

THE

MEN'S BOOK

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NIGHTLIFE

Vertigo Sky Lounge

660 N. State St., 26th Floor.
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THE SCENE: Think penthouse partying at its finest. Attractive singles and couples lounge on overstuffed leather sofas as they take in the gorgeous views from the deck. Meanwhile, cocktail hotties in catsuits breeze by, serving exotic drinks from candlelit bar carts. "From the fabulous to urban professionals... like a great cocktail, it's all in the mixing," says Jody Pennette, president of Vertigo's management company, CB5. "[Our clientele] is a multidimensional blend of night owls seeking 'experience.'"

THE SKINNY: Nowhere else in the city can you relax with a cocktail on a year-round outdoor patio like this one, complete with 12-foot-high wraparound glass and stunning views of downtown. Warm up around the gas-powered fire pit and treat yourself to a hot drink served on an ice block. If—for some crazy reason—you get sick of the deck, lounge inside while taking in the sexy images of tattooed body parts that decorate the ceiling.

CIN-CIN: If you don't find what you're looking for on one of the three cocktail carts packed with Martinis, Mojitos and shots served in airline-sized bottles by the previously mentioned bombshell waitresses, go wild with a specialty cocktail like the Barbarella (tequila, St. Germain, ginger ale, mint and lime) or the Zombie (Bacardi Silver and Gold rum, Flor de Caña dark rum, apricot brandy and pineapple, topped off with a little 151 over ice).

SAVE THE DATE: On Thursdays the crowd is a bit lighter, which makes for more relaxing mingling and flirting in the open penthouse setting.

NOTEWORTHY: Vintage tunes are mixed with a modern beat here. Think Iggy Pop, T. Rex and David Bowie with a trip-hop bass line.

➤ Night Moves

This year—*especially* this year—it felt like spring would never come. But it's finally here and, along with runs on the lake and al fresco dining, it's time to check out the city's newest nightlife offerings. Take heart, kids: It's a strong, strong freshman class. Summer in the city, indeed. By Kim Peiffer

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