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Accommodations: Major Upcoming Openings

Hilton Garden Inn Boston-Canton (Royal Street, Canton) - 138 rooms

Opening March 2021

Canton, MA

138 Rooms

A brand new Hilton Garden Inn with an onsite restaurant, private dining, an outdoor courtyard and modern event space for corporate and social customers, has opened 18 miles south of Boston at the junction of I-95 and I-93. Amenities include an indoor pool, fitness center, shuttle service, free parking, free wi-fi, and 3,300 square feet of meeting and event space. The hotel is located on the campus of Mutual Life Insurance and Dunkin' Brands, and minutes from the walking and hiking trails of the Blue Hills Reservation. The award-winning **Trillium Brewery Company** will expand its brewery, restaurant, and event operations into a nearby 140,000-square-foot industrial building.

Hilton Garden Inn Boston-Brookline

Opening March 2021

Brookline, MA

174 rooms

The Hilton Garden Inn will feature 174 rooms, a restaurant and lounge area, conference space, fitness center, swimming pool, business center and a 24-hour pavilion pantry. The 111,100 square foot hotel will also house a ground-floor café with outdoor seating.

The Newbury Boston Hotel (One Newbury Street Boston)

Opening March 2021

211 Rooms

Visitors to the Newbury Boston can check in at one of Boston's best addresses, perfectly poised between the Public Garden and Newbury Street. Although the legacy of this hotel dates back to 1927, 2021 marks its debut as an independent luxury hotel. Custom-made furniture, frette linens and robes, handcrafted woods and marble touches lend the feeling of residential luxury to Boston's poshest shopping street. The full-service hotel will offer 24-hour in-room dining, evening turndown service, housekeeping twice daily, and special touches for shopaholics like clothing steamers in all rooms. For special occasions, The Newbury offers 16,000 square feet of modern event space, including The Assembly grand ballroom with views of the Public Garden.

The food and beverage program at The Newbury has been designed by Major Food Group, which operates notable restaurants in New York, Hong Kong, and Las Vegas. The Street Bar will be open to the public, but hotel guests can reserve priority seating. Guests enjoy exclusive access to The Library, an intimate salon that serves food and drink along with an equally impressive menu of books curated by the Boston Public Library. Signature Afternoon Tea will be served in the Newbury Salon on the second floor overlooking the Boston Public Garden. The top floor will house The Rooftop, a glass-enclosed four-season restaurant serving a menu of northern Italian cuisine.

Hampton Inn by Hilton and Homewood Suites by Hilton Boston Seaport

Opening April 2021

South Boston Seaport District

411 Rooms

Several **dual-brand properties** have opened in the Boston metro area in the last two years with more to follow in 2021, notably the new Hampton Inn Boston Seaport (standard king and double queen rooms) and Homewood Suites Boston Seaport (spacious studios and king suites with full kitchens), a dual brand property surrounded by rich maritime history in the Raymond L. Flynn Marine Park, a short walk from the Flynn Cruiseport Boston and the Boston Convention & Exhibition Center. Amenities include a prime waterfront location, high-speed Wifi, hot and healthy breakfast, a 24-hour fitness center, indoor pool, and 6,000 sq. ft. of meeting space, which includes a sunlit ballroom with harbor views. The Homewood Suites will offer a complimentary evening social and grocery service. Opening in April 2021.

The Langham Boston (250 Franklin Street)

Re-Opening Late May 2021

312 Rooms

After a thorough and thoughtful transformation, The Langham Boston returns in all its glory in spring of 2021 with elegantly redesigned guest rooms and meeting and event spaces. Renovated guest rooms and suites include the addition of spacious bathrooms with walk-in showers and white marble floors and countertops. 13,000 sq. ft. of meeting space includes the new Lincoln Ballroom, which can accommodate.

Built as the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston in 1922, the granite and limestone building was converted into a luxury hotel in 1981 and joined Langham Hotels & Resorts in 2004. Guests will be able to enjoy an elevated experience by upgrading to the Langham Club level, allowing for access to a private club setting offering a wide range of privileges, including five food and drink services throughout the day. In addition, the hotel will introduce two exciting bar and restaurant concepts in the coming months. An outdoor patio overlooking Post Office Square will be part of the experience.

