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Cover rendering: Wind turbines at the new Greenway Self Park, the city's first green parking garage, will produce electricity to directly offset the building's energy requirements.



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Almost 40 years ago, I founded Friedman Properties by restoring a 19th century limestone building in the virtually abandoned River North neighborhood and converting it into artists' studios. That was 1970. Today, River North has been transformed into one of the city's most vibrant and diverse neighborhoods, a juxtaposition of times past and times to come with an abundance of restaurants, shops, galleries and businesses.

This evolution is a testament to the individuals and businesses who have dedicated themselves to developing and enhancing the area. I have had the privilege of working closely with several of them in the revitalization of River North. This issue of *As Things Develop* serves to honor their past achievements and to celebrate future endeavors.

Even in these tough economic times, forward-thinkers continue to break new ground. River North is a culinary treasure within the city, boasting the highest concentration of restaurants. One pioneer, Rick Bayless, a James Beard Foundation Award recipient, got his start in River North with Topolobampo and Frontera Grill and now is opening XOCO with sustainably grown food. R.J. and Jerrod Melman, sons of longtime River North restaurateur Rich Melman, recently opened Hub 51, which has proven to be one of the city's freshest and trendiest hotspots.

Though the challenging economy has affected many aspects of our business, we believe in investing in our neighborhood and in our future. We are in the process of bringing a significant amount of new, mixed-use construction to market to showcase future leaders and trailblazers. New developments scheduled for completion by 2010 include a Silver LEED precertified, Class-A office tower at 353 N. Clark St. and the new Greenway Self Park at the corner of Clark and Kinzie streets.

As generations new and old come together to transform the neighborhood, we will continue to set and meet the highest standards of responsible urban renewal and planning. We are driven to preserve the best of classic and historic architecture and infuse it with the best and most creative of contemporary urban planning and design.

Today, Friedman Properties is expanding its development work to new areas of the city, creating exciting partnership opportunities for individuals and businesses that share the company's commitment to excellence. As things develop, we invite you to join the company in its mission to preserve the buildings of the past and build the communities of tomorrow.

Albert Friedman
President, Friedman Properties, Ltd.

Movie Stars

Restored buildings play leading roles in film shoots



When filmmakers wanted to portray bank robber John Dillinger for the upcoming movie *Public Enemies*, there was no need to head to a Hollywood back lot to create an elaborate set of 1930s Chicago.

Instead, they just needed to turn their cameras to the 400 block of North Clark Street, where the historic buildings provided an authentic background better than any fabricated set.

In director Michael Mann's film, to be released July 2009, the Feds (led by Christian Bale as an FBI agent) try to take down notorious criminals John Dillinger (Johnny Depp), Pretty Boy Floyd (Channing Tatum) and Baby Face Nelson during a crime wave in the 1930s.

"*Public Enemies* really needed to have the feel of 1930s Chicago," says location manager James McAllister. "We used a lot of architecture in the neighborhood. There are great exteriors."

"I've worked with Friedman Properties for years, and they've always been very cooperative for filming," he adds. "They've done such a great job of restoring the historical nature of the buildings."

Because of its meticulously restored edifices, the River North district has been an ideal neighborhood for filmmakers searching out interesting locations to lend context to films.

"The buildings are in great condition," says location manager Mark Mamalakis. "It's getting harder and harder to find vintage sections in Chicago."

According to Mamalakis, "Friedman Properties understands the filmmaking process," which proved beneficial when filmmakers needed to change window dressings and temporarily remove street lights, bicycle racks and parking meters to create a streetscape dating to Dillinger's days. "We were able to work with Friedman Properties, instead of with multiple companies, to meet our needs, accommodate our schedule, ease our work burden and reduce our stress levels," he says.

Film requests always bring a sense of excitement, says Bob Zimmerman, Friedman Properties executive vice president and director of leasing. "We are pleased that the motion picture industry has chosen to use so many of our properties as backdrops for their work. Their efforts reflect well on our city and help justify why we go the extra mile in creating these streetscapes."

"We're gratified when people outside our immediate community appreciate the detail and the effort that we've taken to preserve these properties," Zimmerman adds.

While *Public Enemies* uses a whole Chicago streetscape, other films, TV shows and commercials have showcased the city in different ways, often using Friedman Properties buildings as backdrops in the effort to highlight the multifaceted personality of Chicago and its architecture.



Director Michael Mann confers with Johnny Depp on the set of *Public Enemies*.



- *The Dark Knight* (2008), starring Christian Bale and Heath Ledger, shot footage of surrounding high-rise buildings from the Reid Murdoch Center clock tower, 325 N. LaSalle St. Editors digitally compiled many different buildings—some from other cities—to create an urban Gotham.
- In *Fred Claus* (2007), starring Vince Vaughn, a scene was shot at the Starbucks at Clark and Hubbard streets. The vintage setting gave the scene depth and texture, says McAllister, so the background was not just steel and glass but a visually interesting blend of stone, brick and wood.
- *The Weather Man* (2005), starring Nicolas Cage, was filmed over the bridge neighboring the Reid Murdoch Center. Filmmakers worked with Friedman Properties for office space rental as well.
- On the TV series *Early Edition* (1996–2000), the historic Courthouse Building at 54 W. Hubbard St. was used frequently as the show's police station headquarters.

"Filmmakers use these properties to tell a story. I think that's remarkable," Zimmerman says. "It casts a positive light on both us and the city, and we're happy to play our small part in it."—Eve Becker



When shooting *Public Enemies*, movie crews dialed River North back to John Dillinger's days. (Photos by Mark Samuels)

Greenway Self Park

New parking garage makes sustainability statement



Greenway Self Park, the city's first green parking garage, is scheduled to open by fall of 2009 at Clark and Kinzie streets. (Renderings by HOK)

River North hops with activity around the clock. But there's one thing this bustling neighborhood clearly needs: more parking. In recent years, more than 1,000 parking spaces have been eliminated by development.

Albert Friedman, Friedman Properties president and chief executive officer, recognized the need for a new parking garage in River North but wanted to build one that made a statement. Going green was the right path, he says.

"We decided we wanted to create something unique," Friedman says. "Most parking garages are rather bland. We wanted to create a landmark with the city's first green parking garage."

The Greenway Self Park, at the northeast corner of Clark and Kinzie streets, promises to meet that need in a unique way. The 11-story garage, with 715 spaces of public parking, is scheduled to be open by fall 2009.

The project was envisioned to meet two objectives: to create a sustainable, energy-efficient garage and to provide an elegant and distinctive architectural addition to the neighborhood.

The garage's principal facades are clad with green-tinted channel glass. Openings between the channel-glass planks allow air to flow naturally through the garage, eliminating the need for an

energy-consuming ventilation system.

Six wind turbines rise vertically at the structure's southwest corner. These turbines produce electricity year-round that will directly offset the building's energy requirements and power the exterior facade lighting.

During the day, the glass will catch and reflect sunlight. At night, projecting uplights will wash the facade with light, giving the building a glow—all with electricity generated by the wind turbines.

For a partner, Friedman turned to longtime colleague Myron Warshauer, chairman of Shoreline Enterprises, to be the co-developer of the garage. Standard Parking, for which Warshauer is vice chairman emeritus, will manage the garage.

