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I. Hotel News - Hotels opened in 2016 and opening in 2017 & beyond

There are more than 35 new hotel projects planned in greater Boston, with a potential for over 4,000 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.

2016 Openings

- **The Godfrey Hotel**, a luxury boutique hotel with 242 rooms opened February 3 at the historic Blake Building in Downtown Crossing. George Howell Coffee is open on the lobby level and **RUKA**, a contemporary Peruvian restaurant, opened in December of 2016.

- The 330-room **Aloft Boston Seaport** & 180-room **Element Boston Seaport** have opened on D Street opposite the Boston Convention & Exhibition Center (BCEC). The \$137.8M development added 510 new hotel rooms to the Seaport District.
- The 83,000 SF, 152-room **AC Hotel Boston North** opened at **95 Station Landing in Medford** March 1, 2016, the first AC Hotel by Marriott to be built in the US bearing AC Hotel brand. Common spaces will include dining rooms, bar, lounge, pool, fitness center and two meeting rooms. The hotel is within walking distance to the Orange Line.
- The 96-room **Beauport Hotel** opened on Pavilion Beach in Gloucester, MA opened in June 13, 2016.
- **Homewood Suites by Hilton Boston/Brookline**, a 130 key property, opened August 10 at 111 Boylston St near Brookline Village.
- Boylston Properties built a 148-room **Marriott Residence Inn** on Arsenal Street in **Watertown**, which opened September 1, 2016.
- A second **AC Hotel** by Marriott opened at the 27-acre Cambridge Discovery Park near Alewife Station on October 1, 2016. The boutique hotel is design-led, contemporary, and tailor-made for modern travelers with its signature AC Lounge, hi-tech meeting and media spaces, a fitness center and pool, and 150 sleek modern guest rooms.
- On October 4 **Residence Inn by Marriott** opened a 118-suite property in Concord, MA.
- The **Porter Square Hotel**, a 65-room hotel located at 1924 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge, MA, opened November 2, 2016. The hotel will ultimately include a restaurant with a full bar, private dining facilities and an outdoor roof garden.
- The **136-room Hilton Garden Inn** at Patriot Place overlooking Gillette Stadium opened November 4, 2016.

2017 Openings

- The **Hilton Homewood Inn & Suites**, 152 rooms, opened in Chelsea on March 15, 2017.
- **Global Vision Hotels** restored a century-old factory building in Everett and opened a 101-room upscale, boutique hotel called **Envision Hotel Boston Everett**, which opened April 5, 2017.
- **Freepoint Hotel**, an Independent Collection property with 121 rooms, will open near Fresh Pond in Cambridge in early 2017.
- **Boston Global Investors** (BGI) are developing an 11 story, 326-room **YOTEL** as part of the South Boston Seaport Square complex. Construction began in the summer of 2015 and the hotel is scheduled to open in 2017 (*pictured*).
- At **Assembly Row**, construction began in 2016 on a 159-room Autograph Collection by Marriott property expected to open in late 2017.



Proposed Hotels: 2017 and Beyond

- Carpenter & Co. broke ground January 14, 2015 on two towers planned for 1 Dalton Street. **The 211-room Four Seasons Hotel** will occupy the first 20 floors of the building with 180 condos spread across the upper 40. Projected opening: early 2018. Prtizker Realty Group of Chicago plans to build a 26-story apartment tower on the adjoining parcel with two restaurants, two lounges and a health club and spa.
- Construction is underway on an 87,000 square foot, **156-room select-service 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.

