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There are more than 35 new hotel projects planned in greater Boston, with a potential for over **5,000 new hotel rooms** in the next 5 years. These hotels are a mixture of full service hotels, boutique properties, and extended-stay facilities. More than half the rooms are planned for the **South Boston Waterfront** near the Boston Convention & Exhibition Center, while the area south of **North Station** will undergo transformative projects. **East Boston, Cambridge, Somerville, and Chelsea** are also key areas of new hotel development.

2018 Openings

- Staypineapple opened a new addition to the pineapple family, **Staypineapple, South End**, at the former location of The Chandler Inn on February 28, 2018.
- At the **Ink Block Project** in Boston's South End, the 205-room **AC by Marriott Boston Downtown is now open**. There will also be three apartment buildings on this 6-acre parcel, totaling 315 units, and a fourth residential tower.

- The 220-room **Courtyard Boston Downtown North Station** is now open as part of the \$165 million mixed-use development on Beverly Street adjacent to the TD Garden and North Station.
- **The Groton Inn** re-opened May 3, 2018 after a 7-year absence in picturesque Groton, Massachusetts, only 6 miles from Interstate 495. Situated on the footprint of the original Groton Inn, the longest continuously operating inn in the United States, the newly-constructed Inn offers 60 spacious and professionally designed guest rooms, intimate public spaces, and a variety of meeting and banquet rooms.
- National Development and Boston Development Group have completed a **162-room AC by Marriott Hotel** at Cleveland Circle in Brookline which opened on May 15, 2018.
- The 117-room Studio Allston Hotel opened in early June of 2018.
- At **Assembly Row**, the 158-room Autograph Collection by Marriott property called **The Row** opened August 14, 2018.
- A 124-room **Holiday Inn Boston Logan Airport - Chelsea** located just off Route 16 along Chelsea's scenic Mill Creek opened in August of 2018. The new, full-service Holiday Inn will feature a restaurant with waterside outdoor seating, as well as a public pedestrian path along Mill Creek.
- The **Revolution Hotel** opened on December 5, 2018 in the South End with 164 rooms.

Proposed Hotels: 2019 and Beyond

- 108-room **Residence Inn by Marriott** opened on **Melnea Cass Blvd** in Roxbury on January 23, 2019.
 - A 163-room **Hyatt Centric** opened in downtown Boston in February of 2019, adjacent to the Old State House, just steps off the Freedom Trail on Devonshire St.
 - The 50-room **Hotel 1868** opened in May of 2019 in the Porter Square neighborhood of Cambridge.
 - Boston's iconic Back Bay skyline has indelibly changed with the addition of the new **Four Seasons Hotel One Dalton Street, which opened on May 28, 2019**. At 61 floors and 742 ft, the Four Seasons tower rivals its neighboring tower, the Prudential Center, in height. The 215-room hotel spans the first 20 floors while luxury condominiums occupy the rest of the tower. The property features a spacious ballroom and ample meeting space, as well an elegant urban spa, urban fitness center, and a contemporary Japanese izakaya called Zuma (*pictured*).
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- **Encore Boston Harbor**, America's first 5-star urban gaming resort in a gateway city, opened June 23, 2019. The property contains 671 deluxe guest rooms, including 103 suites, 13 restaurants and lounges, 200,000 sf of gaming, 50,000 sf of convention and meeting space, and an outdoor events area with a scenic harborwalk. A year-round water ferry and water taxi system connects guests to Logan Airport and points across Boston Harbor.
 - Boston-based Cathartes developed the **180-room dual flag Holiday Inn & Staybridge Suites hotel in North Quincy**, which opened June 27, 2019
 - **The Whitney** opened in the Beacon Hill in the former John Jeffries space in July of 2019, featuring 66 luxury guest rooms along with a courtyard, garden space, restaurant and bar.
 - Construction is nearing completion on the Cambria Hotel, an 87,000 square foot, **159-room select-service boutique hotel** with restaurant and retail space at 6 West Broadway in South Boston. The hotel will include a roof-deck bar, fitness center, meeting rooms, and pool/lounge area. Projected opening Q3 of 2019.
 - Construction is well underway on a 23-story, 346-room **Marriott Moxy Hotel** in Boston's Theater District adjacent to the Wilbur Theatre. The projected opening for the property is Q3 of 2019.