Warshauer carefully planned the parking facility to make it convenient for drivers. A double-helix design makes it faster to drive through the garage, as cars can go up two floors with one turn.

"It facilitates the flow of vehicles without unnecessary circulation, so people can quickly find a place to park and to exit," Warshauer says. Also, elevators on both Kinzie and Clark streets enable people to be closer to their destinations. "Not all garages have that kind of convenience," he adds.

Warshauer defines his close relationship with Friedman to be

one of mutual respect and shared vision. “We’re sensitive to the needs of the city,” Warshauer says. “We don’t look for shortcuts. We are in it for the long term, especially because of Albert’s presence in River North. It was important to him and to me to build something long lasting for the community.”

The garage is eco-friendly throughout. A green roof, with landscaped gardens, decreases storm-water runoff and absorbs the sun’s heat.

The garage features electric car plug-in stations, bicycle parking and space for Zipcar car-sharing vehicles. Even the signs on the parking floors will educate people on ways to live green.

On the ground level, the building features approximately 15,000 square feet of retail space—with energy-efficient glass storefront windows—which Friedman Properties will lease and manage. A skybridge connects the new SpringHill Suites/Residence Inn to the garage.

Friedman Properties enlisted both Cubellis and HOK, two talented architectural firms that worked side by side to create the innovative garage.

“It’s a unique parking garage with a strong environmental sensitivity to sustainability that all people should be following today,” says Dick Mann, a principal at Cubellis.

“Al Friedman provided the leadership to say that a parking facility should not be a negative to the environment; it should be a positive,” Mann says. “And we’re all for that.”—*Eve Becker*

For more retail information for Greenway Self Park, please consult the Friedman Properties web site at www.friedmanproperties.com or call 312.644.1100.



Rendering by HOK

Top Chef

Bayless brings sustainability-on-the-go to XOCO



Award-winning chef Rick Bayless

Rick Bayless doesn't rest on his laurels.

The award-winning chef/restaurateur, cookbook author and TV personality is responsible for elevating authentic Mexican cuisine in the United States. He's the owner of two popular restaurants in River North, Frontera Grill and Topolobampo, as well as winner of the 2007 Outstanding Restaurant award from the James Beard Foundation, the Academy Awards of the food world.

Now he's creating XOCO, a quick-service place specializing in wood-oven tortas—sandwiches from different regions of Mexico—to open in summer 2009 next to Frontera Grill at 449 N. Clark St.

While customers can order quick-to-fix tortas toasted in the wood-burning oven for breakfast, lunch and dinner, Bayless considers it slow food—all ingredients are fresh, not processed, and grown sustainably by local artisan farmers.

"You can order a delicious choriqueso torta—a mixture of homemade chorizo, freshly made cheese and all the fixings placed into a wood-burning oven where the cheese melts and the bread gets toasty and warm," Bayless says. "We also produce our own Mexican-style chocolate, ground fresh from Mexican cacao beans and served with hot churros."

XOCO is designed to achieve gold LEED certification, with solar panels on the roof, fiber insulation made from recycled denim and sustainable construction materials sourced from within 500 miles to cut down on the restaurant's carbon footprint.

"We wanted to carry on our mission to showcase fresh, authentic Mexican cuisine and to leave less of a dent in the world," Bayless says. "We want to be sustainable financially, be sustainable environmentally and reflect sustainability in our community. Sustainability also means eating and living healthy, even when you're on the go."—Eve Becker

For more information on XOCO, 449 N. Clark St., visit the XOCO blog at www.rickbayless.com.



Interior of Topolobampo (Photos by Brendan Lekan)

Casual Comfort

Loosen your tie at the Happ Inn



Carlos and Debbie Nieto (Photo by Eric Fultran)

Iconic restaurateurs Carlos and Debbie Nieto are perhaps best known for setting the standard with their signature Carlos' restaurant and the ever-popular Cafe Central and Carlos' restaurant at the Freehling Room in Ravinia, all in north suburban Highland Park. Their new venture, the Happ Inn Bar & Grill, promises to be a category leader as well, offering casual fare with an artistic flair.

Opening in early summer 2009 at 305 N. Happ Road in Northfield, the Happ Inn promises to impress. "I have always wanted to venture into the casual arena but felt somewhat like a type-cast actor," says Carlos Nieto, who trained in the French kitchens of Le Francais. "The Happ Inn Bar & Grill will give Debbie and me an opportunity to create the kind of restaurant we always sought out after long hours at work. We want it to be a home away from home, where you regularly meet up with friends and family."

Unlike the couple's other restaurants, the Happ Inn features a casual menu with hamburgers, signature salads, thin-crust pizzas, memorable sandwiches and out-of-this-world desserts.

"Our contemporary menu will provide good food values," Nieto says. "This is what our customers expect and what we intend to deliver."

"We want folks to feel equally comfortable dining in, carrying out or ordering at the bar, which features a fine selection of hand-crafted artisanal beers and an assortment of appropriate smaller dishes. We want our friends to leave—only for the moment—with a fond experience and a satisfied smile."—Eve Becker

Happ Inn Bar & Grill opens in summer of 2009 at 305 N. Happ Road, Northfield, 847.784.9200.



Brother Bond

Melman boys create new
hip Hub of River North



Owners Jerrod (left) and R.J. Melman (Photos by Kari Skafflen)

They may have grown up in the same home, but it wasn't until brothers R.J. and Jerrod Melman shared a stint at their father's restaurant Osteria Via Stato that they knew working together could be a success. As the sons of Lettuce Entertain You impresario Rich Melman, opening a restaurant seemed a natural business venture—but the brothers went into it on their own terms.

"We wanted a restaurant that would be a hangout for ourselves yet appeal to a number of different people as well," Jerrod says.

Mission accomplished. Hub 51, their first restaurant together, has become a fast favorite by offering something for everyone: It's a nighttime hotspot in the trendy River North dining and entertainment district as well as a lunchtime destination; the décor is warmly inviting yet modern and industrial; the large space is ideal for intimate business dinners and for raucous celebrations.

But the widespread appeal is most evident in the eclectic menu. "The food has a West Coast vibe and involves food that is American or has become American," R.J. says. Next to classic American dishes like a BLT, cheese-

burger and filet mignon, you'll find sushi rolls, chicken tacos and shrimp ceviche.

Since its opening in June 2008, Hub 51 has made its mark on the Chicago scene, but it wasn't a quick process. After securing a spot in a new Friedman Properties building at 51 W. Hubbard St., the brothers set about to convert the raw, concrete space into an aesthetically pleasing restaurant.

Despite their ready success, don't expect R.J. and Jerrod to take it easy. The hard-working brothers ("We live here," R.J. says) are already making plans to tweak the menu, as well as progress their concept.

Regardless, expect Hub 51 to stay true to its roots as a gathering space—a philosophy that rings loudest in its name. "The name originally came from the address, but then it started to mean different things," Jerrod says. "A hub is where people gather to eat, drink, socialize and dance." Judging by the way folks have flocked to 51 W. Hubbard St., it's just the hub we've been looking for.—*Molly Each*

Hub 51 is located at 51 W. Hubbard St., 312.828.0051, www.hub51chicago.com.



Hub 51's eclectic menu features classic and contemporary American favorites.

