

# WHAT'S NEW IN BOSTON



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## ACCOMMODATIONS: 2021 OPENINGS

### **Omni Boston Hotel at the Seaport**

Opened September 2021  
South Boston Seaport District (450 Summer Street)  
1,055 Rooms

The Omni Boston Hotel at the Seaport opened its doors on September 9, 2021 at the corner of Summer and D Streets, in a prime location opposite, and connected to, Boston Convention & Exhibition Center. The hotel tops out at 21 floors with views of Boston Harbor and 100,000 square feet of flexible space and adds 1,055 guest rooms, including 52 suites, to Boston's booming Seaport District. There are multiple, exciting dining and entertainment options on property, including Kestra, an all-day restaurant offering Mediterranean fare, a French Boulangerie, Crescendo Lobby Bar, the signature Breve Spa (coming soon), a fitness center, and Lifted Pool Bar, an elevated pool deck and bar with the Boston skyline as its backdrop.



## **Hampton Inn by Hilton and Homewood Suites by Hilton Boston Seaport**

Opened April 6, 2021

416 Rooms

Several dual-brand properties have opened in the Boston metro area in the last two years, 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 provides guests with a complimentary evening social and grocery service.

## **The Langham Boston (250 Franklin Street)**

Re-opened June 2021

312 Rooms

After a thorough and thoughtful transformation, The Langham Boston returned in all its glory in summer of 2021. 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. Renovated guest rooms and suites include the addition of spacious bathrooms with walk-in showers, white marble floors and countertops. 13,000 sq. ft. of meeting space includes the new Lincoln Ballroom, which can accommodate up to 200 guests. Guests can enjoy an elevated experience by upgrading to the Langham Club level with access to a private club setting offering a wide range of privileges, including five food and drink services throughout the day.

## **The Newbury Boston Hotel (One Newbury Street Boston)**

Re-opened May 2021

211 Rooms

Visitors to the Newbury Boston can check in at one of Boston's best addresses, on its poshest shopping street, perfectly poised next to the Public Garden. The legacy of this hotel extends to 1927, but 2021 marks its debut as an independent luxury hotel. Custom-made furniture, Frette linens and robes, handcrafted wood and marble touches lend a feeling of residential luxury. The full-service hotel offers 24-hour in-room dining, evening turndown service, housekeeping twice daily, and special touches such as clothing steamers in all rooms. For special occasions, The Newbury offers 16,000 sq. ft. 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 is open to the public, but hotel guests get priority seating and 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 is served in the Newbury Salon on the second floor overlooking the Boston Public Garden. The top floor of the hotel houses Contessa, a glass closed four-season restaurant serving a menu of northern Italian cuisine, and currently one of Boston's most in-demand tables.



### **Hilton Garden Inn Boston-Canton** (Royal Street, Canton)

Opened 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**

Opened March 2021

Brookline, MA

174 Rooms

The Hilton Garden Inn features 174 rooms, Punch Bowl restaurant and lounge, 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 and a rooftop terrace. Best of all the hotel, is located a short distance from the shops and restaurants of Brookline Village with nearby trolley service into downtown Boston. Longwood Medical Center (hotel shuttle available) and beautiful Leverett Pond and the walking trails of the Emerald Necklace conservation land are all close by.

### **Arcadian Hotel Brookline** (formerly Holiday Inn and the Inn at Brookline)

Opened in May 2021

115 rooms (An additional 111 renovated rooms will come online in July 2022)

With its atrium-style living room and contemporary mid-century style décor, the newly renovated Arcadian Hotel offers guests a break from standard hotel experiences. The Arcadian Hotel Brookline is located at 1200 Beacon Street, just steps away from vibrant Harvard Street and the Coolidge Corner neighborhood of Brookline. Just outside the hotel, the St. Paul Green Line MBTA stop provides quick access to downtown Boston. Bar 1200 is open daily for drinks and a bite, or step outside, and enjoy the charming restaurants and shops of Brookline. Complimentary continental breakfast is offered daily to guests. The property is managed by Highgate, a leading real estate and hospitality management company.