- **Harbinger Development** has broken ground on a **253-room Hampton Inn and 158-room Homewood Suites** at Boston Marine Industrial Park. Marine Wharf will include 3,500 sf of retail space. The hotels are projected to open in 2020.
- Massport approved a long-term lease for **Hyatt Hotels Corp.** to develop a 304-unit apartment building and a 294-room **Hyatt Place** hotel at 315 Northern Ave. The complex, which broke ground in March of 2018, is across the street from the Blue Hills Bank Pavilion and will include nearly 20,000 square feet of retail and restaurant space. It is projected to open in the spring of 2020.
- Amsterdam-based **citizenM Hotels** will open a 10-story, 260-room micro-hotel at the Hub on Causeway complex currently under construction across from TD Garden.
- The [Boston Planning & Development Agency \(BPDA\)](#) approved a 140,000 SF boutique hotel in Brighton at **Boston Landing**, which will be a 1.43 million mixed-use development.
- Dallas-based Omni Hotels & Resorts has won the bid to work with Massport to develop the **Boston Omni Hotel at the Seaport, 1,055-room hotel across from the BCEC** in the Seaport District. Projected to open in 2021.
- [Raffles Hotels & Resorts](#), part of [AccorHotels](#), in partnership with hoteliers Gary and Jeffrey Saunders of [Saunders Hotel Group](#), have announced the debut of the first mixed-use Raffles property in North America. Scheduled to open in 2021, **Raffles Boston Back Bay Hotel & Residences** will include 147 guest rooms and 146 branded residences. In July of 2019 Saunders Hotel Group announced that they had secured \$314M in construction financing from NY-based Madison Realty Company.
- Development plans have been approved for the **Haymarket Square Hotel and Retail Space**. The project calls for 140,000 SF – 150,000 SF for the 225-room, 6-story hotel, with 25,000 SF of retail space and an attached one-story market pavilion.
- Boston-based developer The Hudson Group plans to build a 230-room, 21-story hotel at 150 Kneeland St in Boston.
- A 230-room hotel has been proposed to replace a former 5-story chain-making factory in Charlestown. The extended-stay **Chain Forge Hotel** would include a lobby, conference rooms, pool, fitness center, restaurant and an historical exhibit.
- A **145-room Hampton Inn & Suites by Hilton** will be open as part of the \$400M Arsenal Yards mixed-used development at the former Arsenal Mall in Watertown.
- A **four-story, 130-room hotel** and a **nine-story, 120 room hotel** and 50 luxury apartments on the top five floors are planned for 1591 Broadway on the Revere-Saugus line.
- Paul Roiff, the owner of XV Beacon, has proposed a **127-room Hotel conversion call Loft Hotel**, including restaurant and coffee shop, at an East Boston warehouse at 151 Porter St.
- Westbrook Partners out of NY has submitted a letter of intent to the BPDA to build a **17-story, 225-room hotel in Chinatown** at the intersection of Essex and Oxford Streets in Chinatown.
- Woburn, MA firm Somnath Hospitality has won approval to build a \$30 million, **90-room boutique hotel at 104 Canal Street** near North Station and the TD Garden.
- LIMAC Realty LLC's plan to build a **68-key, 14-story hotel** at 88 N. Washington St. in the North End. The structure will be 128 feet tall and cost \$16.5 million to develop.
- Mark Development and Buckminster Annex Corp. have **proposed two high-rise hotels with a combined 763 rooms** at the corner of Commonwealth Avenue and Beacon Street.
- **Yotel** chief executive **Hubert Viriot** says that he's exploring various sites in Cambridge to open a second YOTEL.