Historic Headquarters



With vintage details and modern amenities, the John R. Thompson Building provides a unique headquarters opportunity for single or multiple tenants. (Rendering by Image Fiction)



John R. Thompson Building, 350 N. Clark St., offers opportunity for unique identity

Glass office towers are almost ubiquitous in modern development. In contrast, a vintage building can convey a sense of style, grace and uniqueness that sets a company apart from its competition.

With a gleaming white-glazed terra cotta exterior, the historic John R. Thompson Building, at 350 N. Clark St., offers an unrivaled opportunity for companies looking to locate in River North.

Due to company growth and expanded space requirements, longtime tenant Mesirow Financial will begrudgingly move across the street to the newly constructed office tower at 353 N. Clark St., jointly developed by Friedman Properties and Mesirow Financial, making the Thompson Building available for occupancy in the first quarter of 2010.

"This unique building could be a historic headquarters building for single or multiple tenants," says Bob Zimmerman, executive vice president and director of leasing for Friedman Properties. "The Thompson Building has a perfect blend of modern amenities and a classic architectural style. With a headquarters in the Thompson Building, a company can really craft a corporate identity that sets it apart from the rest."

The spacious center lobby soars into a dramatic seven-story light-filled atrium. The historic details are distinctive, from ornamental garlands of fruits, vegetables and grain at the entrance to black marble walls in the lobby. Each floor, with more than 15,000 square feet—120,000 square feet in all—has glass windows that overlook the atrium, allowing natural light to filter in.

"You're able to create an identity, and there's the flexibility to do a buildout the way you want it," says Gary Kostecki, senior vice

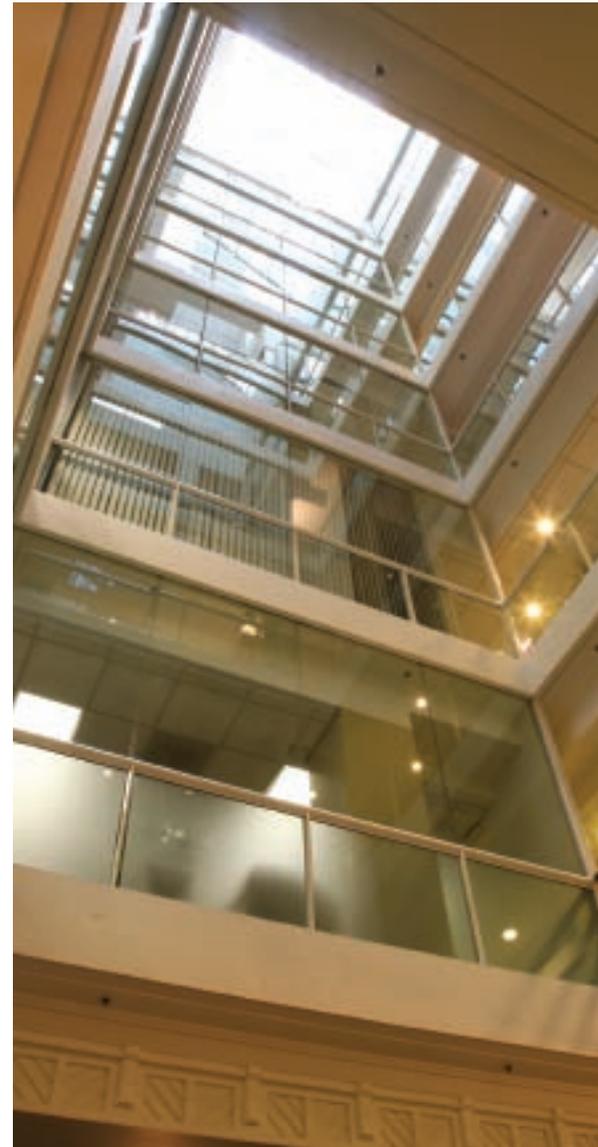
president of Jones Lang LaSalle, who is marketing the space. "It's also a phenomenal 24/7 location for office users, complemented by the diverse offering of restaurant, shopping and entertainment venues in River North. You can just feel the dynamism and energy of that area."

The modern office space features state-of-the-art technology, an extensive conference center on the first floor, indoor parking, potential for roof-deck expansion, skylights on the executive floor, a trading floor and plans for new and exciting retail on the ground floor.

The structure was built in 1912 when turn-of-the-century restaurateur John R. Thompson wanted a corporate headquarters for his growing food services company. Designed by architect Alfred S. Alschuler, the building exemplifies Chicago's architectural tradition. The creamy terra cotta exterior was produced by Chicago's own Northwestern Terra Cotta Company, which would later manufacture the material for the pristine white facade of the Wrigley Building.

"The Thompson Building is a modern structure within a vintage terra cotta exterior," says Nikki Krohn, vice president of Jones Lang LaSalle. "The technological infrastructure and interior space plan complement the business needs of a modern user, while the vintage architectural details satisfy their creative desires. The union of new and old, vintage and modern, in the building creates a unique experience for the user unlike anything else Chicago has to offer."—*Eve Becker*

For further information, please consult the Friedman Properties Web site at www.friedmanproperties.com or call 312.644.1100.



The interior of the John R. Thompson Building features remarkable details, such as a large lobby with black marble walls and a dramatic seven-story atrium. (Photos by Mark Samuels)

History Lesson

Respect for vintage buildings brings appreciation for the new



Historic Reid Murdoch Center

In Chicago, the past is palpable. Historic buildings pepper the cityscape, giving perspective and personality to complement new development.

"In conjunction with newer construction, you have to be able to reflect and appreciate the past to understand your future," says Albert Friedman, president and chief executive officer of Friedman Properties.

"Most of what happens in today's environment is newer, bigger, better," Friedman says. "But what I learned a long time ago is that you have to preserve a human scale in an urban environment."

River North's older buildings, with ornate terra cotta and historic cornices, have a sense of scale and character. Its modern buildings, such as the newly constructed 353 N. Clark St. office tower, are new landmarks compatible with those of old.

"We have a great city that has a rich and storied past. We have to respect that past, as well as the present," Friedman says. "Buildings like the Medinah Temple lend character and uniqueness to the neighborhood."

Friedman explains that his affinity for restoration stems from his lifelong interest in history.

"The respect and passion you have for

the old give you appreciation for the new," Friedman says. "I've always been a history buff. What better way to embrace this than to collect and preserve historical buildings."

Chicago's architecture is one of the city's most distinctive features, says Tim Samuelson, cultural historian with the city of Chicago's Department of Cultural Affairs. In particular, he says, River North has some of the most diverse and interesting buildings in the city, including buildings from shortly after the Chicago Fire and from the early industrial period.

"Albert Friedman enhanced these buildings, restoring them to their original grandeur," Samuelson says. "His work encouraged other people in the neighborhood to follow suit. He made River North a desirable place to live and work and also a great tourist attraction."

Historic buildings that remain today give us a valuable glimpse into the past. Some River North buildings use brick salvaged and reused from the debris of the Great Chicago Fire; some display the earliest surviving examples of terra cotta facade.

Friedman says he tries to uncover the unique elements in each building, focusing on details that make the architecture his-



Historical image of the Criminal Court Building



Current view of 54 W. Hubbard St.

toric and on the significant events that took place in the building.

