian Floor are decorated in fuchsia or chartreuse color schemes, and include ornate headboards with shell motifs, faux fur throws, tufted lounge chairs and ottomans, writing desks, and candelabra-style sconces and table lamps that call to mind the palace in *Beauty and the Beast*. Book one with a king bed (floor space feels limited in the rooms with two queens) and don't expect a lot of privacy if you're traveling with friends: The bathroom, which includes a vintage soaking tub or whirlpool bath, is only separated from the sleeping area by a heavy satin curtain that can be drawn shut. **THE CHILL FACTOR:** The small, on-site Poseidon Spa, decorated in equally glamorous decor, offers everything from a sea mist body buff to a gingerbread scrub. But the best places to relax with company are in the über-cool Bösendorfer Lounge, where live piano music is a nightly attraction, or at a table or chaise beside the heated swimming pool in the outdoor courtyard. *Doubles from \$239 per night. 700 Drayton St., 888.711.5114 or [www.mansiononforythpark.com](http://www.mansiononforythpark.com).*

### 700 DRAYTON RESTAURANT

**THE BUZZ:** Chef Michael McGeeny left Daufuskie Island Resort & Breathe Spa in Hilton Head to manage this restaurant, owned by the Mansion on Forsyth Park. Come hungry: The portions are huge! **THE NEIGHBORHOOD:** It's next door to the Mansion, literally a hop, skip and jump away. **THE EYE CANDY:** The lavishly decorated environment will make you feel you're on a film noir set, day or night. And don't miss the sugar cane sweetened Georgia shrimp and grits, and Cabernet-braised short ribs, which are succulent to say the least. *912.721.5002.*



700 Drayton



Marc by Marc Jacobs fall runway

### MARC BY MARC JACOBS

**THE BUZZ:** Hard to believe, but the new 4,700-square-foot Marc by Marc Jacobs store that opened in Savannah this spring is the largest in the United States. Could it be because Marc Jacobs' International President, Robert Duffy, recently bought a house here? **THE NEIGHBORHOOD:** It's downtown, at the corner of Montgomery and Broughton Streets. **THE EYE CANDY:** You'll find the complete line of men's and women's fashions, accessories and shoes, as well as Savannah logo beach towels and the Stinky Rat line. *322 West Broughton St., 912.234.2800 or [www.marcjacobs.com](http://www.marcjacobs.com).* 