Renovations /Expansions

- The **Loews Boston Hotel** has completed a \$10M renovation. The renovated hotel features 225 renovated guest rooms, three updated suites with free Wi-Fi, six meeting rooms, and a mini-ballroom with reception capacity for up to 100 people.
- **Boston Park Plaza** completed a \$100-million renovation, revitalizing the historic hotel's 1,054 renovated guestrooms, 36 renovated suites, complimentary access to exclusive 19,000 sf David Barton Gym, six in-house restaurants and bars, including exquisite dining from STRIP by Strega, and 50,000 sf of transformed meeting space (pictured).
- **Hyatt Boston Harbor** completed a \$10 million renovation inspired by the building blocks of Boston's waterfront-wood pilings, water, brick and steel, the newly redone guestrooms offer guests a modern yet inviting feel, with furnishings in warm red tones, accented by touches of reclaimed wood and blackened steel.
- **Hyatt Regency Downtown** completed a \$13 million guestroom renovation, offering travelers reimagined guestrooms designed to capture the city's vibrant energy and the revitalization of Downtown Crossing. Each of the hotel's 502 guestrooms and suites now feature a color scheme of soothing, warm grey and gentle gold undertones.
- **The Hotel Commonwealth** has completed a \$50 million renovation, adding 96 rooms along with an additional 7,500 square feet of meeting space, including an outdoor terrace overlooking Fenway Park – creating 14,000 square feet of total hotel event space, and additional parking.
- The **Liberty Hotel** underwent an \$11 million guestroom renovation which redesigned guestroom floor plans with custom showpiece furniture and fixtures along with bespoke accents and artwork.
- The **Ames Boston Hotel** has completed a \$6 million overhaul of all 115 guest rooms and unveiled 1,700 square feet of all-new meeting and event space located on the hotel's second floor. The Ames recently joined Hilton's Curio Collection and renowned chef Mary Dumont opened Culvitar at the Ames in the spring of 2017.
- **The Royal Sonesta Boston** has unveiled 28,000 sf of newly renovated meeting and event space with contemporary furnishings and featuring views of the Charles River and Back Bay skyline. The 6,000 sf Grand Ballroom, 3,135 sf Riverfront room, and 1,008 sf Somerset room have all been renovated.
- The **Boston Harbor Hotel** has completed an exquisite renovation of 230 newly designed guest rooms and suites. Wimberly Interiors, a globally recognized leader in hospitality design, created a design aesthetic for the guest rooms and suites combining patterns, textures and colors that are inspired by the natural beauty of Boston's waterfront.
- The **Hilton Back Bay Hotel** underwent selective room renovations upgrading all bathrooms in the guest suites together with finishes, along with extensive lobby renovation.
- The BPDA has approved an expansion of the **Bayside Club Hotel LLC (Doubletree Boston Hotel)** to renovate and expand the existing DoubleTree Hotel by constructing a 63,000 SF L-shaped addition on its northeast side; adding a net new 86 guest rooms to its 197 existing guest rooms; a new conference and meeting facilities such as a 4,000 sf dividable large ballroom, a 1,200 sf small boardroom, and two approximately 300 sf meeting rooms.
- Brockton-based **Jiten Hotel Management** plans to expand its **Holiday Inn Express and Suites** adjacent to the South Bay retail center in Dorchester, adding a 5-story, 60 room addition to the existing 114-room hotel at 69 Boston St.
- **Hampton Inn Logan Airport** has completed a \$8M renovation to all 250 guestrooms and the kitchen/bar abutting the hotel lobby.



- In May of 2017 the **Four Seasons Boston** completed a renovation of guestrooms and meeting space. The room updates brightened the decor, updated technology and modernized the layout.
- The **Kimpton Nine Zero Hotel** has transformed its 190 guest rooms and suites, the living room lobby, and 2,400 square feet of private event and workspace. Guest will enjoy a seductive and design-forward hotel.
- The **Harborside Inn** is adding 3,400 square feet of space, which will increase the property's room inventory from 118 guest rooms to 194 guest rooms.
- The **Hilton Garden Inn** in East Boston will add an additional 84 hotel rooms and community meeting space. While the addition will eliminate 25 parking spaces, the BPDA approved revision will contain a total of 262 guest rooms and 321 off-street parking spaces for hotel guest.
- **The Westin Copley Place** completed a \$45 million renovation by mid-April 2018 of all 803 guestrooms and suites. The redesign of larger-than-average rooms (*pictured*) includes refreshed décor which plays into Boston's culture and history. The rooms are the final component of a multi-year property refresh which also included a renovation of all 54,000 square feet of meeting space and the addition of a Westin Club lounge.
- The **Langham, Boston** will undergo an extensive renovation starting April 1, 2019 to reposition the property as one of the top iconic historic hotels in the country. This extensive project will include a complete renovation of all guest rooms, function spaces and public areas and will coincide with a similar renovation being conducted by One Post Office Square, the building that is attached to The Langham. During this renovation, The Langham will be closed, beginning on April 1 for approximately one year.
- The **Taj Boston** has initiated major renovations to the 90-year-old building, including a relocation of the hotel's main entrance from Newbury St to 15 Arlington St. Interior renovations will include updates to all 273 guest rooms, the addition of 12 rooms, enhancements to interior corridors, and permanently enclosing the rooftop restaurant and space.