- Boston-based Cathartes will break ground on a **140-room hotel in North Quincy** in the summer of 2017.
- **40 Trinity Place:** Boston-based Saunders Hotel Group purchased the former John Hancock Hotel & Conference Center and plans to convert it into an upscale boutique hotel.
- A 220-room **Courtyard by Marriott** hotel is under construction as part of the \$165 million development (formerly called “*The Merano*”) on Beverly Street adjacent to the TD Garden and North Station. The development will add 239 rental units, 220 parking spaces, shops and restaurants and anchor the northern end of the Rose Kennedy Greenway.
- **Marine Wharf at 660 Summer St, Harbinger Development** has received approval to build 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 [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.
- Construction has begun on a 23-story, 346-room **Marriott Moxy Hotel** in Boston’s Theater District adjacent to the Wilbur Theatre.
- The BPDA has approved a 247-room hotel for **315 Northern Ave.**, across from the Blue Hills Bank Pavilion, as part of a larger mixed-use development.
- The **Ink Block Project** in Boston’s South End, will be adding a 205-room **AC Hotel by Marriott** in early 2017. There will also be three apartment buildings on this 6-acre parcel, totaling 315 units, and a fourth residential tower.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- Developers have received approval from Brookline officials to build a **162-room AC by Marriott Hotel** and senior housing complex at Cleveland Circle.
- 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.
- The BPDA gave final development rights for a **Marriott Residence Inn on Melnea Cass Blvd** to the Boston design firm Urbanica. The hotel will include 108 rooms and 50 apartments and also feature 8,000 sf of retail space.
- **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.
- **JW Capital Partners** has proposed a five story, **277-room hotel** on Lewis Wharf as part of a plan to revitalize the wharf with a full service restaurant, a new marina, and a new building for the Boston Sailing Center.
- 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.
- Dallas-based Omni Hotels & Resorts has won the bid to work with Massport to develop a **1,100-room hotel across from the BCEC** in the Seaport District.
- Construction is underway on **Wynn Boston Harbor**, America's first 5-star urban gaming resort slated to open in June of 2019. The Property consists of 13 acres of gross floor area with 29-floor luxury hotel tower overlooking the Boston skyline. There will be 671 deluxe guest rooms including 103 suites, 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 will connect guests to Logan Airport and points across Boston Harbor (*pictured*).



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 Marriott Burlington** completed a multi-million dollar renovation. The 418-room full-service hotel now boasts 14,570 square feet of meeting space, stylish new furnishings and a new restaurant, **Chopps American Bar and Grill**.
- The **Sheraton Commander Hotel** completed a full remodel of guestrooms, the club lounge, and a redesign of the lobby. This winter the hotel will remodel hallways and install new elevators.
- **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. Mary Dumont will open Culvitar at the Ames in early 2017. The Ames recently joined Hilton's Curio Collection



- **Copley Square Hotel** has completed a \$2M refresh to all guestrooms and lobby renovation in April 2016.
- **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 **Charles Hotel** underwent a \$20 million guestroom renovation completed in April, 2016. On the adjacent block a new restaurant will open in the old conductor's building in 2017.
- **Hyatt Regency Cambridge, Overlooking Boston** announced a \$3.5M renovation to their lobby and meeting spaces. The Charles View Ballroom will be rejuvenated with state-of-the-art lighting and design elements.
- 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 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 January of 2017 the **Four Seasons Boston** will begin a renovation of guestrooms and meeting space. The room updates will brighten the decor, update technology and modernize the layout.

Hotels opened in 2016 & 2017:

- Element Boston Seaport, South Boston, 180 rooms – opened January 14, 2016
- The Godfrey, Downtown Crossing, 242 rooms – opened February 3, 2016
- Aloft Boston Seaport, South Boston, 330 rooms – opened February 4, 2016
- AC Hotel Boston North at Station Landing, Medford, 152 rooms – opened March 1, 2016
- Beauport Hotel, Gloucester, 96 rooms – opened June 13, 2016
- Homewood Suites by Hilton, Brookline/Boston, 130 rooms – opened August 10, 2016
- Marriott Residence Inn, Boylston Properties, Watertown, 150 rooms – opened September 1, 2016
- AC by Marriott at Cambridge Discovery Park, 150 rooms – opened October 1, 2016
- Residence Inn by Marriott, Concord, 118 rooms – opened October 4, 2016
- Porter Square Hotel, 65-rooms – opened November 2, 2016
- Hilton Garden Inn, Patriot Place, 136 rooms – opened November 4, 2016
- Hilton Homewood Inn & Suites Boston Logan Airport/Chelsea, 152 rooms, opened March 15, 2017
- Envision Hotel Boston Everett, 101 rooms, opened April 5, 2017

Proposed Hotels 2017 & Beyond:

- Freepoint Hotel, Cambridge, 121 rooms
- Seaport District YOTEL, Seaport Square, 326 rooms
- Autograph Collection by Marriott, Assembly Row, Somerville, 159 rooms
- Four Seasons Hotel on the Christian Science Plaza Carpenter & Co. Development, 211 rooms
- 6 West Broadway, South Boston, 156 Rooms
- North Quincy Marriott hotel, 140 rooms
- 40 Trinity Place in the Back Bay, 220 rooms
- Courtyard Marriott Boston TD Garden/North Station, 210-rooms
- TownePlace Suites by Marriott, 120 rooms