For instance, the law firm Bartlit Beck Herman Palenchar & Scott has its headquarters at 54 W. Hubbard St. The building, formerly the Criminal Court Building, has a rich past. Celebrated trial lawyer Clarence Darrow presented many cases there, including the famed 1924 Leopold and Loeb murder trial in which Darrow made an impassioned plea against capital punishment. Given its connection to the legal history of Chicago, the building complements the pursuits of its current users.

"Tenants appreciate the distinctive character and atmosphere that a vintage building has that a newer building cannot," Friedman says. "Our work in River North has taught me that people appreciate the unique and delicate balance of new and old."—Eve Becker

'Suite' Companions

Residence Inn and SpringHill Suites make partnership a success

If the building at 410 N. Dearborn St. looks like two separate structures in one, you're not imagining things. The 29-story building is the home of both the Residence Inn and SpringHill Suites, two Marriott hotels that serve distinctly different purposes while providing the same high-quality, customer-first approach that is the signature of the Marriott brand—all under one roof.

The unusual marriage of two brands, one providing a home-away-from-home environment for extended-stay business travelers and the other offering stylish suites for shorter stays, has been a success, says Gina Prokopeak, director of sales for both hotels.

While Marriott contains many individual brands under its wide umbrella (think Courtyard, Fairfield Inn, ExecuStay and Renaissance hotels), why put the Residence Inn and SpringHill Suites together under one roof? "With the different brands put together, we have the opportunity to capture everyone's business," Prokopeak says.

In one building, guests can find a variety of options for their stay, including a range of amenities and varying price points, thanks to the two trusted brands. But the hotels' prime location has been equally as instrumental to their success as their unique, dual-brand concept, Prokopeak says. "You've got the Loop, shopping on Michigan Avenue and State Street, plenty of dining and nightlife. Whether staying at the Residence Inn or

SpringHill Suites, our guests always have the comfort of knowing the location."

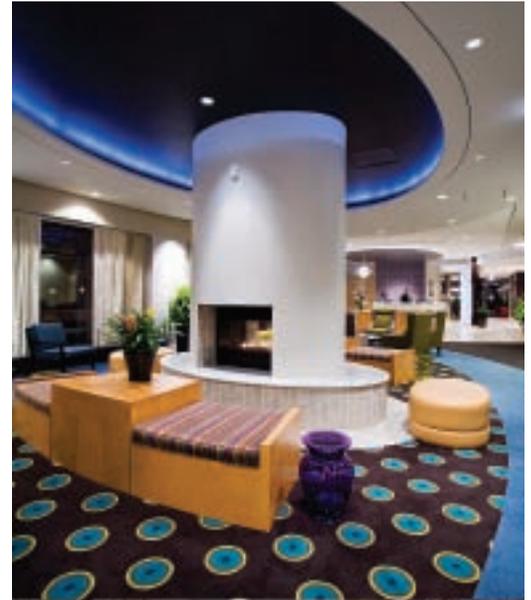
Guest response to the two-in-one hotel, which opened in March 2008, has been incredibly positive, Prokopeak says. Marriott is benefiting from the partnership as well. Pairing SpringHill Suites, a lesser-known brand, with the popular and well-known Residence Inn gives the Suites more exposure.

Additionally, the Chicago location of SpringHill Suites is the first urban location of the brand. Putting the two hotels in one building allows travelers, who might primarily stay in the city, to experience the unique aspects of the Suites. Prokopeak adds that with this location, "We've also been able to introduce a new, more urban look for SpringHill Suites."

Guests from both hotels get the best of both worlds with shared amenities: a 24-hour business center, pool, whirlpool, laundry facilities and exercise room filled with state-of-the-art Life Fitness machines. Complimentary breakfast is served in both lobbies and a mini-mart of goodies (candy, snack food, wine, beer, soda) is housed near the separate check-in desks, allowing Marriott to seamlessly serve both customer segments in one sleek urban location.

—Molly Each

For information on Residence Inn, please call 312.494.9301. For information on SpringHill Suites, please call 312.644.4071.



Marriott's Residence Inn and SpringHill Suites share the same building in River North, with two brands under the same roof.



Interior of Sunda (Photo by Marc Moran)



Owners Billy Dec (top) and Brad Young



Food Buddhas

At sleek, stylish Sunda, New Asian cuisine takes center stage

At Sunda, the hip new restaurant from Rockit Ranch Productions, the scene is hot, the space is stylish and the food is a rich culinary collage of New Asian cuisine.

Put together, it makes Sunda one of the most buzz-worthy restaurants in Chicago. Mark it down as another success by Billy Dec, Brad Young and Arturo Gomez, the über-cool team behind Rockit Bar & Grill and the Underground.

What's their magic touch?

"We definitely do a lot of research," Young says. "One of the things we try to do for all our concepts is to not copy something that's already out there. We try to do something the city needs because there's a void in the marketplace."

Hometown boys Dec and Young know the city well. They travel the globe to find ideas that will flourish here.

"We brought what Chicagoans would love from the other side of the planet to our very own neighborhood, River North," Dec says. "We are dedicated to our neighbors and those we share this great city with. We spend all our time finding out what they want, need and love, and we make sure we consistently give it to them."

When they needed space, they turned to

Friedman Properties. "We have a great relationship with Friedman Properties. It's our third concept with them," Young says. "This space has a wide footprint and high ceilings; it was a good fit."

Award-winning restaurant and hotel designer Tony Chi, one of the world's top designers, created a sleek, stylish environment that takes diners on a journey.

The design complements the menu's contemporary interpretations of traditional dishes from China, Japan and the entire Southeast Asian Island region. executive chef Rodelio Aglibot, nicknamed the "Food Buddha," creates surprising, flavorful dishes like lemongrass beef lollipops in a spicy chili glaze, crab-cake-crusted ahi tuna and miso-bronzed black cod.

"It's important to offer dishes that people are accustomed to as well as some that might encourage them to venture out and try something new," Young says. "We also have dishes that are traditionally Chinese, traditionally Vietnamese, traditionally Japanese, and they all work well together."—Eve Becker

Sunda is located at 110 W. Illinois St., 312.644.0500, www.sundachicago.com



Fulton's on the River offers some of the most scenic al fresco dining in the city.

Taking It Outdoors

Al fresco dining provides outstanding views of River North

Summer is all too short, so Chicagoans relish every moment spent outdoors. In River North, Chicago's hot and happening entertainment district, the draw is outdoor dining and prime people-watching in a thriving community that buzzes with activity at all hours.

"It's a wonderful way to enjoy the city," says Bob Zimmerman, executive vice president and director of leasing for Friedman Properties. "Al fresco dining marries dining with the energy of the streets and is an entirely different experience."

One of the most scenic patios in the city is at Fulton's on the River, a steakhouse and seafood restaurant located in the Reid Murdoch Center, 315 N. LaSalle St. The spacious outdoor patio, which abuts the Chicago River, overlooks the cityscape along Wacker Drive.

"The view at Fulton's is amazing. There is not another view like it in the city," says General Manager Seth Kagy. With an unobstructed view of towering skyscrapers, the restaurant features a magnificent physical setting as well as a unique dining experience. Since

space is always at a premium in the city, Fulton's riverfront patio is something to be savored.