Hotels Opened in 2018:

- The Alise Boston, South End, 56 rooms, opened in February 2018
- AC by Marriott Boston Downtown, Ink Block Project, South End, 205 rooms, opened in March 2018
- Courtyard Boston Downtown/North Station, 220 rooms, opened in March 2018
- Groton Inn, Groton, 60 rooms, opened in May 2018
- AC Hotel by Marriott, Cleveland Circle, 162 rooms, opened in May 2018
- Studio Allston Hotel, 117 rooms, opened in June 2018
- The Row, Autograph Collection, Assembly Row, Somerville, 159 rooms, opened in August 2018
- Holiday Inn Boston Logan Airport, 124 rooms, Chelsea, opened in August 2018
- The Revolution Hotel, South End, 164 rooms, opened December 5, 2018

Hotels Opening in 2019 & Beyond:

- Residence Inn Marriott, Roxbury, 108 rooms, opened January 23, 2019
- Hyatt Centric, Downtown Boston, 163 rooms, opened February 21, 2019
- Hotel 1868, Cambridge, 50 rooms, projected opening Q1 of 2019
- Four Seasons Hotel, Christian Science Plaza, 215 rooms, opened May 28, 2019
- Encore Boston Harbor, Everett, 671 rooms, opened June 23, 2019
- Holiday Inn and Staybridge Suites hotel, North Quincy, 180 rooms, opened June 27, 2019
- The Whitney, Beacon Hill, 87 rooms, opened in July of 2019
- Cambria Hotel, South Boston, 159 Rooms, projected opening Q3 2019
- Marriott Moxy Hotel, 240 Tremont Street, 346 rooms, projected opening Q3 2019
- CitizenM Hotels, Hub on Causeway, TD Garden, 260 rooms, projected opening Q4 2019
- Hampton Inn, Boston Marine Industrial Park, 253 rooms, projected opening Q2 2020
- Homewood Suites, Boston Marine Industrial Park, 158 rooms, projected opening Q2 2020
- Hyatt Place, Seaport District, 294 rooms, projected opening Q2 2020
- Brighton Hotel at Boston Landing, 175 rooms, projected opening 2020
- Omni Boston Hotel at the Seaport, South Boston, 1,055 rooms, projected opening 2021
- Raffles Hotel, Back Bay, 147 rooms, projected opening 2021

- Haymarket Square Hotel, 225 rooms
- 150 Kneeland Street, Boston, 230 rooms
- Chain Forge Hotel, Charlestown, 230 rooms
- Hampton Inn & Suites by Hilton, Watertown, 145 rooms
- Revere-Saugus Hotel, 1591 Broadway, 130 rooms
- East Boston Hotel, 151 Porter St, 127 rooms
- Chinatown Hotel at 73-79 Essex St, Westbrook Partners, 225 rooms
- 104 Canal Street, TD Garden, 90 rooms
- Peebles Corp. Hotel, Mass Ave and Boylston, 160 rooms
- LIMAC Realty North End Hotel, 68 rooms
- Kenmore Square Hotel, 763 rooms

II. Waterfront News

- The **Massachusetts Convention Center Authority (MCCA)** commissioned a survey and study to examine a 1.3 million SF expansion of the [Boston Convention and Exhibition Center](#). The expansion was put on hold by Governor Baker in 2015. The survey will look at the project's feasibility in the marketplace.
- Massport's board of directors has selected [Omni Resorts and Hotels](#) and New Boston Hospitality LLC to build a 1,055-room hotel on Summer Street across from the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center. The \$550 million project is under construction and will be the fourth-largest hotel in Massachusetts by the time it opens in 2021.
- **General Electric** is relocating global headquarters to Necco Court in the Fort Point area of the Seaport District. The three building HQ campus will be owned by the BPDA. GE unveiled the HQ blueprint on August 1, 2016 and broke ground in December of 2016.
- In addition to the 1055-room Omni property, **Harbinger Development** has broken ground on a **253-room Hampton Inn and 158-room Homewood Suites** at Boston Marine Industrial Park. Marine Wharf will include 3,500 sf of retail space. The hotels are projected to open in 2019 and Massport has approved a long-term lease for **Hyatt Hotels Corp.** to develop a 304-unit apartment building and a 294-room hotel at 315 Northern Ave.
- **One Seaport** is complete. The \$600M project has created 832 apartments above 260,000 sq ft of retail space with over 30 stores, restaurants, and entertainment venues. One Seaport businesses such as L.L. Bean, Tuscan Kitchen & Market, ShowPlace Icon, 75 on Seaport, and King's Dining & Entertainment will all open in Q4 of 2017 (*pictured*).
- **Echelon Seaport** broke ground in the summer of 2017 with a targeted completion date of 2020. Echelon Seaport is a three-tower, 1.3 million-square-foot condo and apartment project being developed by California-based Cottonwood Management. It will be managed by Taiwan-based Regent Hotel Group.
- Five years after opening an office in Kendall Square, **Amazon** has announced plans for expansion in Boston and will bring 2,000 employees to a new office opening in the Fort Point neighborhood next to General Electric.
- The Boston Civic Design Commission issued final approval **for three, 22-story condo/apartment towers and retail along Seaport Blvd** near Congress and B Streets. The \$700 million project will feature buildings of staggered heights and various shapes and will include 125,000 SF of retail space and 1,100 condos and apartments.
- **Reebok** has moved its corporate headquarters, and 700 jobs, to the Innovation & Design Building, a sprawling former warehouse on the edge of Boston's waterfront in the fall of 2017. Reebok will move next fall into about 220,000 square feet on five floors, with office space, a two-story gym, a design lab, a retail store, and a public restaurant.