- Hampton Inn, Boston Marine Industrial Park, Harbinger Development, 253 rooms
- Homewood Suites, Boston Marine Industrial Park, Harbinger Development, 158 rooms
- Brighton Hotel at Boston Landing, 175 rooms
- Marriott Moxy Hotel, 240 Tremont Street, 346 rooms
- 315 Northern Ave, Seaport District, 247 rooms
- Marriott AC, Ink Block Project, South End, 205 rooms
- CitizenM Hotels, Hub on Causeway, TD Garden, 260 rooms
- Haymarket Square Hotel, 225 rooms
- Chain Forge Hotel, Charlestown, 230 rooms
- AC by Marriott, Cleveland Circle, 162 rooms
- Hampton Inn & Suites by Hilton, Watertown, 145 rooms
- Marriott Residence Inn, Melnea Cass Blvd, Urbanica, 108 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
- Wynn Boston Harbor, Everett, 671 rooms
- MassPort Seaport District Hotel near BCEC, 1,100 rooms

II. Waterfront News

- The **Massachusetts Convention Center Authority (MCCA)** will issue an RFP for 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 1,054-room hotel on Summer Street across from the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center. The \$550 million project will be the fourth-largest hotel in Massachusetts by the time it opens in 2021.
- **General Electric** will relocate its 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.
- Construction of **One Seaport Square** broke ground November 14, 2014. The \$600M project will create 832 apartments above 260,000 sq ft of retail space with over 30 stores, restaurants, and entertainment venues (*pictured*).
- 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** will move 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.
- The **Society of Arts and Crafts** has moved to the 100 Pier 4 building and will serve as a center for the craft and design community, connecting students, artists, collectors, and the public.



- 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.
- Taiwan’s **Regent Hotels & Resorts** will join Cottonwood Management’s proposed mixed-use development at One Seaport Square, with plans for a hotel and Regent-branded condos and apartments.
- **Skanska USA** has broken ground on the 17-story **121 Seaport Blvd**, a building with a sleek oval-shaped tower set at a diagonal to the street, designed to pop out from the surrounding glass and brick rectangles that populate the Seaport.
- 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.
- **Massport** will design a \$90 million **Seaport Transportation Center** along D Street towards the Seaport World Trade Center Ave viaduct, a 1,500 space garage with Zipcar and Hubway stations, shuttle parking, and visitor information.
- **Cruiseport Boston** will host a record 150 visits from cruise ships this year — a 30 percent increase from 2016 — with maiden voyages by five vessels.

III. Logan Airport and Transportation Updates

- **Logan International Airport** is undergoing a **\$100 million renovation** of Terminal E to improve service for international passengers. The project includes a new connection between Terminal C and E behind security, new self-service kiosks to process passports, and better concession and vendor stands. In the fall of 2015 Massport began the permitting process to create/reconfigure 130,000 sf in Terminal E to accommodate the Airbus 380. 7 new gates will be added to Terminal E by 2022.
- Massport has approved a partial project budget of **\$45 million dollars for improvements to Terminal B** at Logan International Airport.
- **Emirates Airlines** will go from double daily to daily service in June of 2017.
- **China’s Hainan Airlines** now offers daily nonstop service between Boston and Beijing and nonstop service to Shanghai 3 days per week.
- **WOW air** began operating direct flights between Boston and Reykjavik, Iceland five days a week on March 27, 2015.
- **Cathay Pacific** started service 4 days a week from **Hong Kong** in 2015 and expanded to daily service in March of 2017.
- **Aeromexico** started nonstop service between Logan and Mexico City on June 1, 2015.
- **El Al Israel Airlines** launched direct service June 28, 2015 Tel Aviv – Boston flights on Tuesday, Thursday, and Sunday.
- **WestJet** launched two new services to Logan in the spring of 2016. Toronto-Boston flights commenced three-times-daily on March 15, 2016 and a daily flight from Halifax started April 15, 2016.
- **Scandinavian Airlines**, also known as SAS, started operating daily service between Boston and Copenhagen on March 29, 2016.