It can also be accessed by boat. Since Chicago Water Taxi frequently stops at the dock, many businesspeople enjoy a drink at Fulton's before continuing on to Michigan Avenue or Ogilvie Transportation Center by water taxi.

While Fulton's is removed from the street, Brasserie JO, 59 W. Hubbard St., creates a peaceful outdoor nook on bustling Hubbard Street. Nothing is more French than relaxing in an outdoor café and enjoying a glass of wine. The intimate 30-seat terrace is open from late spring to early fall, giving guests a prime view of the hopping River North scene.

"Hubbard is a very busy street, and people enjoy the atmosphere and people watching," says General Manager Ben Miller.

There's a twist for the dog days of summer. In true French fashion, Miller says, four-legged diners are welcome to join their owners on Brasserie JO's outdoor terrace. —*Eve Becker*



Building a Better Business

The Suites Collection's shared office centers help professionals succeed

The Suites Collection tenant Susan Crown at her Tree Studios executive suite (Photos by Mark Samuels)

When it's time to set up shop, both budding entrepreneurs and established professionals want to get to work immediately. Fortunately, the management team at The Suites Collection understands that. With three distinctive business centers in some of Chicago's most captivating and convenient neighborhoods, this independent executive suites operation sets itself apart with an unparalleled commitment to its tenants' success.

The business first took shape in 1993, when Managing Partner Lee Dickson teamed up with Friedman Properties to launch The Suites Collection's first shared offices center, the Court House Executive Offices at 101 W. Grand Ave. A commercial real estate broker representing restaurants and retailers, Dickson began her first commercial office venture with one objective in mind. "I knew what I needed as an entrepreneur myself. That's what I had to offer," she says.

Thus, she set to work providing the center's tenants with a comprehensive program of features and services, including telephone and voicemail, furnished office space, conference room use, secretarial services and, today, immediate high-speed Internet access.

This simple formula soon reaped rewards. A second shared offices facility, the Theatre District Business Center, opened in the North Loop in 2001, and by 2004, the historic Tree Studios property joined the roster.

As The Suites Collection management team deftly attended to the nuts and bolts of their tenants' businesses, they never lost sight of the big picture: "We're helping people with their dreams," Dickson says.

MAKING THE COMMITMENT

Each tenant's well-appointed executive suite provides the highest level of privacy and professionalism, while a shared lineup of services, amenities and management reduces costs and promotes efficiency. Even the smallest tenant is treated as carefully as a large business.

Still, The Suites Collection prides itself on providing more than just the expected services. "We *know* our tenants," Dickson says. "These are boutique shared offices suites, and it means we're much more in tune with our tenants. My managers really talk to these business owners. We know when they're doing well, and we know when they're challenged."

Establishing such strong relationships has allowed The Suites Collection to better facilitate its tenants' businesses, particularly as the enterprises change. Case in point: When business booms, management can help a tenant expand into a larger suite. But when the chips are down, smaller office space may be more appropriate.

"The best part is the flexibility we have to expand our space [when business is going well], or reduce it when we need to," says Joanna Greene of the Chicago Workforce Board, which has occupied suites in the Court House Executive Offices since 2003. "We also convene many meetings, so having access to all types and sizes of conference rooms has been very valuable."

It's a type of flexibility that's tough to find elsewhere; several businesses have been with the Court House Executive Offices for its

entire 15-year run, Dickson says. What's more, such individualized attention frees business owners from spending too much time on nitty-gritty matters. "When we're here to take care of their basic office needs, they are free to run their businesses," Dickson explains.

THREE LOCATIONS, THREE PERSONALITIES

The Suites Collection attracts primarily entrepreneurs, but its properties are also prime locations for Chicago branches of national firms, or even established businesses. Tenants are free to utilize space in all three buildings, so if another property has a more suitable conference room for a meeting or training session, appropriate arrangements can be made. Each of the three locations has a slightly different flavor.

- **Court House Executive Offices (101 W. Grand Ave.)** are ideally suited for entrepreneurs, particularly creative minds in fields such as politics, advertising and print/web design. The historic River North building is surrounded by restaurants and galleries, great for entertaining clients.

- **Theatre District Business Center (60 W. Randolph St.)**, located at the Goodman Theatre Center of Chicago, attracts many law offices and government-related businesses, thanks to its proximity to the Daley Center, James R. Thompson Center, City Hall, Chicago Title & Trust Center and county buildings. With excellent restaurants, theaters and shopping nearby, it's another great choice for entertainment.

- **Tree Studios (4 E. Ohio St.)** is housed in the meticulously restored historic Medinah Temple complex. A beautiful building complete with a picturesque courtyard, the property provides inspiring spaces for artists, writers and other entrepreneurs of the arts. Most studios have high ceilings and original wood floors; some boast working gas fireplaces and windows overlooking the courtyard.—*Amy Hall*

For more information about The Suites Collection, its properties and available office space, please visit www.thesuitescollection.com or call 312.994.2700.



Interior at Tree Studios, with original wood trim and floors (Photos by Mark Samuels)

Susan Crown's executive suite shows the space's striking design.





The Ivy Room can be transformed to fit any theme. (Event design by Heffernan Morgan. Photo by Krista Wortendyke)

Open Canvas

The Ivy Room offers businesses ideal setting for corporate events

When booking a corporate event, planners covet a space that helps them reinforce their brand.

The Ivy Room, at 12 E. Ohio St., one of the city's newest event venues, has emerged as a leader for corporate occasions, thanks in large part to the customizable space it offers. Planners can easily brand the room by bringing in any color palette and theme, making the room as high-end or casual as they want.

Located in the historic Tree Studios—known for housing a variety of artists and other creative types—the unique urban space features a lush, landscaped courtyard.

It's appropriately dubbed an "open canvas" by Wendy Gillotti, regional director of sales at Rosewood Hotels & Resorts, a collection of luxury hotels and resorts that held a successful client event at the Ivy Room.

"I was able to transform that blank yet elegant canvas into something that reflected our company," Gillotti says. Using a series of specially designed glass tables, Gillotti evoked the mood of several Rosewood properties.

Such a personalized experience can't always be found at a restaurant or hotel, where an event's mood, theme and message most often compete with its host venue's brand.

Thanks to its versatile space, the Ivy Room presented an ideal venue for Breakwater Trading's holiday soirée.

"Our company is almost entirely men," says Kirstin Knott, the company's director of human resources. "[At the event] we used holiday decorations but were able to give the event a really masculine feel with lighting and botanical arrangements."

Christine Hojnacki, vice president of special promotions and publicity for The Bon-Ton Stores, Inc., recently hosted an event celebrating the Liz Claiborne New York launch with designer Isaac Mizrahi.

"Two of the most important things you look for when planning an event are an amazing space that provides adaptability to your special occasion and a staff that you can trust," she says. "The Ivy Room exceeded our expectations for one of Carson's most prominent events of the year."

