

D'ISRAELI FERNANDEZ Bar Manager, Living Room

Bar Manager D'israeli "Dizzy" Fernandez brings more than 20 years of industry experience to the Living Room at W South Beach. Fernandez began his bartending career in 1997, at the age of 18, in Isla Verde, Puerto Rico. A native of the island, he became a weekend bartender at Club BRAVA, then Club Babylon, at Hotel San Juan. While still bartending at BRAVA, he took on a General Manager position at the ETERNAL Lobby Lounge at the famed Condado Plaza Hotel in San Juan.

In 2009, Fernandez decided to relocate to Miami where he tended the bar at Dream Night Club in South Beach. In 2011, Fernandez was tapped by KNR Hospitality Group to work behind the bar at W South Beach's hot nightclub WALL, where he created an array of cocktails for locals, visitors and celebrities for three years. Impressed by Fernandez's acumen, KNR lured the savvy cocktail guru over to Living Room, where he currently oversees the lounge's beverage program. Fernandez's fascination with chemistry and passion to create cocktails that stimulate the senses have earned the sophisticated hotspot raves and accolades including *Food & Wine Magazine's "2012 Fifty Best Bars in America."* Signature cocktails are works of art and feature edible flowers, housemade spice mixes and creative infusions. Fernandez currently resides in Miami and holds a degree in Computer Science and Business Management from Universidad Central de Bayamon, in Puerto Rico.

Interviews available upon request

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