City's first Topgolf Swing Suite slated to open this summer at Chicago Athletic Association hotel

A rendering shows what one of the lounges in the Chicago Athletic Association hotel's Topgolf Swing Suite will look like when it opens in July. (Chicago Athletic Association)

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Golf is making a comeback at the Chicago Athletic Association hotel.

In July, the historic property at 12 S. Michigan Ave. plans to debut a Topgolf Swing Suite, featuring two indoor golf simulator lounges with hitting bays where people can tee off and play other virtual games in front of a large screen.

Topgolf Swing Suites have been popping up in hotels, casinos and entertainment venues across the country; the Chicago Athletic Association will be the first in Chicago to have one. Another Topgolf Swing Suite is slated to open later this year at 900 North Michigan Shops. Much larger, more elaborate Topgolf venues are in suburban Wood Dale and Naperville, with another headed for Schaumburg.

The Chicago Athletic Association’s Topgolf outpost will be divided into two lounges tricked out with HDTVs and couches and offering food and beverage service. Each lounge has its own simulator bay where people hit golf balls into a screen that acts as a virtual course. For a total of $80 an hour, up to eight people will be able to take turns playing not only golf but a variety of virtual games, such as Hockey Shots, Baseball Pitching and Zombie