## **Kimpton Marlowe Hotel**

Guest Room and Corridor Redesign completed Fall 2020

Located at the entrance to Cambridge, home to Kendall Square high-tech and bio-tech centers, MIT, and the Museum of Science, Kimpton Marlowe Hotel completed an extensive guestroom redesign. The project included a complete renovation of all 237 guestrooms and suites, all with floor to ceiling windows and spectacular views of the Boston skyline, hotel courtyard and the Charles River. The guestrooms are spacious and uncluttered without any unnecessary “stuff” or furnishings, and the design drew inspiration from the academic and literary history of the neighborhood, as well as the Charles River.

### **ACCOMMODATIONS: 2022 OPENINGS**

#### **Canopy Hotel by Hilton at Boston Haymarket**

Opening 2022

212 Rooms

The boutique brand Hilton property is currently under construction on a prime downtown 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.

#### **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 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.



## SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT

### **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 to the ballpark and host an anticipated 100 to 150 events per year. The construction will add new areas to serve the bleacher and right field grandstands, as well as new bleacher function space for 500 to 600 people.

### **Roadrunner**

Bowery Presents (Royale, The Sinclair) announces the opening of Roadrunner, a 3,500-seat general admission concert venue at Boston Landing in Brighton in Spring of 2022. Named in loving homage to Natick Massachusetts' own rocker Jonathan Richman and his 1972 anthem of the same name by his band the Modern Lovers.

### **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.

### **Flight Club Boston**

Darts for the twenty first century, Flight Club involves a range of fast and exciting multi-player games, built to bring people together and designed to keep you unexpectedly hooked, insatiably entertained and full of joy. Whether you're an expert darts sniper or a total beginner, everyone has a chance to win when they step up to one of our multiple throw lines. From bespoke cocktails to delicious sharing boards and ridiculous pizzas, the Flight Club Family will always be on hand to keep the fun (and the drinks) flowing.

### **SPIN**

The original ping pong social club comes to Fort Point in Boston's Seaport District, currently the hottest destination for nightlife and play in Boston. A multi-sensory interior with a sliding garage door and additional patio space, features graffiti, modern street art, and murals from local artists. SPIN features four Olympic-caliber professional ping pong tables and welcomes players at all levels. For non-players there is dancing, two private lounges, and a full-service restaurant and bar offering eclectic comfort cuisine and handcrafted cocktails, beer and wine.



## FOOD & DRINK

### **Sam Adams Faneuil Hall Taproom**

Date of opening: February 2020

City/Town: Faneuil Hall Marketplace, Boston

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.

### **Contessa at The Newbury**

Date of Opening: May of 2021

City/Town: Back Bay Boston

Contessa brings Northern Italy to Boston, boasting views of the Back Bay and Public Garden at The Newbury. Major Food Group brings their signature flair to Contessa's trattoria cuisine where diners enjoy sunny spaces for breakfast, lunch, brunch, dinner and/or drinks.

### **Charles River Speedway**

Date Opening: July 2021 (first phase)

City/town: Brighton

A combination live music and event venue (Garage B), market and food hall with ample outdoor seating opened at 525 Western Avenue near the stylish and arty Hotel Studio Allston. Initial tenants include the first Boston location for Salem's Notch Brewing, small-batch ice cream and more. To plan out a fun afternoon along the Charles River, stay at Studio Hotel Allston, visit Charles River Canoe & Kayak or Community Rowing and CRS.

### **Grand Banks Fish House**

Date of opening: July 2021

City/Town: 406 Stuart Street, Back Bay, Boston

Description: 2 floors of classic and contemporary New England seafood with a 26-seat bar and private dining options. The menu will feature everything from a classic New England Lobster boil to an extensive raw bar and fireplaces to keep diners cozy year-round.

### **Hub Hall**

Date of opening: September 2021

City/Town: TD Garden Boston

The food hall is adjacent to TD Garden and features 18 vendors. Diners can choose from a wide array of cuisines from mostly local chefs and restaurant groups, including pizza, tacos, fried chicken, burgers, oysters, fried seafood, and pastries, among others. There's a wine bar, and there's a beer bar.

### **High Street Place**

Date opening: March 2022

City/Town: Downtown Boston

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

Opening planned for late 2021.

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.

### Tall Ship

Date of opening: July 2021

City/Town: East Boston

Boston is known for its waterfront neighborhoods and dynamic harborside attractions. Enter the spectacular Tall Ship, a 245-ft floating oyster bar docked next to one of the biggest adult playgrounds on the East Coast at Pier One in East Boston. On deck you will find a massive bar under the sails, space for 300, and a raw bar; on land: picnic tables, games, food trucks, and a stage for live performances. Come for the lobster rolls, tacos, cornhole and inspiring views of the Boston skyline. Travel by free shuttle between sister restaurant Pier 6 in Charlestown Navy Yard.

