

“Chicago’s Neoclassic dates to the 1900’s on the Gold Coast.”

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BUILT CIRCA 1900 for a fashionable little growing metropolis that was bustling with horse-drawn carriages, the discreetly swank Neoclassic on Chicago’s Gold Coast finds itself in the year 2000 with a dazzling new life—thoughtfully and luxuriously orchestrated in 1999 for the brand new century.

From the exterior, an elegant limestone façade meticulous in its symmetry, you are in the year 1900. But as you step into the soaring entrance, you come face-to-face with the compelling present. The glowing haven, reminiscent of fine Parisian residences, greets you with 11-foot-high French windows with unobstructed views of a park, churches, and the electrifying skyline of Chicago. Four levels then take you from one enchanting ensemble of settings to another, culminating the drama on two large terraces overlooking a garden and the city. The first level has as its centerpiece—along with one of the terraces—the grand formal living room which was designed to enjoy music from a grand piano backdropped by the fire’s glow. Nearby are a sun-dappled study and a media room with a serving kitchen and bar. On the second level, the striking library pairs with the dining room, which can seat 12, and the stainless-steel and granite eat-in kitchen. The third floor is devoted to the master suite—a sublime space adorned with a firelit sitting area, black granite bathrooms, an enormous dressing room, and the second terrace. Guests are cosseted away in comfort on the garden level, possibly as they were years ago, in a Gold Coast setting that was—and is—timeless. \$3,300,000. RUBLOFF RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES. 980 N. MICHIGAN AVENUE, CHICAGO, IL 60611. TEL: 312.368.5300. **LE**

