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AT THE NEW GLOSS NAIL BAR, NATURE-FRIENDLY PAMPERING IS A GIVEN.

By Michael Muzquiz

Eco-conscious brands are nothing new in the beauty industry, but Miami has been slow to embrace the concept wholeheartedly. After seeing her teenage daughter suffer from dry, brittle nails as a result of her regular manicures, Miamian Sandra Weir decided to take matters into her own hands with the December 2013 launch of GLOSS Naturals, an all-organic line consisting of 100 polishes and nail-related products that are nontoxic, completely vegan and animal crueltyfree. Now Weir is raising our eco-conscience even further with the recent opening of GLOSS Nail Bar, a 1,345-square-foot sanctum dedicated to Earth-friendly grooming. "People tend to [equate] organic and natural with ineffective. I wanted to change this misconception," says Weir. "Our main mantra is purity and wellness

without compromise!" Just how serious is that commitment? All 100 GLOSS Naturals polish shades come in fully recyclable glass bottles. Customers receive a free polish for every four empty containers they bring to the salon for recycling. The polish remover used is both soybased and petroleum-free (as opposed to traditional acetone). Weir's commitment even extends to the venue's Zen-centric decor, which is marked by reclaimed wood and all sorts of recycled materials. Treatments are not limited to hands, however. Pedicures, brow shaping, lash tinting, deep-tissue massages and waxing (in prices commensurate to those found at traditional salons) are also on the menu. Now those are natural experiences any fashionista can get behind. 214 Andalusia Ave., Coral Gables, 305.569.7700, glossmiami.com

SIZE MATTERS

Puttin' on the Spritz!

When it comes to fragrance and travel, the smaller, the better. **Maison Francis** Kurkdjian is the latest brand to embrace the liquid-size limitations enforced by the TSA and has done so in the most chic way. Made of sturdy zinc, the Globe Trotter tightly stores interchangeable glass vials of fragrances from the master perfumer's Maison collection. That means there's no risk of them breaking or, worse, getting confiscated, while en route. Ever the dapper dan, Kurkdjian even designed a chic, leather carrying case for a first-class upgrade that's hard to resist. \$95-\$105, Neiman Marcus, Bal Harbour Shops and Village of Merrick Park -Rebecca Kleinman

