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Lockwood Restaurant and Bar

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Lockwood Restaurant Brief:

Lockwood Restaurant, located in the [Palmer House Hilton](#)¹, is a world away from the tiki paradise Trader Vic's that it replaced. Now instead of getting 20 kinds of rum drinks, Lockwood offers American Contemporary fine dining.

Address:

17 E. Monroe St., ([Palmer House Hilton](#)²), Chicago

Phone:

312-917-3404

Hours:

Breakfast buffet: 6:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. (noon on weekends)

Lunch daily: 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Dinner nightly: 5:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. (11:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday)

[Lockwood website](#)³

Restaurant Cuisine:

American Contemporary

Price:

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About the Lockwood Restaurant:

When the long-time king of Polynesian tiki bars Trader Vic's closed its doors several years ago, many wondered what the [Palmer House Hilton](#)⁴ would put in its place. Well, we soon found out that the Palmer House decided to go in a completely opposite direction with the opening of an American Contemporary restaurant, Lockwood.

Manning the helm at Lockwood is Chef Phillip Foss, a veteran of 4 star restaurants, most notably Le Cirque. Foss' cuisine leans towards the simple, yet elegant, with items such as deconstructed buffalo wings, blue hill bay mussels in a chardonnay broth, and short ribs braised in red wine and "autumn aromas". There's also a focus on freshness -- Foss claims market availability is a driving force for many of his menu items.

The decor is refined and high end, a nice match coming from the Palmer House's famous grand lobby. The only real complaint about Lockwood is that it feels a tad overpriced for what arrives on your plate. While not outrageously unreasonable, there is a notion that perhaps the room service-type markup model of the hotel above went into the pricing of the menu. But if you're looking for a nice fine dining meal and don't want to stray from your hotel, then consider the convenience of the Lockwood built into your check.

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