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Hotel EMC2 At this new property—from Marriott International's Autograph Collection Hotels—a quote from Leonardo da Vinci greets guests as they enter. Designed by the New York-based Rockwell Group—whose projects range from restaurants to Broadway musicals—this boutique inn pays good-natured homage to the intellect, with its restaurant, the Albert (honoring guess who), and event spaces that sport blackboard-style art installations, as well as work by Dr. Eugenia Cheng, a British artist and School of the Art Institute of Chicago scientist-in-residence. Bookcases have pride of place in the hotel's public spaces, and guest rooms riff subtly on 1920s laboratories. But you don't have to be an egghead to be at home here. Just slip into the blue-hued Archive Lounge for a craft cocktail, and you'll feel brilliant. City view rooms from \$279, 228 E. Ontario St., 844.205.3939, hotelemc2.com

Midtown Athletic Club With tennis courts, multiple pools, a 40-acre roof field, a lounge ring and a full-sized basketball court, the 55-acre Midtown Athletic Club hotel caters to the active guest like no other property. A nationally renowned expansion of the long-established fitness center in Rockwood, Midtown Athletic Club has given a real workout from EMC2 Architecture, which has injected the property with an engaging fluidity as one passes through its myriad spaces—lobby, restaurant, athletic facilities and guest rooms. It's the best in the bar with 20,000 square feet of weight and cardio space calling you, but the well-appointed rooms are the real prize workout venue. *Starts from \$209, 244 N. Elston Ave., 773.225.2380, midtownathletic.com*



The Publishing House With nearly 11,000 guest rooms, the West Loop hotel is located in a 19th-century building that's been converted into a hipster, food and drink with a rich sense of history. Located in a quiet corner of the city, originally built as the First National Publishing House, the 100-year-old building has been reimagined by Stern Berry Design (the space behind The Line and Cabaret and Vaudeville Architecture). Large windows and exposed brick make the guest rooms, while a double-sided brick wall and large communal table make the public space. And for a relaxing afternoon, check out The Press Room, a 75-year wine bar with a select menu of paper-pressed cocktails. *From \$279, 444 N. LaSalle St., 312.534.5007, publishinghouse.com*



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The unique guest rooms at Hotel EMC2 showcase engaging artwork and an industrial-inspired shower.