The opening and reopening of several Boston luxury hotels - following spectacular renovations at a few Boston landmarks - adds an impressive array of new cocktail bars and fine-dining restaurants to the scene. Several are already among the most in-demand tables in the city. Some offer spectacular views (the rooftop **Contessa** at The Newbury); all have great interior design and attention to detail. Here are a few of note:

### The Fed

Date of opening: July 2021

The Langham Boston's handsome and cozy street level 1920s-era cocktail lounge offers "a British cocktail pub menu with a New England twist," which means comfort food classics served alongside rock shrimp mac and cheese, lobster fries and seafood towers. For those looking to indulge, look for the Vault among The Fed's collection of art and curios for a selection of rare and small batch spirits.

**Grana** (August 2021), just upstairs from the Fed discover the opulent Grana in the former Federal Reserve Bank's grand hall in a glamorous setting with soaring ceilings, ornate moldings and fixtures, lush velvet furniture and a playful art collection. Grana offers a shareable menu of authentic Italian dishes and fine Italian spirits and wine. One thing to note about Langham's excellent cocktail program is that the bar stocks several spirits from local distilleries made exclusively for them. The Langham Boston Gin is a local favorite.

### Ramsay's Kitchen

Date of opening: Late 2021

Gordon Ramsay is entering the Boston restaurant scene with Ramsay's Kitchen opening at the Mandarin Oriental in Back Bay. The restaurant will feature a raw bar, bar and lounge space, two private dining areas, and a seasonal patio in addition to its main dining room.

Other new hotel restaurants of note: **Peregrine**, the intimate lobby restaurant and bar at The Whitney in Beacon Hill offers a seasonal menu, a courtyard, and Sunday suppers. **Zuma**, a Japanese restaurant with a lively bar scene and unique design at Fours Seasons Hotel One Dalton Street, Boston. **Street Bar** and **Contessa** at The Newbury: see page 2.



## **The Culinary Garden featuring Whispering Angel at the Inn at Hastings Park**

Town/City: Lexington, MA

Tucked between the Inn's main building and restored barn, the Culinary Garden is a magical, natural setting for lunch, dinner or brunch for up to 6 people, each course expertly paired with selections from Provence's Château d'Esclans, maker of the world's most celebrated rosés.

### **MUSEUMS, ATTRACTIONS & EXHIBITIONS**

#### **Imagine Van Gogh**

December 21, 2021 – February 20, 2022

SoWa Power Station, Boston

Imagine Van Gogh is the original Van Gogh immersive exhibition featuring more than 200 of the Dutch artist's paintings, and it will debut in Boston on December 21st, 2021 at the SoWa Power Station.

#### **Core Social Justice Cannabis Museum**

Core Social Justice Cannabis Museum in opened on March 6, 2021 and is co-located with Seed Dispensary, a curated cannabis market and a recreational dispensary in the Jamaica Plain neighborhood of Boston. Opening exhibits focus on incarceration in America and offer multiple perspectives on the war on drugs and cannabis law in the U.S. Exhibits are interactive and art is always on display. Museum entrance is free and open to all guests 21 and up.

#### **Immersive Frida Kahlo Exhibition (2022)**

Explore the world through the eyes of the legendary Frida Kahlo – a brilliant, uncompromising painter who created some of the history's most iconic artwork. The groundbreaking team behind the smash hit Immersive Van Gogh now turn their eye for innovation towards the work of a woman who boldly told the story of her life in brushstrokes.

#### **The Art of Banksy (2022)**

With more than 80 original works, the largest Banksy exhibit ever assembled, is coming to Boston February 17-April 3, 2022. Tickets are on sale now for a 'secret venue in the heart of Boston,' which will be revealed before the exhibit opens; existing ticket holders will receive an email with the venue name and location once it is made public.

#### **The Embrace Unveiling (2022)**

Boston Common, America's first public park, has a vibrant 400-year-old history and a tradition of civic gatherings. The King Boston memorial, The Embrace, will be anchored here, where in 1965 Dr. King called Boston to live by its highest ideals. 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, the city where they met and fell in love, and which helped shape their approach to a just and equitable society.