With its picturesque courtyard garden and adaptable, elegant ballroom, the Ivy Room is certainly beautiful. But the property also features a central downtown location and all the amenities and conveniences a Chicago event venue could offer. Even in such a historic setting, the space's events are undeniably modern. At the Ivy Room, everything old is new again.—*Amy Hall*

For more information or a tour of the space, please contact Donna Albertson, director of marketing and special events, at 312.645.7760, or visit www.ivyroomchicago.com



A model space for a fashion show, featuring Isaac Mizrahi (Event design by Heffernan Morgan. Photo by David Wittig Photography)

353 N. Clark St.

A sustainable success



The new sustainably designed office tower at 353 N. Clark St. is more than 84 percent preleased, according to Friedman Properties and its development partner Mesirov Financial.

The Silver LEED certified Class A tower rises 45 stories and brings more than 1.1 million square feet of new office, retail, restaurant and parking space to the River North market. Occupancy is scheduled to begin at the end of 2009.

Please contact Gary Kostecki or Steve Smith at Jones Lang LaSalle, 312.782.5800, if your firm would like to join the likes of future tenants such as Mesirov Financial, Jenner & Block, Spencer Stuart, E.ON and others.

For more information, visit www.353nclark.com. To learn more about Friedman Properties' upcoming development opportunities, contact Robert Lopatin at robertl@friedmanproperties.com.



353 N. Clark St. boasts a prime location in a vibrant area. (Renderings by Image Fiction)

Rare Retail Opportunities



Available retail space in Wienecke Court in Glencoe. (Photo by Mark Samuels)

Spaces available with street presence, flexible lease terms

The Friedman Properties portfolio includes a number of exciting retail leasing opportunities in the heart of River North as well as in the prestigious North Shore communities of Northfield and Glencoe.

All spaces provide significant exposure and outstanding street presence. The spaces range in size from 1,200 to 15,000 square feet. The lease structure is equally flexible, as most arrangements can be set up for either short- or long-term commitments.

"It is rare that we have an inventory of these retail spaces avail-

able," says Bob Zimmerman, executive vice president and director of leasing for Friedman Properties. "While best known for our restaurant and home furnishings tenants, we are also receptive to a variety of creative retail applications. It has been my experience that savvy entrepreneurs are constantly scanning the market and are poised to take advantage of these rare opportunities."

For further information, please consult the Friedman Properties Web site at www.friedmanproperties.com or call 312.644.1100.

SHOPPING GUIDE



Alessi

611 N. State St.
312.274.6500
www.alessi.com

Over the last 80 years, Alessi has produced a catalog of home objects without equal in the industry. Over 100 leading international designers, more than 2,000 items and nonstop development of new products have made Alessi a must for buyers seeking unique home accessories.

Bang & Olufsen

609 N. State St.
312.787.6006
www.bang-olufsen.com

Bang & Olufsen's State Street location is window-lit and airy, designed to show off the sleek, top-of-the-line electronics inside. The store houses a home theater and home-design consultation area, with excellent customer service.

Blo Dri

408 N. Clark St.
312.595.3000
www.blodri.com

A styling salon where looking fabulous every day is quick, relaxing and affordable. Enjoy an expert blow-out, styling and more in the beautiful River North salon. Appointments are welcome, but walk-ins are encouraged.

Bloomingdale's Home + Furniture Store

600 N. Wabash Ave.
312.324.7500
www.bloomingdales.com

This is the ultimate source for towels, kitchenware, rugs, mattresses and all kinds of furniture. This locale, housed in the magnificent historic Medinah Temple building, was the first Bloomingdale's home store in the nation.

The Canvasback

1747 Orchard Lane, Northfield
847.446.4244
www.canvasback-needlepoint.com

The Canvasback is needlepoint heaven for the stitching enthusiast. Buy custom-designed canvases or furniture from one of more than 175 designers who work with the store. The store also offers numerous courses for the beginner or advanced artist.

Champagne Furniture Gallery

433 N. Clark St.
312.923.9800
www.champagnefurniture.com

Whether you're in the market for a furniture ensemble or specific accessories, Champagne Furniture Gallery in the River North design district is your stop for transitional and traditional-style furniture. The showroom also features antiques and full-service interior design.

Citibank

400 N. Clark St.
312.670.3146
www.citibank.com

Citibank offers products and services for individuals, businesses, government and institutions. Enjoy convenient features like CitiMobile, online banking, wire transfers and 24/7 customer service.

Design Within Reach

10 E. Ohio St.
312.280.4677
www.dwr.com

Find designs from Eames, Bertoia and Mies van der Rohe to complete the modern-chic look of hip and style-wise homes. Visit the store's unique Tree Studios location to see the furniture displayed in one of the property's historic annexes.

Duxiana

619 N. State St.
312.475.0077
www.duxbed.com

For more than 80 years, Duxiana has studied ways to blend the science of sleep with the ultimate in luxury and comfort. The result: the DUX bed. Every night, the DUX bed's superior performance delivers deep, restful and restorative sleep.

FedEx Office

350 N. Clark St.
312.828.0030
www.fedex.com

FedEx's slogan is "the world on time," and for good reason—it offers transportation, information, business and supply services.

Fit to Be Tied

1741 Orchard Lane, Northfield
847.441.4443
www.chicagochildressshoes.com

If your fashionista ways have rubbed off on your little one, step this way for Uggs, Michael Kors, Frye and more for infants, toddlers, kids and tweens. There's even a little something for Mom in the women's department, an added bonus to the shopping experience.

The Golden Triangle

330 N. Clark St.
312.755.1266
www.goldentriangle.biz

One of the largest stores in the country devoted to art, antiques and home furnishings from China and Southeast Asia. Highlights of the stunning showroom include architectural carvings from Thai homes and temples, Chinese scholar's furniture and British Colonial furniture.

Hildt Galleries

617 N. State St.
312.255.0005
www.hildtgalleries.com

Hildt Galleries specializes in fine original 19th- and early 20th-century British, European and American oil paintings and watercolors. This remarkable gallery is located at the historic Tree Studios building.

Hubbard Street Hair Studio

68 W. Hubbard St.
312.644.4065

A fixture of the River North neighborhood, Hubbard Street Hair Studio offers quality cuts for men and women of all ages. Longtime clients and tourists alike enjoy the excellent services offered in an old-fashioned barbershop setting.

Lehman School of Performing Arts

301 S. Happ Road, Northfield
847.446.6424
www.lehmanschool.com

The Lehman School specializes in dance, music and theater for kids, but it also offers yoga, Pilates and ballroom dance for teens and adults. Whether you're looking for group classes, private lessons or birthday parties, Lehman's devoted staff will have you tapping your toes in no time.



Top to bottom: The Golden Triangle, P.O.S.H.



Sam's Wines and Spirits

Lori's Shoes
311 S. Happ Road, Northfield
847.446.3818

www.lorissshoes.com
Self-dubbed "the sole of Chicago," Lori's sells designer shoes, boots, handbags, jewelry and other accessories. With a trendy stock at affordable prices, it's no wonder this store has an entourage of loyal customers.

Mecox Gardens
406 N. Clark St.
312.836.0571

www.mecoxgardens.com
For classic yet unique pieces with a homey, outdoor feel, stop at Mecox Gardens. Expect lots of wood and nature-inspired pieces, like a woven lounge chair, zebra plates and fossil bookends. Mecox also sells big leather chairs and ottomans, perfect for kicking back after a long day at work.

