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### Vice Is Nice

#### Miami's Fashion Week Was All Fire and Ice

In South Beach, Miami, the heat was on as Bikini Runway Chic Week got underway. It was a playboy paradise; it was Fantasy Island; Miami Vice with Ice, Ice Baby.

The masses of fashionistas, celebrities, socialites and debutantes all with invites in hand anxiously pressed for access into **The Raleigh Hotel** lobby for the show and then the after-party. Security Stood sternly; arms crossed, frowns in place - no invite, no show. "Please move, you're blocking the entrance and ruining my suntan."

In Miami, you wear your sunglasses in your bikini bottom, your diamond necklace around your waist and plenty of exotic, ethnic necklaces, mixed, matched and piled thick around your neck and low bosom. It's a very slimming effect.

And into the show you go! **Rosa Cha** declared that the bikini is here to stay. **Amir's** styles, influenced by World Cup colors, were bold. Sexy navy blue lace bottoms and push up bras kept everything taught and tight. **Red Carter** was naughty, naughty with some tongue-in-cheek humor. He styled his male models in blushing pink bikini bottoms and his female models in an S&M bondage look - yet no thongs or polka dots in sight. **Lycra's** show was a tribute to the last 60 years of the bikini, the Bond girl look and sailor short-short styles. The accessories were very American girl, apple pie on the sly. **Inca** styles were more conservative than last season: neutral colors and simple, chic, easy-to-wear looks.

Then, it was on to the after party. Opening night was held at the Mynt Lounge/ROK Bar. The vibe, style and beautiful people were amazing. The second night, at **Micheal Capponis' Mansion** and **The Forge**, which hosted the Miss Sixty Show, the SOBE girl drew incredible looks.

**NYC Notes:** **Pier 1 Imports** held a soiree for new line **Loft 21**. It's modern chic furniture and lounge styles for less than expected, and in sizes that won't make your Manhattan apartment feel like a walk-in closet. **Museum of the City of New York** hosted a fundraiser for **Amnesty International** to help stop human trafficking.

- Esther Nash