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Chicago's rising talent takes it to the streets with out-of-the-box interiors

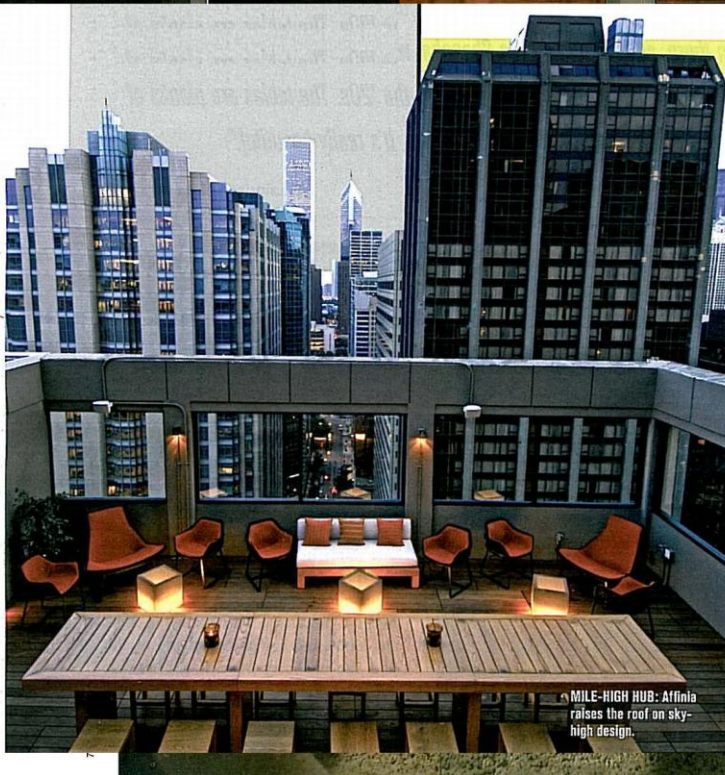
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BEST BAR-RAISERS

SKY LOUNGES

The upwardly mobile, nightlife-loving cocktail crew has given rise to a new trend in drinking: rooftop lounges with decidedly clean-lined, modern design. >>First it was ZED451 (designed by New York architect Chris Smith—the guy behind Nobu and Buddakan), where 2,500 square feet opens up to sculptural Magis stools, an oversized mahogany bar and tons of greenery. In the warmer months, trendy young things sip bourbon lemonade from handcrafted wooden futon-style lounges and open-air alcoves carpeted with real grass. >>Next on the high-in-the-sky scene: Affinia's 29th-floor C-View by Brazilian designer/architect Arthur Casas, with its lush wall of greenery, no-frills furniture and sweeping views that just don't stop. >>Most recently, the inside-outside Vertigo Sky Lounge at the Dana Hotel flaunts its stand-apart design features from the 26th floor: Velcroed cushions you can pull off the wall in the Chill Room (which screens classic films like *Barbarella* and, yep, *Vertigo*) for the best seat you can find; photos of tattoo art as ceiling panels; and an outdoor fire pit surrounded by bench seating, heat lamps and cool moon-globe lighting. Between these three uber-oasis venues—and more on the way—cocktailers have an all-access pass to appreciating the best-designed space on our list: the city itself.



MILE-HIGH HUB: Affinia raises the roof on sky-high design.