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Miami's art scene has gone BYOS (bring your own snorkel). Reefline is an underwater sculpture park, snorkel trail, and hybrid reef located just off Miami Beach. Conceived by biocultural placemaker Ximena Caminos, the project first gained backing from the Knight Arts Challenge before securing a \$5 million, voter-approved Miami Beach bond in 2022. Nominated for Prince William's Earthshot Prize, Reefline brings together scientists, conservationists, architects, engineers, and artists to create a low-carbon installation that functions as a living coral reef—providing habitat for marine life while helping buffer shoreline erosion. Architect Shohei Shigematsu of OMA masterplanned what will eventually become a seven-mile underwater corridor stretching north to Bal Harbour. The first artwork, *Concrete Coral*, by Argentine artist Leandro Erlich, was submerged 20 feet underwater last October. The installation takes the form of a subaquatic traffic jam: 22 full-scale cars embedded with Coral Lok technology to support the planting of some of the 2,200 corals being cultivated in Reefline's Coral Lab. Swimmers and free divers have already dubbed it a "mermaid playground." Future sections will feature works by Petroc Sesti, Carlos Betancourt, and Alberto Latorre.

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