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## HEADING FOR 'HOG HEAVEN' MUSEUM

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When you check in at the 102-room Iron Horse Hotel, you'll notice a gleaming "chopper" on display. You'll also notice inviting public spaces in this handsomely restored building where mingling guests are as likely to be dressed in business suits as in biker leathers.

Unlike the rebel bikers and nonconformists portrayed by Hollywood, today's motorcycle riders are more likely to be senior executives and successful entrepreneurs. Guests of the Iron Horse Hotel can utilize on-demand secretarial services and excellent business amenities, as well as order saddlebag lunches and post-ride massages. Loft-style guestrooms feature first-class amenities, luxuriously comfortable beds and mildly erotic decor.

Food at the hotel showcases chef Thomas Schulz's talent for adding flair to comfort food. The plebian "slider" can be ordered with Kobe beef or turkey burger and gussied up with such extras as Nueske's bacon, lump crabmeat and foie gras, while Milwaukee-brewed Sprecher root beer provides a glaze for fall-off-the-bone short ribs. A take on another lunch-counter favorite is DLT, substituting duck comfit for bacon.

The bar is a pleasant spot to watch dusk cloak the city. Its post-industrial decor features large oblong windows that resemble panels in garage doors. The ceiling is festooned with hanging exposed-filament light bulbs.

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