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I Hotel News - Hotels opening in 2016 & beyond

There are more than 40 new hotel projects planned in greater Boston, some recently opened, some soon to break ground, others still in the planning stages, with a potential for over 5,000 **new hotel rooms** in the next 4 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.

2015 Openings

- The **Towneplace Suites** Boston Logan Airport Chelsea opened March 5 and is Boston's closest Marriott to Logan Airport. This fresh and contemporary extended-stay hotel features 140 studio and one-bedroom hotel suites, free hot breakfast, free Wi-Fi, Lobby Bar, 24-Hour Business Center, Market and Fitness Center including an indoor salt water heated pool and complimentary shuttle service to the MBTA and Logan Airport.

- The 123-room **Fairfield Inn & Suites** by Marriott-Boston Cambridge opened March 6 and is the city's newest hotel hub for business and leisure travelers. The smart, beautifully appointed, extended-stay guestrooms adhere to today's tech-savvy lifestyles and feature sleek décor and ergonomic work stations. The hotel is located only 3 miles from Logan International Airport. This brand new upscale hotel boasts a 24-hour fitness center, bicycle storage and repair space, free Wi-Fi as well as a chic lobby bar and lounge for guests to enjoy.
- **Envoy Hotel** a \$70M, 100,000 square-foot, 136-room 6-story luxury Autograph Collection property with a spectacular roof-deck bar overlooking Boston Harbor opened June 12 in the Fort Point neighborhood of Boston on Sleeper Street. A pedestrian plaza links the property to the Boston HarborWalk, and a 4,000 SF of ground level restaurant called Outlook Kitchen + Bar opened in September.
- A 178-room, \$32 million **Hilton Garden Inn Boston Logan Airport** opened August 7. The hotel is located in close proximity to Logan International Airport and the Orient Heights neighborhood of East Boston, which offers many diverse dining options within walking distance and quick subway access to downtown Boston. Meeting Room space will total 2,460 sq feet, as well as 500 sq feet of pre-function space.

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, will open in fall 2016.
- A 330-room **Aloft** Hotel & a 180-room **Element** Hotel have opened on D Street opposite the Boston Convention & Exhibition Center (BCEC). The \$137.8 M brings 510 new hotel rooms to the Seaport District in close proximity to the BCEC. The Element opened January 14, 2016 and the Aloft opened February 4, 2016.
- 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 will be within walking distance to the Orange Line.
- The 96-room **Beauport Hotel** opened on Pavilion Beach in Gloucester, MA opened in June of 2016 (*pictured*).
- **Homewood Suites by Hilton Boston/Brookline**, a 130 key property, will open this summer near Brookline Village.
- The **Porter Square Hotel**, a 65-room hotel located at 1924 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge, MA. The hotel will include a restaurant with a full bar, private dining facilities and an outdoor roof garden. The hotel projects to open in July of 2016.
- A second **AC Hotel** by Marriott will open at the 27-acre Cambridge Discovery Park near Alewife Station in August of 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.
- Construction has commenced on a **136-room Hilton Garden Inn** at Patriot Place that overlooks Gillette Stadium and the hotel is scheduled to open October 1.



Proposed Hotels: 2017 and Beyond

- Normandy Real Estate Partners and Harbinger Development have proposed 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.
- The **Hilton Homewood Inn & Suites**, 152 rooms, will open in Chelsea (near Logan Airport) in early 2017.

- **Global Vision Hotels** is restoring a century-old factory building in Everett and building a 101-room upscale, boutique hotel 2 located 2 miles from Steve Wynn's casino. The hotel, called **Envision Hotel Boston Everett**, will open in early 2017.
- **40 Trinity Place:** Boston-based Saunders Hotel Group purchased the former John Hancock Hotel & Conference Center and plans to restore and convert it into an upscale boutique hotel.
- 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. Prtzker 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 (*pictured*).
- 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.
- 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.
- **Harbinger Development** received tentative approval to build a 253-room Hampton Inn and 158-room Homewood Suites at 660 Summer St. in the Raymond L. Flynn Marine Park.
- The **Ink Block Project** in Boston's South End, will be adding a 200-room **AC Hotel by Marriott**. There will also be three apartment buildings on this 6-acre parcel, totaling 315 units, and a fourth residential tower.
- The Boston Redevelopment Authority approved a 140,000 SF boutique hotel in Brighton at **Boston Landing**, which will be a 1.43 million mixed-use development.
- The [Boston Redevelopment Authority](#) (BRA) approved development of a 23-story, 346-room **Marriott Moxy Hotel** in Boston's Theater District right next to the Wilbur Theatre.
- The BRA two years approved a 247-room hotel for **315 Northern Ave.**, across from the Blue Hills Bank Pavilion, as part of a larger mixed-use development.
- **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.
- 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 a historical exhibit.
- The BRA 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.
- Boylston Properties is building a 148-room **Marriott Residence Inn** on Arsenal Street 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.
- **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, a new building for the Boston Sailing Center.
- Paul Roiff, the owner of XV Beacon, has proposed a **127-room Hotel conversion call LoftHotel**, 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 BRA to build a **17-story, 225 room hotel in Chinatown** at the intersection of Essex and Oxford Streets in Chinatown.
- At **Assembly Row**, construction will begin in early 2016 on a 155 room boutique hotel expected to open in early 2018.
- 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.
- **Massachusetts Port Authority** will solicit bids from developers to build a downsized, roughly **500-room** hotel across from the **Boston Convention & Exhibition Center in the Seaport District**.

