

# RITZ-CARLTON RESIDENCES, CHICAGO, MAGNIFICENT MILE

CHICAGO ILLINOIS

With only 86 residences on the upper 27 of its 40 floors, the Ritz-Carlton Residences on Michigan Avenue is of modest scale for a neighborhood otherwise known for its much larger and taller residential buildings and hotels. Though located in the very center of an extremely active urban district, the building is, in fact, a place apart — with a full panoply of amenities, services and special facilities under Ritz-Carlton management (and at Ritz-Carlton standards of excellence).

One to three bedroom residences and two penthouses together offer 15 different floor plans, with spacious balconies and wonderful city views. Elevators at the residents' entry on Erie Street connect directly to the 2-story club level at the tenth floor, where private facilities ranging from fitness center and spa, to screening room, grand salon, billiards room and institutional grade kitchen occupy 12,000 square feet, including an outdoor terrace facing Michigan Avenue.

The building is evocative of the golden age of Art Deco, when Michigan Avenue emerged as Chicago's most elegant and sophisticated street. Artistically composed finishes of marble, granite and stainless steel on the first two floors impart a dignified identity at the building base. The upper floors are contained within vertical courses of highly articulated light limestone piers and forest green decorative spandrel panels framed by courses of open balconies with softly rounded corners. Rectilinear geometrical forms recede from the principal enclosure at the top of the building to create a singular skyline presence.

Valet parking is provided for 177 cars on floors 3-8, much of which is within the fully-restored outer walls of the historic Farwell Building on the southern portion of the development site.

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CLIENT Prism Development Company  
SIZE 393,031 gross square feet  
40 Stories  
86 Units  
177 Parking spaces  
VALUE \$150 million  
ROLE Architect  
COMPLETION 2009

LUCIEN LAGRANGE  
ARCHITECTS