- On March 16, 2016, **Qatar Airways** began daily service between Doha and Boston.
- **JetBlue** added direct service from Boston to Nashville on May 5, 2016 and from Salt Lake City on May 12, 2016. In the spring of 2017 JetBlue will add 5 daily flights between Boston and Atlanta.
- **Thomas Cook Airlines** began operating two flights, weekly, from **Manchester, England** in May of 2016.
- **Norwegian Air** began service to Oslo and Copenhagen in May of 2016. Norwegian has received approval from the US DOT to operate flights between Cork and New England.
- **Air Berlin** is operating Dusseldorf-Boston flights, 4 times per week, from May-October 2016. The carrier will expand to daily service in May of 2017.
- **Eurowings** now offers seasonal service between Cologne and Boston between June and October.
- **TAP Portugal** launched daily, direct service between Boston and Lisbon on June 11, 2016. The new route will be operated with new Airbus A330 aircraft with a new onboard product and upgraded customer experience.
- **Delta** launched daily direct service to Nashville on November 6, 2016.
- **Delta** has announced non-stop, seasonal service between Boston and Dublin starting May 25, 2017 through October.
- **Avianca** will begin service 4X week between Boston and Bogota, Columbia on June 2, 2017.
- **Delta** will launch service from Logan to San Francisco, and expand service to Seattle and Milwaukee, on June 8, 2017 and add Nashville service on November 6, 2017.
- **Air Europa** will operate seasonal service between Boston and Madrid 3 times/week starting June 14, 2017.
- **Air Canada** will operate daily seasonal service between Boston and Vancouver June 23 - September 4, 2017.
- **Virgin Atlantic** will operate flights twice a week between Boston and Manchester starting in the summer of 2017.
- **WestJet** will commence double daily flights between Boston and Montreal on October 15, 2017.
- **JetBlue** has applied to reallocate an unused US-Havana flight frequency to Boston, which would be for a Saturday only flight commencing Q4 of 2017.

IV. Restaurant & Craft Beer News

- **Idle Hands Craft Ales** opened its new brewery, along the Orange Line in Malden, on July 7, 2016.
- **Little Donkey**, a collaboration between Ken Oringer and Jamie Bissonnette, features international small plates, charcuterie and raw-bar eats in Central Square and opened on July 18, 2016.
- **Dorchester Brewing Company**, a space for local craft beer brands to produce their regional products in a spacious brewery, opened at 1250 Mass Ave on July 21, 2016.
- **Il Molo**, from Chef Donato Fratarolli (Lucia Ristorante), has opened in the North End.

- **Fat Hen**, an Italian restaurant featuring fresh pasta, braised meats and locally-grown produce, opened in East Somerville at the old La Brasa space on August 4.
- Andy Husbands has opened his first BBQ restaurant, called **The Smoke Shop**, in the Kendall Square neighborhood of Cambridge.
- Jody Adams, Eric Papachristos, and Sean Griffing have opened **Porto**, a Mediterranean restaurant, in the Back Bay (Ring Road at Boylston Street).
- The new **Fireside Lounge** has opened at Rowes Wharf Sea Grille in the Boston Harbor Hotel.
- **Waypoint**, Michael Scelfo's seafood-focused follow-up to Alden & Harlow, opened August 26, 2016 between Central Square and Harvard Square in Cambridge.
- **Night Shift Brewing** has opened an "Annex" to its popular taproom in Everett.
- **Bone Up Brewing Co.** opened its new taproom and bar in Everett on August 27, 2016.
- The warehouse that will house **Downeast Cider's** new brewery at the Boston Shipyard and Marina officially opened on September 30, 2016.
- **Lamplighter Brewing Co.** opened their Growler counter and taproom at 284 Broadway in Cambridge in the late fall of 2016.
- Nancy Batista-Caswell, who owns Brine and Ceia in Newburyport, opened her first Boston restaurant, **Oak + Rowan**, in the Seaport District in late 2016.
- **Grafton Group** has expanded their Cambridge portfolio with the opening of **Hourly Oyster House** on Dunster St. in Harvard Square.
- The team behind The Asgard and Kinsale opened **En Boca** in Harvard Square on October 6, 2016, large and small plates of Mediterranean cuisine.
- **Area Four Boston** opened at Ink Block complex in the South End October 21, 2016.
- **La Casa de Pedro**, featuring an outdoor patio and bar with live music opened on Congress St in the Seaport District on November 14, 2016.
- Chef Micahel Mina opened **PABU Boston** in October as his first New England restaurant in Downtown Crossing's Millennium Tower. PABU is a two-floor izakaya and sushi bar.
- Giulia chef-owner Michael Pagliarini opened **Benedetto** in the Charles Hotel in late November, 2016.
- **Mario Batali** opened a **45,000 sf Eataly** food emporium spanning three floors at the Prudential Center on November 29, 2016.
- East Coast Grill founder Chris Schlesinger and B-Side Lounge alum Dave Cagle opened **The Automatic** in Kendall Square on November 19, 2016.
- **East Coast Grill** re-opened in December, 2016 in Inman Square under the direction of Highland Kitchen owners Mark Romano and Marci Joy.
- **RUKA**, a contemporary Peruvian restaurant, opened at the Godfrey Hotel in December, 2016.