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 (*pictured*).
- 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** is undergoing a \$5 million overhaul of all 115 guest rooms plus renovations of public areas and the addition of new event and meeting space. Chef Mary Dumont will open Culvitar at the Ames.
- **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, while the new University room and Skyline Suites lead to four and five break-out meeting rooms.
- The **Charles Hotel** is undergoing a \$20 million guestroom renovation set to be completed in April, 2016. On the adjacent block a new restaurant will open in the old conductor's building in the summer of 2016.

- **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 (*pictured*).
- The BRA 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.
- Gencom, a Florida-based hospitality investment company, purchased the 114-room **Ames Boston Hotel** and are set to begin a \$6 million renovation of the property.



Hotels opened in 2015:

- TownePlace Suites Chelsea, 140 rooms – opened March 2015
- Fairfield Inn & Suites Boston Cambridge, 123 rooms – opened March 2015
- Envoy Hotel Seaport District, 136 rooms – opened June 2015
- Hilton Garden Inn Boston Logan Airport, 178 rooms – opened August 2015

Hotels opened and opening in 2016:

- 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, 2016
- Homewood Suites by Hilton, Brookline/Boston, 130 rooms – opened June, 2016
- AC by Marriott at Cambridge Discovery Park, 150 rooms – projected August, 2016
- Porter Square Hotel, 65-rooms – projected September, 2016
- Hilton Garden Inn, Patriot Place, 136 rooms – projected October, 2016

Proposed Hotels 2017 & Beyond:

- Haymarket Square Hotel, 225 rooms
- Hilton Homewood Inn & Suites Boston Logan Airport/Chelsea, 152 rooms
- Envision Hotel Boston Everett, 101 rooms
- 40 Trinity Place in the Back Bay, 220 rooms
- Four Seasons Hotel on the Christian Science Plaza Carpenter & Co. Development, 211 rooms
- 6 West Broadway, South Boston, 156 Rooms
- Courtyard Marriott Boston TD Garden/North Station, 210-rooms
- TownePlace Suites by Marriott, 120 rooms
- Hampton Inn, Boston Marine Industrial Park Hotel, Harbinger Development, 253 rooms
- Homewood Suites, Boston Marine Industrial Park Hotel, Harbinger Development, 158 rooms
- Marriott AC, Ink Block Project, South End, 200 rooms
- Brighton Hotel at Boston Landing, 175 rooms
- Marriott Moxy Hotel, 240 Tremont Street, 346 rooms
- 315 Northern Ave, Seaport District, 247 rooms
- Seaport District YOTEL, Seaport Square, 326 rooms

- Chain Forge Hotel, Charlestown, 230 rooms
- Marriott Residence Inn, Melnea Cass Blvd, Urbanica, 108 rooms
- Marriott Residence Inn, Boylston Properties, Watertown, 148 rooms
- Revere-Saugus Hotel, 1591 Broadway, 130 rooms
- Lewis Wharf Hotel, North End, 300 rooms
- East Boston Hotel, 151 Porter St, 127 rooms
- Chinatown Hotel at 73-79 Essex St, Westbrook Partners, 225 rooms
- Assembly Row Boutique Hotel, Somerville, 155 rooms
- 104 Canal Street, TD Garden, 90 rooms
- Peebles Corp. Hotel, Mass Ave and Boylston, 160 rooms
- MassPort Seaport District Hotel near BCEC, 500 rooms

