

INDULGE



1. CRUST

Miami River District

Most good restaurants will tell you that the customer is king, but at Crust, Chef-Owner Klime Kovaceski takes it further: “Our customer is our God,” he said. This kind of reverence creates happy guests, many of whom have followed Kovaceski for decades, from his days at Trio on the Bay and Crystal Cafe. Proving you don’t have to be Italian to know hospitality, Macedonian-born Kovaceski and his Australian wife, Anita, have found a groove in satisfying food and attentive service by the Miami River.

“I’m not sure how to do this,” Anita confided, but “Klime is teaching me, and everything works.”

Though Crust started as mainly a pizza place, the restaurant has evolved into a complete menu with gigantic portions. A favorite, the Chicken Parm, features three tender white-meat cutlets breaded and lightly fried to a golden brown and served with a thin layer of mozzarella over al dente spaghetti and a tangy red sauce.

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