- **Buttermilk and Bourbon**, from Chef Jason Santos, is a 150-seat restaurant with a Bayou-influenced menu that opened in Back Bay on February 27, 2017.
- **Bully Boy Distillers** opened new headquarters in Roxbury's Newmarket District on April 21.
- Mary Dumont opened **Cultivar** at the Ames Boston Hotel on May 5, 2017.
- In July of 2017 Chris Coombs and Brian Piccini will open a second **Boston Chops** at 52 Temple Place in Downtown Crossing.
- **Garrett Harker** and the Island Creek Oyster team will open a new Harvard Square restaurant in the Conductor's Building in early 2017.
- **Backlash Beer Co.** is constructing a 6,500 sf brewery in Roxbury.
- **Down the Road Brewery** is constructing a 12,000 sf brewery in Everett.
- **Trillium Brewing Co.** will re-locate into a 15,000 sf brewery in the Fort Point area complete with a tap-room, restaurant and patio.
- **Big Night Entertainment Group** will open 2 new restaurants at One Seaport Square on Northern Avenue. BNEG signed a lease for 21,930 SF and will open a second outpost of Scorpion Bar and a new concept called The Grande.
- Tiffani Faison will open a third restaurant on Boylston Street, **Fool's Errand**, next to Sweet Cheeks.
- **STK Rebel** will span two floors in the One Seaport Square development, the latest entrant in a string of giant new bar-centered venues in the burgeoning district.
- Democracy Brewing is coming to Downtown Crossing in 2017, featuring a full kitchen supporting a communal beer hall feel, with a shared-plates concept featuring foods that incorporate different aspects of the beer.
- **Tuscan Kitchen & Market** will open a restaurant and food emporium spanning 14,500 sf at One Seaport Square in 2017.
- The owners of **Beat Brasserie and Beehive** have proposed to transform the ground floor of the Lafayette City Center in Downtown Crossing into a 63,000 sf "food, beverage and social concept."

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

- **Broadway in Boston** has announced that *Hamilton* will come to Boston for a 2-month run in the fall of 2018.
- **Spaces of Hope**, from Iranian artist Mehdi Ghadyanloo, now adorns the Greenway Wall in Dewey Square. The artist is known for his surrealist city-scale murals. This is the 5th such installation on the Greenway Wall.
- In May of 2017 **Boston Calling** moves to Harvard University's Athletics Complex and will expand programming to include a comedy lineup. The festival will be annual instead of biannual (*pictured*).
- The Greenway Conservancy has tapped Massachusetts brewery **Trillium** to operate an open-air space beer garden slated to open this summer. The Greenway is also installing a 220-foot zipline, 30 feet in the air, that will run from Armenian Heritage Park to the entrance of the Greenway's North End parks.



