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**MAYA/Dubai**  
Steering Dubai's frenetic pace of development in an even more global direction, American chef Richard Sandoval has brought his modern Mexican formula to the

beachfront at Le Royal Meridien resort. Sandoval's cooking harnesses the lively flavors of Mexico and the American Southwest with sophisticated technique. Fried calamari are given real spunk when battered with ancho chili and served with Napa cabbage and a blood orange-chipotle reduction. Tacos are upgraded with a superb assemblage of ingredients: lobster, black-bean purée, and avocado. Other highlights include a rich lamb stew and Anaheim peppers stuffed with shrimp and goat cheese. After dinner, follow the cosmopolitan crowd upstairs to the rooftop lounge, which looks straight onto the Arabian Gulf (*Sheikh Zayed Rd.*; 971-4/399-5555).  
-ROB MCKEOWN

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