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Embracing its locale where water, glass and concrete converge, Kimpton Hotel Monaco Chicago welcomes guests to experience its newly transformed 191 guest rooms and 22 suites, with the unveiling of its enhanced living-room lobby to come later this spring. The elevated redesign takes inspiration from Lake Michigan and the robust development along the Chicago Riverwalk, visible from the hotel's famed window seats.

The renovation of the legacy property at 225 N. Wabash Ave. highlights the Monaco Chicago's position as one of the city's first true boutique hotels and a standard-bearer of the Kimpton Monaco brand, beloved by guests, locals and its long-serving and dedicated staff.

"We're excited to share the Monaco Chicago's next chapter with the city and our guests, whose spirit energizes us every day. We're fortunate to have a front-row seat to the renaissance on the waterfront and throughout the Loop, and we welcome our loyal guests as well as new generations of travelers to experience it with us," says Adam Gurgiolo, general manager of the Kimpton Hotel Monaco Chicago.

The "Lake Effect"-themed design reflects the physical attributes and atmospheric effects of Lake Michigan and the Chicago River and the vibrant cultural adventures that await guests. The experiential enhancements also allude to the city's history as a 19th-century shipping hub and to the century-old building's colorful past as headquarters of the D.B. Fisk & Co. hat company.

ROOMS & SUITES

The 191 newly renovated guest rooms have high ceilings and large bay windows, a Monaco Chicago signature. Redesigned bathrooms include tiled walk-in showers with marble accents, rain showerheads, detachable hand faucets and lighted mirrors framing a custom vanity. Twenty-two suites offer generous spaces for working and relaxing, with oversized bathrooms and a separate sitting area in each.

All rooms and suites have new 55-inch televisions with fully interactive streaming and casting capabilities and new Bluetooth-compatible alarm clocks. Faster, more robust Wi-Fi and phones with voicemail and speakerphone make it easy to meet deadlines.

The sophisticated decor mixes luxe materials with distinctive details such as tufted headboards and a hatbox honor bar, a nod to the century-old building's history as a hat factory. Frette bed linens, Atelier Bloem bath products, cozy bathrobes and yoga mats tucked in the closet ensure an inviting stay for leisure guests.

Through "Knock and Drop," the hotel's room-service program, guests can order from Fisk & Co.'s full menus and satisfy their cravings whatever the hour. The nearly year-old restaurant offers a Belgian-inspired take on seafood and craft beer at lunch and dinner and American-with-a-twist breakfast and brunch favorites.

LIVING-ROOM LOBBY

This is the hub of the Monaco Chicago, where meeting, working and lingering happen naturally thanks to varied seating areas, numerous outlets, Wi-Fi and morning coffee and tea service.

A custom-built wine table, to be unveiled in late spring with the other lobby enhancements, will be a focal point for the hotel's nightly wine hour from 5 to 6 p.m. and a new nightcap service. Curated by Fisk & Co.,

the nightcap hour is for guests and visitors, with cocktails and paired bites served tableside, plus live music on select nights.

Across the lobby, Fisk & Co. serves a seafood-centric menu that includes classic and modern renditions of mussels and fries in a buzzing atmosphere. All-day offerings from executive chef Ashlee Aubin include salads, sandwiches, freshly shucked oysters and other raw-bar items. The convivial vibe extends to an outdoor patio in the warmer months.

PROGRAMS & PARTNERS

Guests can partake in unique programs and perks that highlight the hotel's community partnerships:

- **Library cart** curated by Chicago's esteemed Newberry Library: Guests are welcome to "check out" books on Chicago art, culture and history. When they visit the Newberry's bookstore, they'll receive a complimentary pen, pin and 10 percent discount on purchases
- **Vintage-inspired hats** for purchase in the lobby and suites: Take home the handiwork of millinery 10th Street Hats
- **Monaco-inspired tea service** by Chicago's Rare Tea Cellars: The rare-ingredient purveyor is developing a custom blend available only at the Monaco Chicago
- **Wearable art** by Columbia College fashion students: Student-designed hats and accessories—coursework from the school's newly created millinery class—will be displayed and worn by hotel staff. The Monaco also will feature 1920s-era items on loan from Columbia's Fashion Study Collection.

MEETINGS & EVENTS

Three meeting rooms offer a combined 4,100 square feet of flexible space for everything from conferences to weddings. The 2,700-square-foot Paris Room, which accommodates up to 190, features an interior by award-winning designer Susan Caruso. The Athens Room can host up to 70, with floor-to-ceiling windows overlooking the Chicago River. At 487 square feet, the Tokyo Room is for the most intimate gatherings of up to 30 people.

Fisk & Co. caters all events with both set and customized menus that highlight seasonal, locally sourced ingredients. Unique private-event experiences run the gamut, from post-wedding brunches to family reunions with oyster-shucking stations to team-building (or just-for-fun) boozy tea tastings. Fisk & Co.'s own private-event spaces can host intimate gatherings of up to 50 guests. The restaurant is also available for a full buyout.

OUT & ABOUT

A not-so-hidden gem, the Monaco Chicago is near Chicago's world-class cultural destinations and landmarks. To the north is the Magnificent Mile; to the south, Millennium Park and the Museum Campus. The Loop with its bustling theater district is a short walk west, while Lake Michigan is just east. Not to be missed—and right outside the hotel's front door—is the Riverwalk, transformed in recent years into one of Chicago's most vibrant recreational spots.

To coincide with the renovation, the Monaco Chicago is offering the following guest packages:

- Discounted accommodations paired with complimentary breakfast for two at Fisk & Co.
- Overnight stay at a discounted rate, plus a featured mussels dish from Fisk & Co. when dining in.

For more information and to book your stay, visit <https://www.monaco-chicago.com>.

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About Kimpton Hotel Monaco Chicago

Kimpton Hotel Monaco Chicago is a window to the Windy City, set amid a dynamic urban frontier where skyline and waterfront meet and culture and adventure mingle. Opened in 1998 as one of Chicago's first boutique hotels, the 191-room Monaco Chicago is among the most storied in the Kimpton family. Its guests are at the heart of it all, enjoying exceptionally personal service, a stellar downtown location and one-of-a-kind window seats overlooking the Chicago River. The Monaco Chicago underwent a major renovation in 2013 and capped its 20th anniversary with a vibrant transformation of its guest rooms, suites and living-room lobby. The 1912 building at 225 N. Wabash Ave. was originally the D.B. Fisk & Co. hat factory. For more, visit www.monaco-chicago.com.

About Kimpton Hotels & Restaurants

San Francisco-based Kimpton Hotels & Restaurants is the acknowledged industry pioneer that introduced the boutique hotel concept to the United States in 1981. Anchored in one-of-a-kind experiences, Kimpton operates more than 60 hotels and 70 restaurants, bars and lounges across urban locations, resort destinations and up and coming markets in the United States, Europe and the Caribbean. Time and again, Kimpton has demonstrated its commitment to creating spaces and experiences that are centered on its guests. From inspiring design that evokes curiosity to forward-thinking flavors that feed the soul, every detail is thoughtfully curated and artfully delivered. The Kimpton experience is always meaningful, unscripted and ridiculously personal. Kimpton is highly regarded for its workplace culture and has been consistently recognized on the FORTUNE magazine "100 Best Companies to Work For" list, landing at No. 5 on the list in 2019, its highest ranking to date. Empowered employees bring to life the heartfelt guest experience that has come to define Kimpton. In January 2015, Kimpton became part of the InterContinental Hotels Group (IHG) family of hotel brands. For more information, visit www.KimptonHotels.com.