Metropolitan Capital Bank
9 E. Ontario St.
312.640.2300
www.metcapbank.com

Metropolitan Capital Bank specializes in accessibility, practicality and personal client services. A private capital manager acts as your personal, one-on-one banking consultant, providing you with integrated financial consulting

that takes into account your entire fiscal picture.

Michael Anthony SalonSpa
621-623 N. State St.
312.253.0707

www.michaelanthonyspa.com
The Michael Anthony SalonSpa chain of Aveda Lifestyle Salons offers a variety of tempting body treatments and therapies, including hair and makeup appointments, skin care, manicures and pedicures. You'll have no choice but to leave the Tree Studios location feeling relaxed and replenished.

North Bank
501 N. Clark St.
312.644.4000

www.northbank.com
North Bank's local expertise is reflected in its slogan, "the community bank for River North and Streeterville." Serving the area since 1970, this is the bank for downtown residents looking for personalized service and around-the-corner convenience.

North Shore Soccer and More
1745 Orchard Lane,
Northfield
847.501.3630

www.soccerandmore.net
This Northfield store specializes in soccer, but also sells gear

and equipment for your field hockey, volleyball and badminton needs. Helpful store owners offer advice and provide only the best from brands like Adidas, Nike and Puma.

Peachtree Place
303 S. Happ Road,
Northfield
847.441.7585

www.peachtreeplaceonline.com
Find elegant gifts and decorative accessories at Peachtree Place. From crystal stemware and lamps to rugs and throws, these touches for the home are classic. Decorate a baby room, kitchen, office or living room with the array of delicate and unique accessories sold here.

P.O.S.H.
613 N. State St.
312.280.1602

www.poshchicago.com
Specialists in home and table decor, the folks here know it's important to provide a little something different. That's why the store's eclectic and extensive collection includes vintage pieces from hotels and restaurants as well as antiques from flea markets.

River North Travel
432 N. Clark St.
312.527.2269

The River North Travel agency, specializing in gay and lesbian travel, is ready and equipped to help with customized travel needs. Sign up for cruises and trips and have your tickets mailed to you overnight.

Sam's Wines and Spirits
50 E. Roosevelt Road
312.663.9463

www.samswine.com
Over the past 60 years, Sam's has become the single leading beverage retailer in the world. The extensive selection, knowledgeable staff and great prices are the draw for the South Loop location, as well as the 55-seat wine bar and Dom Perignon champagne bar.

Sherwin's
303 S. Happ Road,
Northfield
847.446.3737

This women's boutique, established in 1968, offers women's classics for a sophisticated customer. The store caters to women over 40 for sportswear, suits, special occasion clothing, novelty items and outerwear.

Staples
711 W. Jackson Blvd.
312.876.0513

www.staples.com
Staples invented the office superstore in 1986. It is still the place to go for office and school supplies, technology, furniture, custom printing and even medical supplies.

Thos. Moser Cabinetmakers
607 N. State St.
312.867.4900

www.thosmoser.com
Thomas Moser builds quality hand-crafted furniture that celebrates the natural beauty of wood. The designs combine modern elegance and simplicity, with unadorned, graceful lines. The furniture has a timeless quality that arises from a sense of tradition and a true love for the art of woodworking.

Ursula Hair Design
301 S. Happ Road, Northfield
847.441.9002

Besides offering hair styling and coloring services, Ursula Hair Design specializes in waxing, manicures, pedicures, massages, makeup, facials and other skin treatments.

DINING AND ENTERTAINMENT GUIDE



Pictured left and right: NAHA

Bake for Me Bakery and Cafe
350 N. Clark St.
312.644.7750

www.bakeforme.com
Bake for Me Bakery and Cafe serves up fresh pastries, baked goods and breakfast daily. It also caters—so you can order a lemon mousse cake for your co-worker's birthday without leaving your desk.

Baton Show Lounge
436 N. Clark St.
312.644.5269

www.thebatonshowlounge.com
Since 1969, this River North establishment has hosted Las Vegas-style revues, featuring characterizations of celebrities from Joan Crawford to Madonna. The show, featuring female impersonators, is the longest running revue of its kind in North America.

Ben Pao
52 W. Illinois St.
312.222.1888

www.benpao.com
The name means fireworks, and culinary excitement is just what this restaurant delivers. Ben Pao's recipes bring together China's five traditional flavors—tart, sweet, spicy, salty and bitter—to create pan-Asian cuisine prepared using both traditional and contemporary cooking styles.

Brasserie JO
59 W. Hubbard St.
312.595.0800

www.brasseriejo.com
This traditional brasserie offers specialties from charismatic chef Jean Joho's native Alsace. Chicago's only authentic French brasserie offers robust cuisine, handcrafted beers and affordable wines in a vibrant atmosphere.

Corner Bakery Cafe
56 W. Randolph St.
312.346.9492

www.cornerbakerycafe.com
This popular counter-service deli specializes in sandwiches, pizzas, salads and desserts. Eat in, take it home, have it delivered—any way you slice it, the café's fresh-baked breads and desserts are a delicious treat.

David Burke Primehouse
616 N. Rush St.
312.660.6000

www.davidburke.com
David Burke continues to redefine modern American cuisine as he pushes the envelope of culinary creativity in this contemporary steakhouse in the James Hotel. Meats are handpicked from Creekstone Farms in Kentucky and then dry-aged at the restaurant in a salt-tiled aging room.

Einstein Bros. Bagels
400 N. Dearborn St.
312.755.0413
682 Vernon Ave., Glencoe
847.835.9885

www.einsteinbros.com
Famous for its bagels and baked goods, Einstein Bros. Bagels offers options for every meal. With at least 16 choices of bagels, 12 cream cheeses and another six spreads, you'll never get tired of this friendly bagel joint.

Frankie Z's Clark Bar
435 N. Clark St.
312.329.0500

A 30-year fixture, Frankie Z's offers casual fare in a relaxed atmosphere. This neighborhood bar, with its pool tables and big-screen TVs, is open for late-night dining as well as for weekday lunch.

Frontera Grill
445 N. Clark St.
312.661.1434

www.fronterakitchens.com
Frontera Grill, winner of the 2007 James Beard Foundation award for Outstanding Restaurant, invigorates casual Mexican cuisine with bold flavors and freshness. Internationally renowned chef Rick Bayless showcases authentic dishes that always impress.

Fulton's on the River
315 N. LaSalle St.
312.822.0100

www.levyrestaurants.com
Fulton's on the River presents the finest prime-aged steaks and the freshest seafood. With views of the Chicago River and the Loop, the remarkable riverfront patio is unparalleled. The menu includes an extensive selection of premium wines and cocktails.

Happ Inn Bar & Grill
305 N. Happ Road, Northfield
847.784.9200

Opening in summer 2009, Happ Inn features a casual menu with hearty hamburgers, signature salads, thin-crust pizzas, memorable sandwiches and out-of-this-world desserts, all from iconic restaurateurs Carlos and Debbie Nieto. The full bar features a fine selection of handcrafted artisanal beers.

Howl at the Moon
26 W. Hubbard St.
312.863.7427

www.howlatthemoon.com
It's a singing, clapping, stomping, dance-on-the-piano, rock 'n' roll, dueling piano show! Part piano bar, part sing-along, the entertainment centers around dueling baby grand pianos and a

show format that ensures audience participation.

