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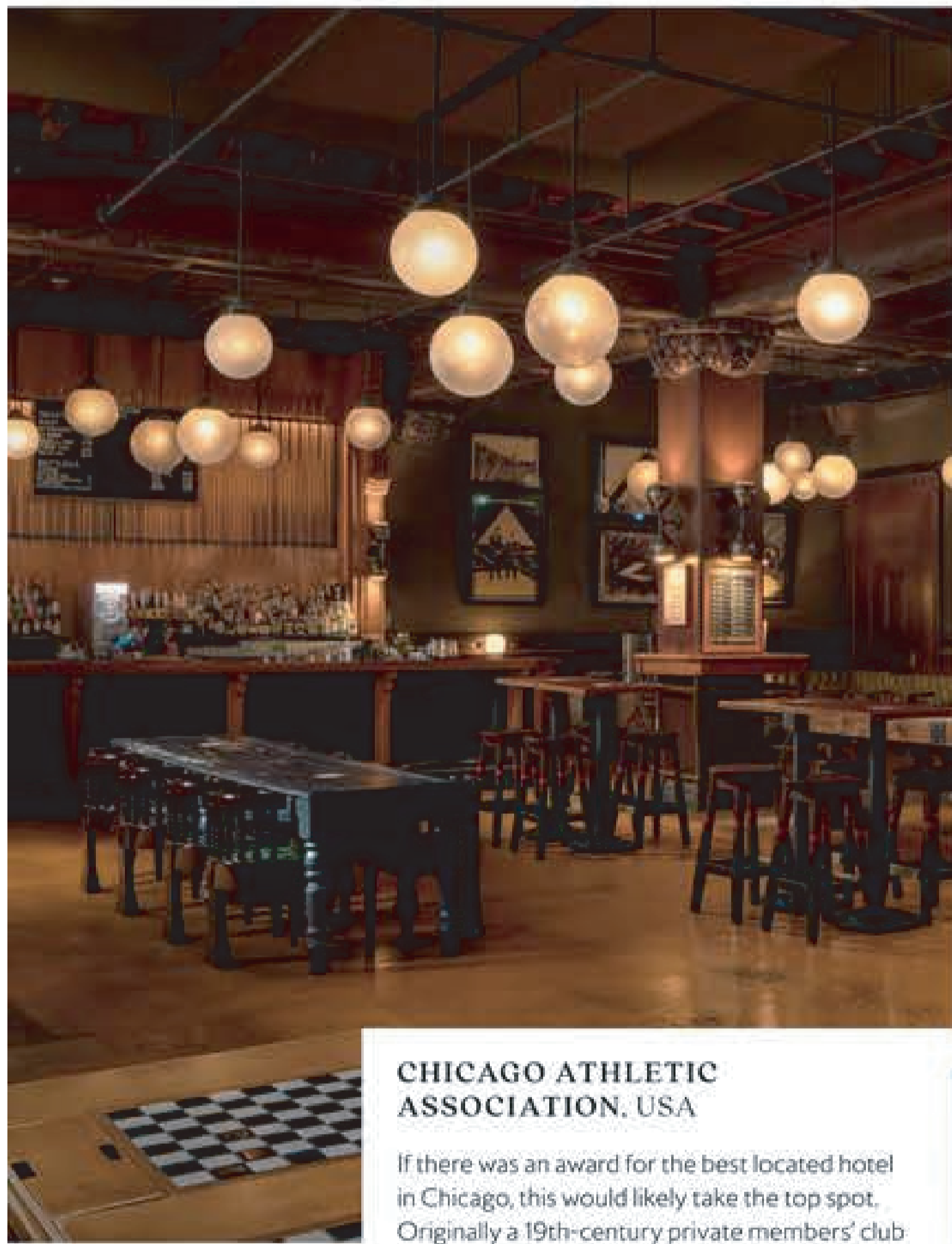
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2025'S CHICEST HOTEL OPENINGS
NYC PARTIES PUTTING THE BOOK IN CLUBBING
ALEX JAMES'S MARRAKECH MEMORIES
SHHH... THIS YEAR WE'RE TRAVELLING SILENTLY

STEPHEN GRAHAM IS JUST GETTING STARTED

STAY IN STYLE



CHICAGO ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, USA

If there was an award for the best located hotel in Chicago, this would likely take the top spot. Originally a 19th-century private members' club with a clear focus on fitness, the Chicago Athletic Association sits slap-bang in the city centre in The Loop, just across from Millennium Park, and looks down on Anish Kapoor's *Cloud Gate* sculpture (or 'The Bean,' as it's informally known). Rooms are large, with a fusion of old-school gym equipment (think pommel horse-shaped benches) and nods to Gothic architecture throughout. Head down to the second floor, where you'll find the Game Room – a lively sports bar with a host of games such as shuffleboard, billiards and Pop-A-Shot. Upstairs, Cindy's, the hotel's chic rooftop restaurant, serves first-class cocktails (try the tequila-based Jalisco Haze) and dishes such as Island Creek oysters and braised short rib, with wraparound views of the city and Lake Michigan. Book with British Airways Holidays, ba.com/chicago-athletic

