

Where 16 Stylish People Always Stay in Chicago

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Chicago Athletic Association Hotel

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“Every time I’m in Chicago, no matter how short or how long, I stay at the Chicago Athletic Association Hotel,” says Alfredo Paredes, founder of his eponymous design studio. Roman and Williams renovated the 1893 Gothic-style building, which is in the Loop but right by Millennium Park, in 2015, updating its history as a private sporting club for the city’s upper class. Roman and Williams kept original details, like the grandiose façade, stained-glass windows, marble staircases, and carved-wood fireplaces, while adding new fun touches like pommel horse benches, pull-up bars, and boxing-style sweatshirt robes. Book a room on a higher floor for the view, advises Paredes, and make reservations for both the hotel’s glass rooftop viewing atrium, Cindy’s, and eight-seat speakeasy, Milk Room.

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