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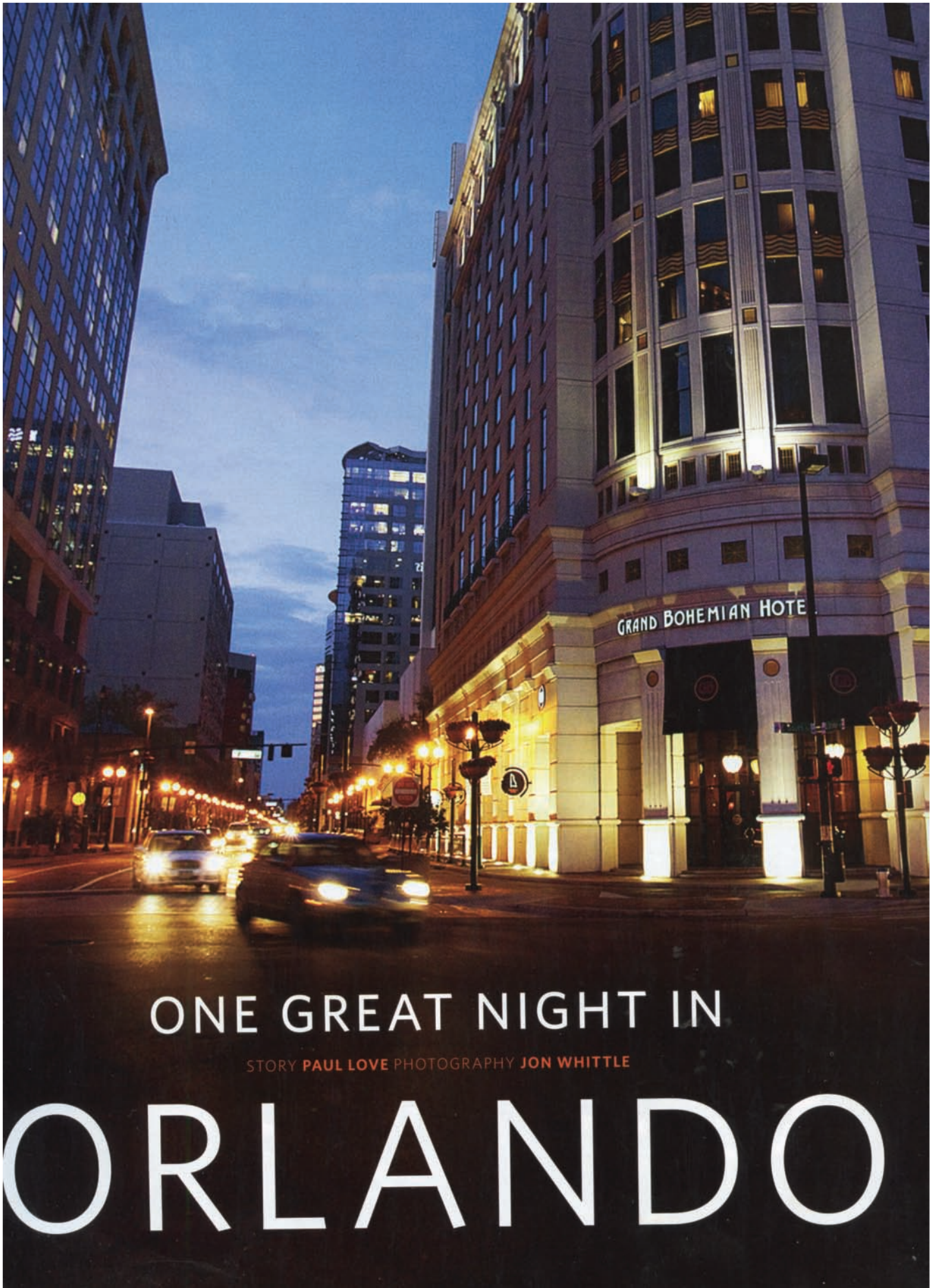
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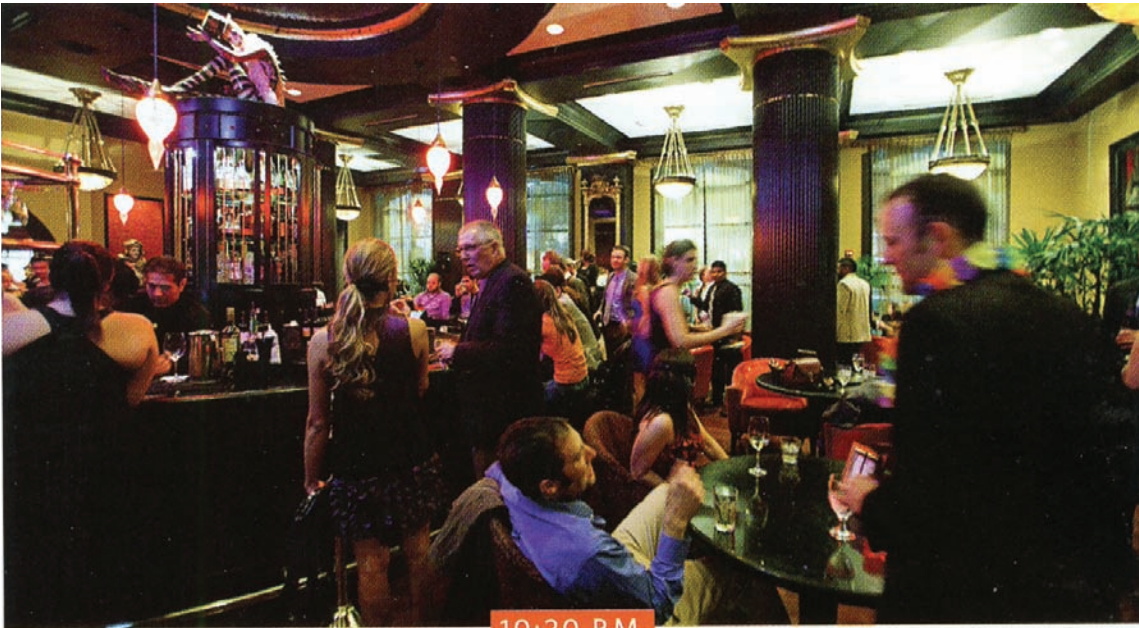


