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RESTAURANTS

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Balsan

Contemporary



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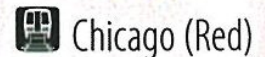
11 E. Walton St. (bet. Rush & State Sts.)

Phone: 312-646-1400

Lunch & dinner daily

Web: www.balsanrestaurant.com

Prices: \$\$



Remember how you savored snack time in kindergarten? Wasn't it fun spreading out that little picnic and maybe even nabbing a bite from your neighbor? Get ready to relive snack time, albeit this time it's much more elegant.

Casual and cosmopolitan Balsan is burrowed inside the chic Elysian Hotel and is the easygoing, casual-chic dining option at this hip hotel. The dining room is as sexy as its sizzling crowd, encompassing everyone from hotel guests to gazetteers. The menu pivots around small plates, raw bar selections, and wood-fired dishes. One person is noshing on gnocchi, another sampling suckling pig croquettes, and the third slurping oysters. Prefer a square meal? Opt for a wood-fired, cheddar-topped burger or the richly delicious veal *blanquette*.