PUMP IT UP

THE REVAMPED PUMP ROOM WELCOMES BACK A-LISTERS



Sinatra. Reagan. Bowie. Jagger.

And now, you.

Welcome to the newly revamped Pump Room, reopened in the new Public Hotel, where Humphrey Bogart celebrated his wedding and Phil Collins was denied entrance for not wearing a coat.

These days things are a bit more chilled out, but it's still the place to see and be seen retaining the iconic leather half-circle booths amidst a new art installation of round light fixtures resembling a planetarium.

Servers in tight black cocktail dresses serve up simple dishes from house-made pastas to pizzas, as well as fancier items including oven-roasted lobster and crab toast with lemon aioli.

Sip a Sinatra (whiskey, vermouth, bitters) while your lady friend handles a Chicago Cosmo as you peep old-school black-and-white celeb photos in the lobby and prep for your photo shoot.

Afterward, the action shifts from the open dining area to the sleek candlelit bar section, which turns into a modern supper club with late-night menu till 1a.

Just the way 'OI Blue Eyes would have had it.



Pump Room

@ Public Hotel (formerly Ambassador East) 1301 N. State Pkwy. (at Goethe), Gold Coast (312) 787-3700

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Price: 3 (out of 4) Noise: 3 (out of 4)

Scene: Well-dressed scenesters, young professionals, upscale tourists



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