ONE GREAT NIGHT IN

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When thinking of chic, perhaps even sophisticated, nightlife, Orlando isn't exactly the first city that comes to mind. O-Town has no shortage of bass-thumping and techno-spewing nightclubs geared toward the college crowd, but a more refined experience awaits those willing to look a little deeper. I grew up in this town and have seen much of the city grow up with me. There are plenty of hidden jewels where style means elegance with a hearty helping of frivolity, and jazz plays softly while the wine flows freely. Finding these is simply a matter of connecting the dots. Here's a play-by-play of a great night on the town:



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>> Head downtown to burn off those dinner calories dancing at the **Bösendorfer Lounge** inside the posh Grand Bohemian Hotel (grandbohemianhotel.com). The room radiates elegance with black, Romanesque columns and alcoves populated by sculpted busts of emperor-like figures. Comfy suede chairs and sofas offer spots to rest your dancing feet with a fine scotch, port or sherry. Half the fun at the Bösendorfer is spotting the bizarre elements that grant the lounge a touch of whimsy. Not to be missed are the burlesque clown sculptures—one atop the rotating cabinet behind the circular bar—and the large-canvas paintings that range from Gothic to surreal. Step away from the crowd into the adjacent Klimt Rotunda, where you'll find the lounge's namesake: an Imperial Grand Bösendorfer piano designed by Austrian architect Hans Hollein. It's one of only two in the world (the other is reputed to be somewhere in Shanghai).

INSIDER TIP It's not always on the menu, but the lime-infused vodka gimlet is delicious.