- Conroy Development has been approved to build a 250-room boutique hotel and 304-unit apartment building for “**Parcel K**” in the Seaport District. The development will feature a 150,000-square-foot hotel on the eastern side of the parcel, a 300,000-square-foot residential building on the western side, and 25,000 SF of retail.
- **Tishman Speyer** has purchased Lots 2 and 3 of the Pier 4 development. Lot 2 will be developed as a 13-story office building encompassing 353,000 SF of office and 20,000 SF ground floor retail. Lot 3 will be developed as a nine-story condominium building with 171,000 sellable SF of residential space and 17,000 SF ground floor retail.
- The BPDA approved a **22-story building at 150 Seaport Blvd.**, which would turn the site of two waterfront bars into a sweeping glass tower. A development group led by South Boston restaurateur Jon Cronin hopes to start construction on the \$260 million, 124-unit condo project next year.
- Fidelity has announced that it will close and re-purpose the 120,000 square foot Commonwealth Hall at the Seaport World Trade Center.

III. Logan Airport and Transportation Updates

- **Logan International Airport** is undergoing a **\$700 million renovation and expansion** of Terminal E to expand the capacity to accommodate current and future international service. The project will add 7 new gates, approximately 560,000 square feet, expanded passenger-processing capacity, added concessions, and a direct connection between Terminal E and the MBTA Blue Line station. Terminal E served over 7 million passengers in 2017.
- **Logan is partnering with a biometrics company called Clear** to offer passengers expedited access to security checkpoints after Clear technology scans passengers’ fingerprints and irises. Clear technology will get passengers to security checkpoints even faster than TSA Pre-Check.
- **Flynn Cruiseport Boston** welcomed a record 151 ship calls and 390,000 passengers to Boston’s shores in 2018. The cruise terminal is poised to undergo a \$100 million expansion and upgrade over the next 3 years to accommodate ships carrying 4,000-plus passengers, and to enable multiple ship Homeports per day.
- Logan International Airport is now servicing direct, non-stop service to 77 domestic destinations and 56 international destinations, including **Hong Kong, Beijing, Shanghai, Dubai, Tokyo, Istanbul, Oslo, Tel-Aviv, Doha, Lisbon, Bogota, Mexico City, Panama City, Sao Paulo, and San Salvador.**
- **JetBlue** introduced a daily nonstop flight from Mexico City to Boston on October 25, 2018.
- **JetBlue’s** now operates a flight between Logan International Airport **and Havana, Cuba** on Saturday.
- **KLM Royal Dutch Airlines** began operating flights to Boston (BOS) from Amsterdam in March of 2019, three flights per week, with an Airbus A330-300 offering capacity for 292 passengers. KLM will add a fourth flight in July of 2019.
- **Norwegian Air** commenced direct service from Rome to Boston, 4X/week on March 31, 2019.
- **Virgin Atlantic** commenced daily service from London Heathrow to Boston on March 31, 2019
- **Hawaiian Airlines** commenced direct between Honolulu and Boston on April 4, 2019.
- **Korean Air** commenced direct service between Boston and Seoul, 5X/week starting April 12, 2019.
- **Norwegian Air** commenced direct service from Madrid to Boston, 3X/week on May 2, 2019.

