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### BASEL DAZZLES

By all accounts, the 10th anniversary of Art Basel was the biggest, most over-the-top art week Miami's ever seen. Last week was fun, tense, inspiring, maddening, wonderful and chaotic, as hotels, restaurants, event spaces, nightclubs and fire marshals contended with billionaire art collectors, other assorted VIPs (from Pharrell Williams to Elin Nordegren to Twitter cofounder Evan Williams) and party crashers.

Two of our favorite areas in Miami reminded us of why we visit so often: This city is full of clusters that offer nonstop fun, all day and all night.

The 56-acre Midtown Miami complex (home to fairs including Art Miami and Scope) was perhaps the most mind-boggling spot for art fans. Architect Marc Fornes' huge metal installation at the Graffiti Gone Global exhibit (presented by SushiSamba, owners of Midtown's red-hot Sugarcane eatery) dazzled. The sleek new Ricochet lounge showed off its hipster bathroom art during Spotify-sponsored concerts with Nas and TV on the Radio.

In South Beach, Collins Avenue from 16th Street to 21st Street was overwhelming. The Sagamore ended its big museum-world brunch on Saturday while Daniel Koch was still setting up his pop-up Day and Night brunch at



**"The Art of Basketball" at Graffiti Gone Global.**

Vita for a long afternoon of champagne-fueled fun that brought in what seemed like half the New York nightlife industry. X-ray photographer Nick Veasey, whose work is on limited-edition boxes of Macallan 12-year scotch, showed remarkable stamina at daytime and nighttime events at the Raleigh. Russell Simmons relaxed at Yogart at the Loews. Young the Giant performed at a Bing event at the Shelborne. And Friday's Rio-themed Visionaire bash at the Delano's pool was a contender for party of the week.

The restaurant of the week was the Dutch (a spot that needs no explanation for New York food-scene lovers) at the W. The new Miami outpost's food is already solid, and the restaurant handled the week with grace under major pressure (typical night: billionaire adds eight people to his reservation at the last minute, and the Dutch says no problem). We ended up there Friday and Saturday night, because it's where everyone we ran into wanted to go. — **A.W.**