## **View Boston (2023)**

View Boston, a world-class observatory and experiential attraction offering expansive and panoramic views of Boston and beyond, is under development at Prudential Center. The 59,000 square foot venue will be Boston's only observatory and is slated to open in 2023. The observatory encompasses the top three floors of the Prudential Tower and will feature immersive experiential exhibits and a bistro on the 50th floor; an indoor/outdoor cocktail lounge and 360-degree outdoor viewing deck on the 51st floor; and double height (24-foot) indoor viewing space on the 52nd floor. View Boston will host a variety of events and public programming geared towards guests of all ages.

## **MAJOR UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Fenway Bowl:** The inaugural Fenway Bowl will take place on Wed, Dec. 29, 2022 at 11 a.m. The Fenway Bowl will mark the first college football bowl game at the historic home of the Boston Red Sox, and the first Division 1 bowl game to be held in New England.

**Embrace Ideas Festival:** As part of the King Boston planning, the inaugural Embrace Ideas Festival is set occur throughout Boston in 2022.

**126th Boston Marathon,** April 11, 2022

**US Open 2022:** The Country Club in Brookline, one of the USGA's five founding clubs, has hosted the event three times: 1913, 1968, and 1988; the 122nd U.S. Open Championship, June 13-19, 2022, will make four.

Boston will host the following NCAA Events:

- **2022 Division I Men's Frozen Four** at TD Garden
- **2024 NCAA Men's Basketball East Regional** at TD Garden
- **2025 & 2026 NCAA Men's & Women's Lacrosse Championships** at Gillette Stadium

**2022 Frozen Four:** TD Garden, April 7-9, 2021 – The NCAA DI Hockey Championship tournament returns to Boston in the spring of 2022.

**Revere Beach International Sand Sculpting Festival:** The Revere Beach Partnership will be celebrating the 18th Annual International Sand Sculpting Festival, hosted at America's first public beach, Revere Beach, on Friday, July 22nd through Sunday, July 24th. This year's theme will be "Wonders of the World" and will feature beautiful sand sculptures designed by world-class sculptors, food trucks, and food vendors with cuisines from around the world, live entertainment, and a Saturday Night Fireworks Extravaganza!

**NAACP 2023 :** Originally scheduled to take place in Boston during the summer of 2020, the NAACP National Convention will assemble in Boston in 2023.



## SIGNIFICANT ANNIVERSARIES

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

### **Kerouac@100: The Jack Kerouac Centennial Celebration in Lowell**

In 2022 the Kerouac Center at UMass Lowell and the City of Lowell celebrate the centennial of the birth of American poet and novelist Jack Kerouac, born on March 12, 1922 to French-Canadian parents in the working-class Centralville “Little Canada” neighborhood of Lowell, Massachusetts, 30 miles northwest of Boston. Kerouac is the internationally recognized author of *On the Road*, *The Dharma Bums*, and many other works of fiction, poetry, and visual arts. Several of his novels, including *Maggie Cassidy* and *Visions of Gerard*, are unforgettably set in Lowell. Celebrate with a [guided or self-guided walking tour of Jack Kerouac's Lowell](#). Exhibits, lectures, and readings are also planned: <https://jackkerouac.org/kerouac100>

### **Special Commission to Celebrate and Promote the 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution**

Massachusetts joins seventeen other states in forming a commission to promote the commemoration of the American Revolution. The appropriations bill (H 4000) which Governor Charlie Baker signed yesterday also created the Massachusetts Commission on the 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution. The Massachusetts commission's 35 members—leaders in the historical, cultural, tourism, and political sectors—will partner with the other states and with the federal America 250 Commission to commemorate, celebrate and investigate the will and determination of the people 250 years ago who risked their “lives, liberty, and property” for the cause of American Independence.

- 250th Anniversary of the Boston Tea Party – December, 2023
- 250th Anniversary of Paul Revere's Ride – April 2025
- 250th Anniversary of Battle of Bunker Hill – June 2025
- 250th Anniversary of Evacuation Day – March 2026
- 250th Anniversary of Declaration of Independence – July 2026



## DEVELOPMENT

### **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 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.

### **The Track at New Balance** (Spring 2022)

Boston is home to some of the world's elite sporting events and offers an array of new facilities designed to improve performance. 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.



## **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.

## **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' workspace to the square. Food Hall run by Commonwealth Kitchen.