- **Delta** inaugurated new nonstop service from **Lisbon and Edinburgh** on May 23, 2019. The Lisbon and Edinburgh flights complement existing Delta international service from Paris, London-Heathrow, Amsterdam and Dublin and partner flying to Amsterdam, Paris, Rome and Seoul.
- **Royal Air Maroc** launched a **Casablanca – Boston** service, 3X/week starting June 22, 2019.
- **Delta** is expanding its Boston Logan International Airport service with new multiple daily nonstop flights to four top markets from Boston: Chicago O'Hare (ORD), Newark-Liberty International (EWR) and Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport (DCA) beginning Sept. 9, 2019, as well as Cleveland Hopkins International Airport (CLE) on April 1, 2019.
- **Sichuan Airlines** wants to launch direct service between Boston and Chengdu in early 2020.

IV. Culinary & Craft Beer News

- **Bow Market** is open in Union Square. Partners Matthew Boyes-Watson and Zachary Baum have taken over a former storage building in Union Square and turned it into two stories of small storefronts clustered around a public courtyard. The market features retail, food and drink.
- **Time Out Market**, a food-hall style emporium, has opened at Landmark Center. The market will have 16 food offerings, two bars, and a cooking academy, along with shopping and outdoor patios. Inaugural chefs to be featured at Time Out Market will include Tony Maws, Peter Ungar and Michael Schlow (*pictured*).
- **Soleil**, a Southern-influenced restaurant in Dudley Square, has opened in the Bruce C. Bolling Municipal Building space.
- Chris Coombs and Brian Piccini have opened a second **Boston Chops** at 52 Temple Place in Downtown Crossing.
- Tiffani Faison has opened a third restaurant on Boylston Street, **Fool's Errand**, next to Sweet Cheeks, and she will open an Italian restaurant called **Orfano** in August of 2019.
- **Democracy Brewing** has opened in Downtown Crossing, featuring a full kitchen supporting a communal beer hall feel, with a shared-plates concept featuring foods that incorporate different aspects of the beer.
- **Nahita**, a Latin-Asian restaurant focused on Japanese and Peruvian influenced cuisine, has opened at the former Liquid Art House location.
- **Trillium Brewing Co.** has re-located into a 15,000 sf brewery at 47 Farnsworth St in the Fort Point area complete with a tap-room, restaurant and patio. Trillium has also announced plans to open a brewery near Fenway Park at Landmark Center in the summer of 2019.
- **Backlash Beer Co.** has unveiled a 6,500 sf brewery in Roxbury.
- **Mystic Brewery** will move from Chelsea into a larger, 17,000 sf taproom and brewery in Malden in early 2019.
- **Night Shift Brewing**, the Everett brewery that's won national awards, has opened its second location at Lovejoy Wharf, near the TD Garden and North Station.
- **Kamakura** opened in the fall of 2018, featuring contemporary kaiseki cuisine, multi-course Japanese meals that feature beautiful plating and seasonal ingredients, at 150 State St.



- Longtime **Myers + Chang** alum Karen Akunowicz has opened **Fox and the Knife**, an “Italian-inspired neighborhood enoteca,” in South Boston.
- Tom Schlesinger-Guidelli (Island Creek Oyster Bar, Eastern Standard, Craigie on Main) has opened **Alcove** at the Lovejoy Wharf condominium building on the edge of the North and West Ends.
- **Chickadee**, featuring Middle Eastern and Mediterranean fusion fare, has opened in the Innovation and Design Building in Boston’s Seaport District.
- The team behind **Mistral** and **Ostra** has opened **Bar Lyon** in the South End.
- Alden & Harlow has unveiled an upstairs sibling, the **Longfellow Bar**, in the former Cafe Algiers space in Harvard Square.
- **Mighty Squirrel** has opened a 24,000 sf brewery and taproom in Waltham.
- Chef Michael Serpa is opening a second restaurant, **Grand Tour**, a modern, Parisian-style bistro, in later 2019 at 314 Newbury Street.
- **High Street Place** will open in 2019 in the shared atrium space between 160 Federal St. and 100 High St. in Boston’s Financial District. The food hall will feature seating for 500, a large-format projection screen, an area for live music performances, and a green wall.