II Waterfront News

- The **Massachusetts Convention Center Authority (MCCA)** has interviewed project managers and architects for a 1.3 million SF expansion of the [Boston Convention and Exhibition Center](#), but the expansion has been paused as MCCA board members continue to analyze the project's viability in the marketplace.
- 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*).
- **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 Boston Redevelopment Authority.
- 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.
- 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 RSF of office and 20,000 RSF 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 RSF ground floor retail.
- **Skanska USA** broke ground July 9 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.
- **Cronin Group** filed with the BRA to demolish Whiskey Priest and Atlantic Beer Garden and construct a 22-story luxury condo building at 150 Seaport Blvd. The complex would include one or two restaurants and 12,000 sf of retail space.
- 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.
- The **Society of Arts and Crafts** will move to the 100 Pier 4 building and become a center for the craft and design community, connecting students, artists, collectors, and the public.
- **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.
- **Massport** will dredge Boston Harbor to accommodate larger cargo ships coming through East Coast ports following completion of Panama Canal expansion. Massport seeks to expand the Boston cruise season to a yearlong schedule.



III Logan Airport and Transportation Updates

- In July 2014, **Logan International Airport** approved 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. Massport hopes to add 5-7 new gates at Terminal E over the next 5 years and also aims to add 5,000 parking spaces.
- **Emirates Airline**, which started nonstop service from Dubai March 10, 2014, now departs from Terminal C and expanded to double daily service October 1, 2015.
- **China's Hainan Airlines** nonstop service from Beijing expanded to 5 days a week in the spring of 2015.
- **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** May 2 and will expand to 5 days May 5, 2016.
- **Aeromexico** started nonstop service between Logan and Mexico City on June 1, 2015.
- **Hainan Airlines** launched non-stop flights from Shanghai to Boston 3 times a week on June 20, 2015. This will be Hainan's first nonstop flight from Shanghai to any US city.
- **El Al Israel Airlines** launched direct service June 28 Tel Aviv – Boston flights on Tuesday, Thursday, and Sunday.
- **Norwegian Air** began twice weekly service to Guadeloupe and Martinique on December 3, 2015 and commenced service to London-Gatwick on March 27. In May Norwegian will begin service to Oslo and Copenhagen. Norwegian has also received tentative approval from the US DOT to operate flights between Cork and Boston.
- **WestJet** will launch two new services to Logan in the spring of 2016. Toronto-Boston flights commenced three-times-daily on March 15 and a daily flight from Halifax started April 15.
- **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.
- **Thomas Cook Airlines** began operating two flights, weekly, from **Manchester, England** in May of 2016.
- **Air Berlin** is operating Dusseldorf-Boston flights, 4 times per week, from May-October 2016.
- **Eurowings** offers seasonal service between Cologne and Boston between June-October 2016.
- **TAP Portugal** has 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.
- The **Government Center MBTA Station** renovation is completed and the modernized, fully-accessible hub for the Green and Blues lines re-opened on March 21, 2016.
- State officials announced plans for a \$25 million transit station at the old rail yard in Allston, allowing commuters to take the train to the Back Bay and South Station. The project is expected to be finished in 2020.



IV Restaurant News

- **Ocean Prime's** East Coast invasion arrived in Boston with a December 3 opening at the former location of Anthony's Pier 4 in the Seaport District (*pictured*).
- **State Street Provisions**, the first Boston-based property for Harvard Square stalwarts Grafton Group opened December 3 at the old City Landing space in the historic Long Wharf area.
- **1606 at Beauport**, featuring a contemporary New England menu, has opened at the Beauport Hotel.
- Jody Adams, Eric Papachristos, and Sean Griffing will open **Porto**, a Mediterranean restaurant, in the Back Bay (Ring Road at Boylston Street).
- Andy Husbands will open his first BBQ restaurant, called **The Smoke Shop**, in the Kendall Square neighborhood of Cambridge.
- **Dine Out Boston** will return August 14-19, & 21-26, 2016.
- **RUKA**, a contemporary Peruvian restaurant, will open at the Godfrey Hotel in October, 2016.
- Mary Dumont will open **Culvitar** at the Ames Boston Hotel as part of the hotel's \$5 million reburishment.
- **Mario Batali** will open an **Eataly** food emporium at the Prudential Center in the late fall of 2016.
- **Garrett Harker** and the Island Creek Oyster team will open a new Harvard Square restaurant in the Conductor's Building in the late fall or early winter of 2016.
- **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.
- **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.
- **Tuscan Kitchen & Market** will open a restaurant and food emporium spanning 14,500 sf at One Seaport Square in 2017.