Omni Boston Hotel at the Seaport

Opening June 2021

South Boston Seaport District (450 Summer Street)

1,055 Rooms

When it opens its doors in June 2021 at the corner of Summer and D Streets, the Omni Boston Hotel at the Seaport will be a major complement to the adjoining Boston Convention & Exhibition Center, adding 1,055 guest rooms, including 52 suites, to Boston's booming Seaport District. The hotel tops out at 21 floors with views of Boston Harbor and 100,000 square feet of flexible space. There will be multiple, exciting dining and entertainment options on property, including an all-day restaurant, French Brasserie, lobby lounge and bar, the signature Mokara Spa and fitness center, and an elevated pool deck and bar with the Boston skyline as its backdrop.

Canopy Hotel by Hilton at Boston Haymarket

Opening Q4 of 2021

212 Rooms

The boutique brand Hilton property is currently under construction on a 1.2-acre site bounded by Hanover Street to the north, Blackstone Street to the west, North Street to the south, and the John Fitzgerald Surface Road and Rose Kennedy Greenway to the east and steps from Faneuil Hall Marketplace and the Boston Public Market. The hotel will include an outdoor terrace, 1,600 sq. ft. of meeting space, a fitness center, restaurant and retail space, and a roof deck amenity.

The Cambria Somerville-Cambridge – 515 Somerville Avenue, Somerville, MA

Opening Q4 of 2021

164 Rooms

This new six-story sustainable build designed by CambridgeSeven Associates and developed by The Noannet Group will be the second Cambria hotel to open in the Boston area. Part of the Choice Hotels brand portfolio, Cambria Hotels offer an approachable upscale hotel experience with premium indoor and outdoor spaces; thoughtful, design forward touches; locally inspired food and beverage offerings; and genuine sense of place and a sense of space. The location is equidistant between Harvard, Union and Porter Squares; half a mile from Harvard University; and two miles from Tufts University, Kendall Square, and MIT. The 163-room hotel will feature a fitness center, 6,765 sq. ft. of meeting space (including a 1,625 sq. ft. hospitality suite with a private terrace), a 150-seat restaurant space with outdoor seating, and is expected to open in Winter 2021/2022.

Raffles Boston Back Bay Hotel (40 Trinity Place)

Opening 2022

147 Rooms

Joining an impressive collection of 12 unique Raffles properties around the world, Raffles Boston Back Bay Hotel will include 147 guestrooms and 146 residences in a new 33-story building at the corner of Stuart Street and Trinity Place in Boston's Back Bay. The first Raffles hotel in North America will include a mix of signature services such as the Raffles Butler, and elegant and lively public spaces: a two-story sky lobby perched high above Copley Square; five distinct food and beverage venues; a state-of-the-art Raffles Spa with a 20-meter indoor pool; a rooftop garden terrace and lounge, and expansive meeting and pre-function space. The hotel is conveniently adjacent to the Boston Back Bay Amtrak Station, Trinity Church and high-end shopping at Copley Place. It is also within a short walk to the renowned shops and galleries of Newbury Street and

Prudential Center, Fenway Park, the Museum of Fine Arts, and dozens of fine dining restaurants.

Accommodations: Recent Openings & Renovations

[907 Main](#)

Date of opening: September, 2020

City/Town: Central Square, Cambridge

67 Rooms

Brief Description: Located in the heart of Central Square in Cambridge, Massachusetts, 907 Main celebrates and embraces the diversity of the neighborhood. Inspired by Margaret Fuller and the transcendentalist movement, our hotel ignites your senses and allows you to find your balance. Exclusive offerings and partnerships provide a sophisticated and refined stay while inspiring you to embrace the rebel within.

Experience the sensory appeal of our restaurant or survey the scene at Central Square's only rooftop bar.

[Hyatt Place Boston / Seaport District \(295 Northern Avenue\)](#) - 297 guest rooms

Opened September 10, 2020

The first Hyatt hotel in Boston's Seaport District boasts a prime harborfront location with expansive water access and harbor views. The hotel's architecture, spacious design, and its bold and colorful art collection are an excellent match for the energy, innovation and grand scale of the city's newest and most exciting neighborhood.

The hotel's 297 guest rooms including 54 one-bedroom suites, all feature intuitive design and floor-to-ceiling windows. The pet-friendly hotel offers numerous amenities such as free Wi-Fi, a lobby bar with a seasonal patio and fire pit, a 24-hour market, fitness center, a 'necessities program' for guests, as well as 6,724 sq. ft. of event space (outside catering is permitted and there are many great options nearby), and a rooftop deck.