V. Museums, Attractions, Sports, Performing Arts & Entertainment News

- The John F. Kennedy Presidential Library has released an augmented reality app (AR) to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the moon landing, and the role President Kennedy played in getting the U.S. to the moon.
- The **Museum of Fine Arts, Boston** has received 2 collections of 17th Century Dutch and Flemish art, catapulting their Dutch art to one of the most esteemed collections in the country.
- The **Museum of Fine Arts, Boston** has received 183 works of Chinese art spanning 13 centuries and 5 dynasties of Chinese Imperial Rule.
- **The Concord Museum** opened a \$13-million dollar new Education and Community Center in late 2018.
- The **Institute of Contemporary Art, Boston (ICA)** has announced the second installation at The Watershed, 15,000 sf of raw waterfront gallery space open seasonally in East Boston, will be premiere of *Purple*, an immersive six-channel video installation by acclaimed artist and filmmaker John Akomfrah.
- **The ICA** has announced the acquisition of Yayoi Kusama’s *LOVE IS CALLING* (2013), one of the artist’s 20 existing *Infinity Mirror Rooms*.
- **Boston Calling** celebrated its 10th festival over Memorial Day Weekend 2019, with headliners Twenty-One Pilots, Tame Impala and Travis Scott.
- The historic **Boch Center Wang Theatre** now offers behind-the-scenes tours of one of Boston’s most prominent landmarks including an exclusive look at The Music Hall, part of the upcoming Folk Americana Roots Hall of Fame.

- **“Downton Abbey: The Exhibition”** is now on view at the Park Plaza Castle through September 29.
- **Encore Boston Harbor**, America’s first 5-star urban gaming resort in a gateway city opened June 23, 2019. The property consists of 13 acres of gross floor area with 29-floor luxury hotel tower overlooking the Boston skyline. There are 671 deluxe guest rooms including 103 suites, 13 restaurants and lounges, 200,000 sf of gaming, 50,000 sf of convention and meeting space (*pictured*).



- Delaware North and Boston Properties have completed Phase I of the \$950 million expansion of **TD Garden**, transforming the complex into 1.87 million sf mixed-use venue called **“The Hub on Causeway,”** with a residential tower and office tower sitting atop a podium connecting North Station, TD Garden, and Causeway St. Phase 1 is a \$285 million glass podium named **“Champion’s Row,”** with a 20,000 sf sports bar and 50,000 sf entertainment venue.
- **Boston Landing** in Brighton has announced a dramatic expansion plan with the construction of a multi-sport complex with a 200-meter indoor track, a sports research lab, regulation courts and turf field space, as well as a separate warm-up track. The space will also function as a concert venue with ground-level retail and foodservice. Boston Landing is already home to New Balance HQ and the training facilities for the Celtics and Bruins.
- The **Mayflower II**, having undergone a \$9 million restoration in Mystic, CT, will re-launch in September of 2019 and journey to Boston in April of 2020 for a celebratory event alongside the *USS Constitution*.
- **American Repertory Theatre** will expand its arts campus to include a sprawling location in Allston with a performance and research center.
- **NCAA Hockey Frozen Four** returns to TD Garden in 2022 , hosted by Hockey East and the MA Sports Marketing Office
- **The Country Club in Brookline** will host its 4th **U.S. Open** in 2022.
- **Mass 400** is planning grand celebrations, in conjunction with UK partners, Native American tribes, and the tourism and hotels industries, for Plymouth’s 400th anniversary in 2020.
- **Revolution 250** is a consortium of cultural tourism, hospitality and historical organizations, along with public officials, that is planning signature anniversary celebrations to mark the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution and catalytic events such as the Boston Massacre, Boston Tea Party and the Battle of Bunker Hill.
- The **Peabody Essex Museum** (PEM) in Salem will unveil a new 40,000 sf wing and 80,000 sf Collection Stewardship Center in 2019.
- The **Museum of Fine Arts, Boston** has announced a \$24 million renovation that will create a 22,000-square-foot Conservation Center and allow for 12,000 square feet of additional gallery space.
- **Fenway Sports Group**, the parent company of the Boston Red Sox, has formally notified the city of its intent to develop a **5,000-seat performing-arts center** on the corner of Lansdowne and Ipswich streets near Fenway Park. Renovations will include a new function space with sweeping views of Fenway Park suitable for large groups and private events.

VI. Additional Developments

- Boston Properties has opened The Exchange at 100 Federal Street, a shimmering new heart of Boston’s Financial District comprised of structural steel and a glass pavilion functioning as a public gathering and event space, delivering a contemporary addition, responding to the form of the existing 37-story, 1971 office building (*pictured*).
- **Simon Property Group** will undertake a 10,000 sf expansion of Neiman Marcus, 30,000 sf 2-level glass atrium leading into Neiman Marcus, and 34,000 sf of restaurant space.

