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The Dewberry is a sophisticated pastiche of time-honored Southern style and streamlined mid-century modern design inspired by the hotel's original building. The L. Mendel Rivers Federal building, built in 1965, was long considered a city eyesore until John Dewberry rescued it, giving the facade a lime-washed makeover and restoring the hurricane-ravaged interiors. The crisp and elegant guest rooms overlook Marion Square, and Charleston's trendy crowd are often found Instagramming the black-and-white floors at brasserie Henrietta's or drinking a handcrafted cocktail at the Living Room's brass bar. Local tradition is also reflected in the spa's Lowcountry botanical treatments, in the Black Tap coffee roasted on nearby James Island, and in the hotel's Fieldshop, with gifts and objets d'art curated by *Garden & Gun* magazine. It's the South reimagined, but without forgetting its old-fashioned manners.

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