The **[Four Points by Sheraton Newton](#)** (previously the Newton Plaza/Crown Plaza Hotel) debuted in March 2020 after an extensive renovation. 270 guest rooms, including 90 double queens, feature a minimalist look and design, including wood floors. The full service-hotel offer complimentary motor coach parking and signature 'egg your way' hot breakfast.

[Mandarin Oriental, Boston](#) \$15M Renovation – September 2020

In September 2020, **Mandarin Oriental, Boston** completed a \$15M renovation to all its guestrooms and event spaces. “The design intent was to make each room feel as welcoming and residential as possible,” says general manager Philipp Knuepfer. The project added fully equipped kitchenettes to all suites and the Mandarin’s award-winning spa gained two additional treatment rooms. Awarded both Forbes Five-Stars and AAA Five-Diamonds, Mandarin Oriental, Boston features 148 of the city’s most spacious guestrooms and suites and legendary personalized service.

[Kimpton Onyx Hotel Renovation & Expansion](#) - 189 guest rooms
Construction to begin in late 2021 / early 2022.

Kimpton Onyx Hotel will add a nine-story addition with 77 new guestrooms to the existing property. A new rooftop food and beverage outlet is currently under consideration as part of the design plans. A full renovation, from guest rooms to public spaces, is planned for the existing tower.

Attractions

Fenway Sports Group and Live Nation have started construction on [The MGM Music Hall at Fenway](#), a new 5,000-seat concert hall that will be an extension of Fenway Park at the intersection of Lansdowne and Ipswich Streets. Scheduled to open in summer 2022, the Music Hall at Fenway will add 91,500 sq. ft. and four levels of new event space and amenities and host an anticipated 100 to 150 events per year. The construction will add new amenity areas to serve the bleacher and right field grandstands, as well as new bleacher function space for 500 to 600 people.

[HELIX eSports at Patriot Place](#) – In reimagining the concept of a traditional LAN center or internet café, HELIX eSports delivers a professional eSports experience. With modern design, high-end gaming equipment, dedicated fiber internet and friendly, expert staff, HELIX creates an inclusive environment for all gamers. HELIX eSports Patriot Place will be the first gaming center adjacent to a major professional sports venue in the US.

[The Embrace Unveiling](#)

The King Boston memorial, The Embrace, will be anchored on Boston Common, where, in 1965, Dr. King called Boston to live by its highest ideals. The Common, America’s first public park, has a vibrant 400-year-old history and a tradition of civic gatherings. The new memorial will spark a new public conversation about how to advance racial and social justice in Boston today.

When it is dedicated, currently planned for 2022, the Embrace will provide a living space for conversation, education and reflection on the racial and economic justice ideals of Martin Luther King, Jr. and Coretta Scott King, and serve as a permanent monument to the Kings' time in Boston, a period in which they met and fell in love, and which helped shape their approach to a just and equitable society.

Food & Drink: Major Openings

[High Street Place](#)

Date of opening: Spring, 2021

City/Town: Downtown Boston

Brief Description: Opening in downtown Boston in fall 2020 at 100 High St. in a five-story atrium that connects to 160 Federal St., High Street Place will take up 20,000 square feet, accommodating 20 food stalls and 500 seats.

Back Bay Italian Eatery - Ken Oringer and Jamie Bissonnette plan to open their latest culinary collaboration in a former retail space between Fairfield and Gloucester streets at 278 Newbury. Opening planned for late 2021.

[Sam Adams Faneuil Hall Taproom](#)

Date of opening: February, 2020

City/Town: Faneuil Hall Marketplace, Boston

Brief Description: The new taproom at 60 State St spans 3 floors and 15,000 square feet, including an outdoor, rooftop bar with views overlooking Faneuil Hall.

[Lucie Drink + Dine](#)

Opened Summer of 2020

Colonnade Hotel

Lucie drink + dine is designed with a spirit of fun and a touch of rock 'n roll. It is a place for everyone with a modern and global menu.

Major Upcoming Events

*Please only include **NEW** events*

[Laver Cup](#) - **Boston**, one of the greatest sports cities in the world, will host the fourth edition of the **Laver Cup** at the famous TD Garden from September 24-26, **2021**.

[Embrace Ideas Festival](#) – As part of the King Boston planning, the inaugural Embrace Ideas Festival is set occur throughout Boston in 2022.

[Congressional Medal of Honor](#) will hold its annual convention and Patriot Award Dinner in Boston for an unprecedented fourth time in September 2021.

[US Open 2022](#) - The Country Club of Brookline has been awarded the 2022 U.S. Open Championship.

