



Saint and sinners

Old World decadence is making a comeback in Boston. Local designer Stephen Sousa has taken the labyrinthine basement of the Copley Square Hotel, a hobbit's hollow of a space that dates back to 1891, and dolled it up with marble bars, wood panelling and mirrored ceilings. The multi-venue layout (there are three different lounges) fuses Veuve-fuelled lounging with nightly performances, Asian tapas and caviar service. Chef Rene Michelena's creations include shiitake gyoza flanked with fiery pepper syrup and nude mussel rôti with silken coconut curry. For those looking to party without intrusion, there are a series of recessed VIP pods, complete with beds, already much in favour with Boston's power set of athletes, politicos and intellectuals. RM

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