- **Millennium Partners** has reached a deal with the City of Boston to build a **750-foot office and condominium tower** at Winthrop Square, though the project is still being negotiated due to shadows that will be cast on the Boston Public Garden and Boston Common.
- The BPDA has approved development of **Congress Square**. Related Beal plans to turn six office buildings into a boutique hotel, new housing, and office space along an entire city block of buildings in the Financial District, between Congress and Water streets.
- **MIT** has submitted a \$1.2 billion redevelopment plan to the City of Cambridge calling for 6 new buildings along Main Street, including 4 buildings that would add 1 million SF of office and research space, 740 apartments for graduate students and low-income tenants, and a new home for the MIT Museum.
- **Faneuil Hall Marketplace** is proposing a dramatic overhaul of the historic property that would create a new boutique **hotel** and revitalize the **shopping** experience. The Ashkenazy Acquisition Corp. proposal would transform the crowded central food court into more open retail spaces, bars, and sit-down restaurants. It would add several glass pavilions for shopping and dining, and the South Market building would get a 180-room hotel.
- The Massachusetts Institute of Technology is planning to use the former **Volpe Center** site in Kendall Square to build up to 1,400 apartments and condominiums, along with office, lab, and retail space. The university will pay \$750 million for the site and build a new transportation research lab on the 14-acre parcel.
- The BPDA has approved a **\$650M expansion of Boston's Landmark Center** in the Fenway area, which will bring 550 apartments, new shopping and dining, including the first Wegmans grocery store in Boston.
- **Developer Don Chiofaro** received preliminary approval from BPDA officials to build one of the city's tallest towers near the New England Aquarium. City officials will propose to limit development at the garage site to 900,000 square feet.
- **1,000 Boylston** is a proposed project consisting of a single condominium tower with 108 condominium units, rising from a Podium base containing approximately 45,500 square feet of first and second-story retail and restaurant space fronting on Dalton, Boylston and St. Cecilia Streets (*pictured*).
- **The Circle**, a 218,520 square foot mixed-use development under construction at the former Circle Cinema site in Cleveland Circle, will feature a five-story, 162-room AC Hotel by Marriott and a six-story, 92-unit Waterstone luxury adult apartment community. The project will include a total of approximately 14,000 square feet of retail space.
- A 1.43 million square feet development was approved as part of New Balance's \$500 million **New Boston Landing** real estate development project in Brighton. New Balance aims to create a 350,000 SF "health and wellness district," a 140,000 SF boutique hotel, 650,000 SF of retail/restaurant space, and three office buildings.
- The **Government Center Garage** renovation and development will feature 2 towers of 40-plus stories and 2.3 million SF equipped with 771 residential units, 204 new hotel rooms, 1.3 million SF of office, 82,500 SF of retail and 1,159 parking spaces.
- Developers have filed detailed plans for a pair of towers — 575,000 square feet of space in all — along Mass. Ave. above the Massachusetts Turnpike. The complex would include a 237-foot-tall office tower along Boylston Street and a 154-foot-high residential and hotel building along Newbury Street. Earlier estimates pegged the cost of the project at about \$350 million.
- **Washington Village** has been proposed for Andrew Square in South Boston: 894,600 sf with 656 residential units, 98,600 square feet of retail, and 42,500 square feet of open space as well as new streets, walkways, and plazas.



- Miami-based developer **Peebles Corp.** has proposed the “Viola” complex building near the intersection of Mass Ave and Boylston St above the MA Pike an 11-story S-Shaped building with 173 apartments and condos, a 160-room hotel, retail space, and two public plazas in an 11-story
- New York-based **Midwood Investment and Development** is filing plans with the city to construct a 683-ft residential tower in Downtown Boston at the corner of **Bromfield and Washington Streets**.
- **Boston Properties** has unveiled design plans for the new Back Bay Station, a billion dollar, 1,26 million sf complex anchored by a 26-story glass office building resembling stacked boxes. The project will include two apartment buildings, a department store and supermarket (*pictured*).
- Developers Elma Lewis Partners and Feldco Development Corp. filed a plan with the BPDA to develop **Tremont Crossing** in Roxbury into a \$500 million mixed-use complex with 400,000 sf of retail space, 200,000 sf for offices, a 200-room hotel, and an art museum.
- Houston developer Hines has submitted a plan to construct a **677-ft. tower over South Station**, a three-building, 2.5 million square ft. mixed-use of office space, residential condos, and possibly a hotel.
- The development group **QMG Huntington**, which owns the BU Theatre Complex, has filed plans to construct a 32-story apartment building adjacent to theatre on Huntington Avenue, while granting full ownership of the 870-seat playhouse to Huntington Theatre Company. The tower would include a café, bar and flexible event space.



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