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Cindy's at the Chicago Athletic Association Hotel

Located on the 13th floor of the new, luxury boutique hotel, Cindy's, the Chicago Athletic Association's rooftop restaurant and open-air terrace, offers unparalleled views of Chicago's Millennium Park, Lake Michigan and the Magnificent Mile below. Designed by Roman and Williams Buildings and Interiors, the bright and airy space was meant to reflect a Great Lakes beach house, with sunroofs and strung lights; whimsical greenery; communal, picnic-style seating; and an outdoor terrace with fire pits. A steel and glass structure mimics the train sheds that once lined the tracks opposite the hotel, while a private dining room modeled after a library provides flexible seating arrangements.

Chicago-based Hartshorne Plunkard Architecture partnered with Roman and Williams, Commune Hotels & Resorts, Agman Partners and Geolo Capital to renovate the landmark building that features Venetian-gothic architecture. While paying homage to the Association's legacy as a revered social club, the project team transformed the building into a 241-room boutique hotel that includes 17,000 square feet of event space and an interactive game room. The building also features such restaurants as Cindy's, Cherry Circle and a Shake Shack.

The hotel recently announced a new partnership with the Chicago Architecture Foundation to provide a guided tour of the historic landmark, including a detailed look inside Henry Ives Cobb's 1893 tower with notable design details like the grand staircase lobby, the drawing room and various ballrooms.



A photograph of an outdoor terrace seating area. The terrace is furnished with square tables and bright green plastic chairs. The tables are set with white napkins and condiments. The terrace is enclosed by a glass railing, and there are large white umbrellas providing shade. The background shows a cityscape and a swimming pool. The slogan "it's in to be out" is written in a cursive font in the bottom left corner. The emu logo is in the bottom right corner, along with the text "60 years of manufacturing experience in outdoor furniture. 'Made in Italy' at its best." and social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Instagram, and Pinterest. Contact information for emuamericas llc, 800.726.0368, and www.emuamericas.com is also present.

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