

Editors' CHOICE

Z Bar

The Peninsula Chicago



The Peninsula Chicago, a Forbes Five Star and AAA Five Diamond property, has unveiled a new jewel in its luxurious collection of offerings: Z Bar (zbarchicago.com). Opened in June 2018, the rooftop lounge overlooking Chicago's famed Magnificent Mile is a globally inspired destination for exceptionally crafted cocktails, stellar wines, inventive small plates and soulful music.

Nearly two years in the making, Z Bar is a unique concept designed for a new generation of guests that takes inspiration, and its name, from Maria Zec, General Manager of The Peninsula Chicago and Regional Vice President of The Peninsula Hotels. The HSH (Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels Ltd) Board of Directors has honored the significant contributions of a select few leaders within the company by naming restaurants and bars after them. As the company's first-ever female general manager and the driving force behind The Peninsula Chicago's reputation for creating world-class, memorable experiences for its guests, Zec joins this esteemed group.

Zec's passion as a world traveler with a curious spirit is reflected in all aspects of Z Bar, from the sophisticated yet playful menus curated by Director of Cocktails & Culture Vlad Novikov and Executive Chef Toni Robertson, to the refined design by Yabu Pushelburg.

The drinks are the star at Z Bar. Crafted from spirits and tonics of the highest quality, the cocktails come to life through lush presentations, clever glassware and engagingly luxe touches such as gold leaf ice cubes and candied baby walnuts. Wines and champagnes celebrate the finest versions of grapes from around the world as well as the discovery of under-the-radar finds. Small plates and shared platters, designed to pair perfectly with the drinks, explore the bold flavors of Asia, Europe and the Americas.

Complemented by a global soundtrack developed exclusively for Z Bar by internationally renowned DJ and producer Alyson Calagna, the experience is exuberant and immersive for travelers coming from near or far. ●



Clockwise from upper right: Maria Zec and her pug, Duchess; Z Bar lounge; Z Bar terrace; an Old Fashioned as prepared at Z Bar; the bar; views from the terrace at night

