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Dana Hotel to Open in Chicago

New boutique property will feature "floating" sushi bar and full-service spa.

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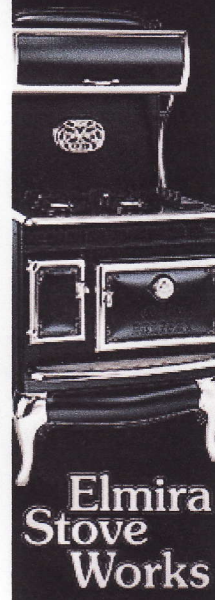
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Boasting a "floating" sushi bar and a rooftop lounge, the sleek new 216-room Dana Hotel and spa will open its doors next summer on the corner of State and Erie Streets in Chicago's happening River North neighborhood. Architect Walter Eckenhoff of Chicago's Eckenhoff Saunders Architects designed the new \$60 million property, a 150,000-square-

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foot building that also contains a state-of-the art spa. Andre Landon, design director of Houston-based EDI Architecture, is creating the interiors.

In a nod to its neighborhood—a vibrant area bustling with art galleries, restaurants and clubs—the developers, Chicago-based Neighborhood Development Corporation and Gold Coast Hotels, are fashioning a 28-foot high clear glass curtain wall exterior façade that will allow passersby to view the goings on inside the space. Among the amenities are a sushi-bar that appears to float in the lobby, a Japanese steak house and saki lounge, and a 4,100-square foot rooftop lounge topping off the 26-floor property.

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The full-floor spa and fitness center, featuring bamboo bricks and recycled glass terrazzo flooring, will be open to guests and locals alike.

Each of the rooms and the 22 suites are fitted with exposed concrete ceilings, walnut wood floors, floor-to-ceiling windows with city views, and spa-like showers. Many will also come with balconies. The building's narrow profile—each floor covers only 5,700 square feet—means only a small number of guest rooms will be constructed on each floor.

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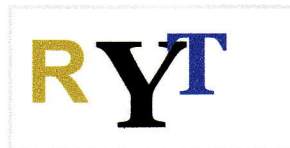
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