Hub 51
51 W. Hubbard St.
312.828.0051

www.hub51chicago.com
Hub 51 offers a contemporary American menu with such eclectic choices as miso salmon sushi rolls, grilled Amish chicken and halibut fish tacos. The décor, with its dark wood, exposed concrete and open structure, lends itself to a business lunch, a romantic date or a nightcap.

Hunan Chef
1743 Orchard Lane,
Northfield
847.446.2528

Service is personal in this quaint Chinese restaurant. All the food is fresh and tasty, from the cashew chicken to the egg rolls. Dine-in, carryout or home-delivery options make it easier than ever to enjoy the delicious creations.

India House
59 W. Grand Ave.
312.645.9500

www.indiahousechicago.com
A dazzling array of traditional Indian dishes, wines and authentic Indian beers is sure to please both the experienced epicurean adventurer and the first timer. "The Best

Indian Restaurant in Chicago* according to the Zagat Survey 2004-2007 offers traditional dining as well as a lunch buffet option and weekend brunch.

The Ivy Room at Tree Studios
12 E. Ohio St.
312.645.7760

www.ivyroomchicago.com
The Ivy Room at Tree Studios, a stunning new event venue, offers the ambiance of an enchanting European destination and the convenience of a downtown hotel. Featuring a breathtaking ballroom and picturesque courtyard garden, The Ivy Room is the perfect backdrop for any occasion.

La Madia
59 W. Grand Ave.
312.329.0400

www.dinelamadia.com
A modern take on a traditional Italian concept, the relaxed meal at La Madia is served with equal parts conversation and appreciation. La Madia elevates pizza to an art, with thin-crust pizzas topped with seasonal ingredients and baked in wood-burning ovens.

Maggiano's Little Italy
516 N. Clark St.
Maggiano's Banquet Facility
111 W. Grand Ave.
312.644.7700

www.maggianos.com
The Clark Street location is the original Maggiano's that launched a national expansion. This Chicago family favorite is known for generous fare, extensive menu options and a bustling crowd. Choose from family style or individual southern Italian entrées.

NAHA
500 N. Clark St.
312.321.6242

www.naha-chicago.com
NAHA offers contemporary American dishes with whispers of the Mediterranean. Spectacular food and an elegantly understated décor combine to create a James Beard Foundation award-winning restaurant that consistently receives rave reviews.

Outback Steakhouse
8101 W. Higgins Road
773.380.0818

www.outback.com
Located near O'Hare Airport, Outback Steakhouse offers a "no worries" place to let go, relax and unwind with friendly faces, fresh food and excellent service. Big, bold food made fresh every day is accompanied by a laid-back Aussie attitude.

Petterino's
150 N. Dearborn St.
312.422.0150

www.petterinos.com
In the heart of Chicago's theater district, Petterino's draws a big pre- and posttheater crowd that comes for its prime steaks, fresh seafood, Italian specialties and extensive list of comfort foods that are perfect for a night on the town.

Pops for Champagne
601 N. State St.
312.266.7677

www.popsforchampagne.com
Located in historic Tree Studios, Pops for Champagne offers more than 100 bottles of champagne and sparkling wines. Pops features a uniquely designed champagne bar along with an intimate, live music club featuring the best of Chicago's live jazz entertainment.

Potbelly Sandwich Works
508 N. Clark St.
312.644.9131

48 E. Roosevelt Road
312.435.1238
www.potbelly.com
Potbelly offers a vibrant, fun atmosphere and serves made-to-order toasted subs, soups, salads, shakes and homemade desserts.

Rockit Bar and Grill
22 W. Hubbard St.
312.645.6000

www.rockitbarandgrill.com
This see-and-be-seen Chicago hotspot offers an unconventional twist on favorite bar foods in a relaxed but trendy setting. Enjoy a light dinner with friends in the first-floor grill before venturing to the large bar and custom-made pool tables upstairs.

Rosebud Trattoria
445 N. Dearborn St.
312.832.7700

www.rosebudrestaurants.com
Rosebud Trattoria offers a fresh dining option with a contemporary twist on Italian comfort foods, with the finest Italian artisan meats and cheeses. House-made specialties include Roman-style pizzas, Mama's meatballs and the famed brick chicken.

Ruth's Chris Steak House
431 N. Dearborn St.
312.321.2725

www.ruthschris.com
When you visit Ruth's Chris, you soon understand that this is no ordinary restaurant. From the U.S. prime steaks, seared to perfection at 1,800 degrees, to the unforgettable desserts and award-winning wine list, this is the steakhouse to which others aspire.

Shaw's Crab House
21 E. Hubbard St.
312.527.2722

www.shawscrabhouse.com
Shaw's sophisticated main dining room offers an à la carte menu serving more than 40 fresh seafood entrées as well as chicken, beef and pasta dishes. An adjoining oyster bar features Pacific Northwest and Atlantic Northeast oysters shucked to order and served on the half-shell.

Singha Thai Restaurant
340 N. Clark St.
312.467.0300

www.singhachicago.com
Enjoy the culture and cuisine of Thailand in the heart of

River North. Combining ancient recipes with modern flavors, Singha Thai Restaurant serves inventive and delicious food at low prices.

Starbucks
430 N. Clark St.
312.670.3920

www.starbucks.com
Located on one of the busiest corners in Chicago, this Seattle-based coffeehouse sets the standard for designer drinks and great coffee. This location serves light breakfast and lunch items for those on the go.

Sunda
110 W. Illinois St.
312.644.0500

www.sundachicago.com
The newest venture from Brad Young and Billy Dec, Sunda offers an inspired take on New Asian cuisine, with contemporary interpretations of dishes from Japan, China, Vietnam, Cambodia and more. Renowned designer Tony Chi created the sleek, stylish space.

Three Tarts Bakery and Café
301 S. Happ Road, Northfield
847.446.5444

www.threetartsbakery.com
This high-quality neighborhood bakery offers a wide variety of delectables including breakfast pastries, lunches, afternoon tea and wedding and special-occasion cakes. Seasonal specials keep the store's offerings fresh and sweet year-round.

Topolobampo
445 N. Clark St.
312.661.1434

www.fronterakitchens.com
A sleek companion to Frontera Grill, Topolobampo invites you to dress up a notch for its incomparable, authentic, regional flavors of Mexico. A changing monthly menu includes Mexican festival food, wild game and little-known regional specialties.

The Underground
56 W. Illinois St.
312.644.7600

www.theundergroundchicago.com
Chicago's hottest nightspot, The Underground is a popular celebrity hangout known for its music, performance, food and specialty drinks. Modeled after a military bunker, ammo boxes double as tables, and the staff wears fatigues, khaki dresses and officer outfits.

XOCO
449 N. Clark St.
www.rickbayless.com

Opening in summer 2009 from award-winning restaurateur Rick Bayless, XOCO is a quick-service spot specializing in wood-oven tortas—Mexican sandwiches toasted in a wood-burning oven. All ingredients are grown sustainably by local artisan farmers. Open for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

For more information concerning our retailers or hospitality partners, please contact our retail/hospitality director Jeanne Hale at 312.644.1100.



From left: Fulton's on the River, La Madia.



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