TCC has been selected by the United States Golf Association (USGA) as the site of the annual June tourney, which will be played June 10-16, 2022.

[NAACP 2023](#) – Originally schedule to take place in Boston during the summer of 2020, the NAACP National Convention will now happen in Boston in 2023.

Boston will host the following NCAA Events:

Frozen Four 2022

NCAA Men's Basketball East Regional at TD Garden (2023-26)

NCAA Men's & Women's Lacrosse Championships at Gillette Stadium (2023-26)

NCAA Track & Field Indoor Championship at The TRACK at New Balance (2024, 2026)

Significant Anniversaries

May include milestone years for: museums, attractions, events, festivals, cities/towns, and historic figures

[Reflecting Attucks](#)

Date of anniversary (month year): August 2020 - 2021

Brief Description: This is a virtual exhibition that commemorates the 250th Anniversary of the Boston Massacre in March of 2020, the ensuing trial in October 2020, and the enduring role of Crispus Attucks in the national memory and how he gets invoked as the fatality associated with the coming of the American Revolution.

City/Town: Boston, MA Old State House

Other

[Echelon Seaport](#)

This new 3.5-acre, 1.3 million sq. ft. mixed-use residential complex in the heart of the Seaport will feature two levels of high-end retail, culinary experiences and recreational opportunities available to Boston's residents and visitors. A 19,000 sq. ft. destination 'piazza' will serve as a central gathering spot between the three residential towers and offer public access to communal events and programming and outdoor seating on multiple levels.

[Edison Power Plant Redevelopment](#) (Summer Street, South Boston): The city has greenlighted plans to replace the long-dormant Edison Power Plant in South Boston's City

Point neighborhood with a 1.7 million-sq.-ft. development that will include residences, office and research facilities, 60,000 sq. ft. of retail space, and a 240-room hotel.

[Fenway Boston](#)

In a newly formed joint venture, WS will steward a collaborative effort among Fenway Sports Group Real Estate (FSGRE) and '47 Brand in the redevelopment of multiple sites in the Fenway neighborhood. The project will include approximately 5 acres within close proximity to Fenway Park located on Jersey Street, Brookline Avenue, Van Ness Street, and Lansdowne Street. The project aspires to build community and dynamism beyond the Park via active streetscapes and new uses, while respecting the historic fabric and significance of Fenway Park.

[Cambridge Crossing](#)

The 100,000 square feet of retail space at Cambridge Crossing will be home to esteemed local restaurateurs, makers, retailers and service providers that define CX's unique neighborhood vibe while meeting the needs of residents, tenants, and visitors morning, noon, and night. Sip coffee, brunch with friends, work out, or grab a craft brew or cocktail are just a few of the ways to immerse yourself in this vibrant place.

Of the 100,000 square feet of planned retail space, much is concentrated in the heart of the project along North First Street, steps from the Green Line Lechmere station. At the core is a set of unique standalone retail buildings that will host local leading chefs, distillers, brewers, baristas, and artisans. These structures are being designed along a consistent theme of transparency and connectedness – using metal, glass and cedar to seamlessly blend together the built environment with surrounding green and open spaces. Additional curated retail will line the streets of CX in the ground floors of various commercial and residential buildings and will be central to creating a holistic and connected experience. All of this makes for a welcoming, energetic, and extremely accessible public realm that's effortlessly woven into the existing East Cambridge neighborhood.

Currently under construction is ground floor retail space in 222 Jacobs Street, The Shed, and Parcel Q1, totaling approximately 50,000 square feet. The initial phase of retail is expected to open in Q4 2020.

[The Track at New Balance](#)

The new Boston Landing Track & Field complex features a 200 meter hydraulically banked track, seating for over 5,000 spectators, plus premium facilities for training, events, and recovery. Ground floor retail rounds out Boston's destination location for athletes.

[Harvard Enterprise Research Center and Science & Engineering Complex](#)

The Science and Engineering Complex (SEC) is most significant new building constructed by Harvard in a generation.

SEAS Administration and the labs and offices of approximately half of the SEAS faculty are housed in this building, along with student- and industry-facing departments, sloped

and flexible flat classrooms, maker space and teaching labs, a library, café, dedicated space for student organizations, and extensive common space to encourage interaction and collaboration.

Nubian Square Development

Taylor is partnering with private equity firm Almiranta Capital and the curators of the neighborhood's Black Market retail incubator on a 329,000-square-foot project that would bring market-rate office space, a marketplace, and cultural hall with artists' work space to the square. Food Hall run by Commonwealth Kitchen.