- The Salem Country Club in Peabody will host the **2017 U.S. Senior Open** June 26-July 2, 2017.
- The **Boston Pops**, with co-sponsors Bloomberg and Eaton Vance, will take over production of the July 4th Boston Pops Fireworks Spectacular starting in 2017.
- **The USS Constitution** will return to her berth in the Charlestown Navy Yard on July 23 after more than 3 years in dry dock for repairs and restoration.
- **Forbes Magazine** has selected Boston to host the annual Under 30 Summit geared towards millennials and featuring 4 days of events. The second annual conference will occur October 1-4, 2017.
- **Boston Ballet** has announced its first ever collaboration with the London's **Royal Ballet** on co-production of Wayne McGregor's new work "Obsidian Tear," which will make its US premiere during the 2017-18 Boston Ballet season.
- The **Boston Symphony Orchestra** 2017-18 season will include the first ever artist-in-residence, pianist Jean-Yves Thibaudet, as well as "Leipzig Week in Boston."
- **Greater Boston has been awarded the following sporting events:**
 - 2017 and 2018 NCAA Men's Lacrosse Championships at Gillette Stadium, hosted by Harvard University
 - 2017 NCAA Division I Women's Lacrosse Championships at Gillette Stadium, hosted by UMASS-Amherst
 - 2018 regional round of NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Tournament
 - 2022 NCAA Hockey Frozen Four at TD Garden, hosted by Hockey East and the MA Sports Marketing Office
- Construction is underway on **Wynn Boston Harbor**, America's first 5-star urban gaming resort slated to open in June of 2019. The Property consists of 13 acres of gross floor area with 29-floor luxury hotel tower overlooking the Boston skyline. There will be 671 deluxe guest rooms including 103 suites, 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 will connect guests to Logan Airport and points across Boston Harbor.
- **The Country Club in Brookline** will host its 4th **U.S. Open** in 2022.
- Robert Kraft is in talks with UMass Boston to build a soccer stadium for the **New England Revolution** in Dorchester at the site of the former Bayside Expo Center, now owned by the University of Massachusetts.
- **Sail Boston** welcomes the **Canada 150 Tall Ships Regatta** to Boston June 17-22, 2017. Boston will be the only American port included in the Regatta, featuring a **Parade of Sail** and ships from Europe, South America, and Asia.
- **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.


VI. Museum & Exhibition News

- The John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum has announced plans for a yearlong celebration, through programming and exhibitions, to celebrate the centennial of JFK's birth in 1917. "**JFK at 100: Milestones and Mementos**" will open May 8, 2017 through the end of 2017: A new special exhibit commemorating President Kennedy's centenary. Featuring a compelling selection of items from the Kennedy Library's collections, the exhibit will chronicle historic milestones in the President's career and administration as well as events of his personal and family life. The stories revealed in this special exhibit complement the stories in our permanent galleries.



- 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 Science** opened a new 4-D theater and recently completed construction of the **Yawkey Gallery** on the Charles River in April of 2016, a new \$11M, 3-story gallery, exhibit space and special event space.
- The **Institute of Contemporary Art, Boston** is planning a major expansion in East Boston. The \$10M renovation will add 15,000 sf to create a free and immersive waterfront gallery.
- The **Museum of Fine Arts, Boston** unveiled the exhibition *Matisse in the Studio* on April 9 and it will be on view through July 9.
- 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.
- Brazilian company Dreams Entertainment Co. will open a **Boston Wax Museum** in Downtown Crossing in 2017.

VII. Additional Developments

- **Delaware North** won the bid to renovate and transform City Hall Plaza into a bustling and iconic year-round attraction with a restaurant, ice skating and warming huts in the winter, and an urban beach area in the summer.
- **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 **New England Aquarium** has unveiled a proposal to create an open space, called the “Blueway” that will stretch from the Greenway to the edge of Boston Harbor. The space would be up to 1,000 ft long and 85 ft wide and could increase the NEAQ size to 225,000 sf. The proposal would involve moving the IMAX theater.
- Delaware North and Boston Properties have broken ground on a \$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 (*pictured*). 
- 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.
- **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 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.
- 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.
- **Assembly Row** is expanding to include an additional 167,000 square feet of outlet retail, restaurants, and entertainment increasing Assembly Row nearly 50% by 2017. In addition, NY Developer Michael Ades has proposed a 1.9 million sf mixed-use complex at Assembly Row that would include a hotel, housing and lab space.
- **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*).
- **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.
- Abbey Group unveiled plans to turn the Boston Flower Exchange, a 5.6-acre warehouse facility on Albany Street in the South End, into a tech office campus they hope could rival Kendall Square in Cambridge, employing as many as 5,000 to 10,000 people.
- Miami-based developer **Pebbles 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**.
- 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.
- Boston Properties has submitted designs to the city for an atrium with retail and restaurant space and a "**winter garden**" on the Congress Street plaza of its 100 Federal St. office tower adjacent to Boston's Post Office Square.
- 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 state's biggest biotech employer, [Genzyme Corp.](#), is building a new, 251,000 square foot headquarters at 50 Binney Street in Kendall Square.
- Developers from B Minor LLC purchased the six-story, 38,000-square-foot **Steinert Building** at 162 Boylston St and will renovate, refurbish and modernize Steinhart Hall. The project began in late 2015 and will take up to 2 years.



- **Equity Residential** proposes demolishing 650-space, four-story parking deck in the West End and replacing it with a 482-unit, 46-story residential tower, with an 842-space below-grade parking deck included.

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