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A business-friendly Texas-based chain enters the Chicago steakhouse scene with nicely seared beef.



# Cuisine

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This Texas-based steakhouse chain has popped up as one of the first restaurants in the burgeoning residential neighborhood behind Aon Center, where skyscrapers line East Randolph. Sprawling green lawns, playgrounds and dog parks in this more verdant corner of the urban Loop position this classic steakhouse as a neighborhood spot as well as a place for power dinners or happy hour pit stops. That said, skilled martini-making bartenders, an approachable wine list and a menu with something for everyone draw an eclectic crowd. There's people-watching aplenty in the open central room, which is lined on one side by glass windows; the quieter back room offers a more intimate feel. The steak selection is typical, if not limited: a simple filet, strip, prime rib and bone-in rib-eye, for example. Fresh seafood options are also straightforward. Sides are an afterthought, so load up on appetizers instead. A good, shareable line-up for two or three people might be the seafood medley with shrimp cocktail, crab cakes and bacon-wrapped scallops. Oversize desserts, like the chocolate ganache cake, pack more of a theatrical punch than taste appeal.

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