

CHICAGO



SOPHY SO-COZY

PHOTO BY ALAN SHORTALL

Hyde Park, a South Side neighborhood once considered off the beaten path for most visitors but is rapidly expanding in reputation and tourist appeal, is now the home of Virtue, a new Southern American restaurant that's received national accolades for owner/chef Erick Williams's wonderful takes on classics like beef short ribs, blackened catfish, and pork chops. Also new in the nabe is the SOPHY Hyde Park hotel, a 98-room boutique accommodation. On offer this winter through the end of February is a special "So-Cozy" package that includes complimentary valet parking, two nights in a deluxe room, and house-made hot chocolate (which stays warm for hours in keepsake Corksicle mugs) that's perfect to bring while ice skating at the nearby Midway Plaisance. Plus, guests receive two tickets to the Museum of Science and Industry and a \$50 Virtue dining credit. **1411 East 53rd Street, sophyhotel.com**

PLAYFUL GOURMET

Good Fortune is among the city's hottest new restaurants—in Logan Square, and serving a Midwestern-meets-Mediterranean menu with a vintage supper club vibe. Chef/partner Charles Welch (seen here) has worked in some of Chicago's top kitchens before opening this cozy 44-seat restaurant, most of his dishes kissed by live flame from a custom wood-fired oven. Begin with black lime cured Arctic char with kombu, pickled turnip, sesame jam, and carrot ponzu (paired with wine served by the magnum) before digging into grilled-then-crisped half chicken with apple dumplings and braised cabbage, or wood oven-roasted pork collar with marble potatoes, shishito peppers, salsa verde, and jus. Molasses panna cotta is our dessert obsession of the moment. So, sink into the royal blue velvet banquette and stay a while! **2528 North California Avenue, goodfortunechicago.com**

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THE RISE OF KHAN

Chicago native Azeeza Khan's rise to fashion prominence is remarkable. Eight years ago, Khan (seen here) was working in marketing and advertising for British Petroleum, but elected to jump ship (as it were) for the halls of style in 2012. Over just a few seasons and with no formal training, her label staged a soft launch at New York Fashion Week, and the heat was on. Today, the Azeeza brand maintains a store on Magnificent Mile and has shown at Paris Fashion Week five times and counting. Her pieces, which "explore bold color, voluminous silhouettes, and intricate hand embroidery to express an effortless femininity," have a fan base that includes Beyoncé, Tamron Hall, Gabrielle Union, and Hailey Baldwin. **900 North Michigan Avenue, azeeza.us**



SELF CARE SANCTUARY

The comprehensive array of services at Lume Wellness will help anyone start the year ready for peak performance, whether athlete, workaholic, or just recovering from hectic holidays. Its IV drips are tailored to improve physical endurance and brain power and boost energy and immunity, and 45 minutes in the infrared sauna (seen here) helps the body heal itself. Cryotherapy is popular, too, both as a quick facial to enhance skin health and collagen production...or take a few minutes in the cryotherapy chamber for a full-body treatment. **351 West Hubbard Street, lume-wellness.com**

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HOOP DREAMS

Chicago hosts the 69th annual NBA All-Star Weekend, and with the city's rich hoops history, it's sure to be a doozy. The exhibition game will be played at the United Center on Sunday, February 16, with the popular three-point and slam-dunk contests the Saturday before. Even if you aren't attending the game, head to Navy Pier to check out NBA Crossover, a space that "showcases the convergence of the NBA and pop culture through art, fashion, music, technology, and entertainment," featuring creative collaborations among the league, current and former players, celebrities, and other influencers. It's the Art Basel of basketball, with customized experiences, product drops, art and memorabilia, NBA and WNBA player appearances, apparel, and more. **600 East Grand Avenue, nbaevents.com**

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