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

- The **Plainridge Park Casino** opened its doors June 24, 2015. The 106,000-square-foot racing and gaming facility has 1,250 slots machines and electronic table games, as well as a live harness racing track, the only one in Massachusetts.
- **TD Garden** hosted the International Skating Union's most prestigious competition of the year when **the 2016 ISU World Figure Skating Championships** came to Boston March 28-April 3.
- The **120th Boston Marathon** was run on April 18, 2016. The 121st Boston Marathon will occur on April 17, 2017.
- From late April to late October 2016, Ai Wei Wei's **Circle of Animals/Zodiac Heads** will surround the Rings Fountain located on the Rose Kennedy Greenway in the Wharf District between Central and Milk Streets.

- **Gillette Stadium** hosted **Copa América Centenario** games on June 10, 12, and 18, 2016. The biggest soccer event in South America, this was the first time the tournament was played outside of South America.
- The **Adidas Boost Boston Games** occurred June 17-18 in Somerville and Beacon Hill. On June 18 a mondo track will be installed along Charles Street and Olympic athletes will take part in sprints, hurdles, long jump and pole-vaulting.
- **Fenway Park's** summer concert lineup includes Dead & Company (July 15 & 16), James Taylor (August 3), Pearl Jam (August 5 & 7), Billy Joel (August 18), Zac Brown Band (August 20 & 21).
- **Newsfeed Café**, a collaboration between WGBH and A Catered Affair, has opened at the Boston Public Library, transforming the first floor of the Johnson Building into an all-day café and WGBH satellite studio.
- **Red Bull Flugtag Boston** comes to the Charles River Esplanade Hatch Shell area on August 20.
- A stage adaptation of "Cheers" will come to Boston this September. "**Cheers Live on Stage**" is slated for a September 9-18 run at the Citi Shubert Theatre.
- **HUBWeek**, a collaborative, multi-day innovation festival sponsored by MGH, Boston Globe, Harvard and MIT – will return for a second year this fall from September 25-October 1.
- **Broadway in Boston** will kick off its 2016-2017 season with *Jersey Boys* (October 4-16) and will also include *Cabaret*, *The King & I*, and *Wicked*. Broadway in Boston has announced that *Hamilton* will come during the 2017-18 season.
- **Berklee College of Music** and **The Boston Conservatory** will merge in the fall of 2016.
- **Forbes Magazine** has selected Boston to host the annual Under 30 Summit geared towards millennials and featuring 4 days of events. The first conference occurs October 16-19, 2016.
- The **52nd Head of the Charles Regatta**, the largest two day regatta in the world, happens over the weekend of October 22-23, 2016.
- Brazilian company Dreams Entertainment Company will open a **Boston Wax Museum** along the Freedom Trail. The museum will occupy 16,516 sf at One Washington Mall and aims to open in the summer of 2016.
- **Fenway Park** will once again host **Hockey East** games in January of 2017. Doubleheaders will occur on January 7 and January 14.
- **Boston Ballet** has announces its first ever collaboration with the London's **Royal Ballet** on co-production of Wayne McGregor's new work "Obsidian Tear."
- In May of 2017 **Boston Calling** will move to Harvard University's Athletics Complex and expand programming to include film, comedy, and visual art. The festival will be annual instead of biannual.
- **Boston has been awarded the following sporting events:**
 - 2016 National Collegiate Fencing National Championship at Gosman Sports and Convocation Center in Waltham hosted by Brandeis University
 - 2016 Division II Women's Field Hockey National Championship at W.B. Mason Stadium in Easton, MA hosted by Stonehill College
 - 2016 World Figure Skating Championship
 - 2017 and 2018 NCAA Men's Lacrosse Championships at Gillette Stadium, hosted by Harvard University
 - 2018 regional round of NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Tournament
- 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.



- According to **Out Now Global** LGBT202 Boston is now a Top 10 North American destination for LGBT travelers.
- [WalletHub](#) ranks Boston as the number one sports city in the United States.
- According to [livability.com](#) Boston ranks third on the list of 10 Best Foodie Cities in the United States.
- [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.
- [Plymouth 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 \$2.5M [Edward M. Kennedy Institute for the United States Senate](#), a dynamic "laboratory of democracy" opened March, 31 2015. The Institute emphasizes **civic education** with educational programs in history and public policy.
- A 175,000-square-foot expansion is underway at the [Peabody Essex Museum](#) (PEM) in Salem. The new wing will open to the public in 2019.
- Millennium Partners pledge \$225k to preserve the historic **Old South Meeting House**. The donations will bring 21st century improvements to the 1729 National Historic Landmark.
- The **Museum of Science** has opened a new 4-D theater and recently completed construction of the **Yawkey Gallery** on the Charles River, a new \$11M, 3-story gallery, exhibit space and special event space.
- The **Marine Life** gallery opened at the Harvard Museum of Natural History on November 21 featuring a floor to ceiling re-creation of life in New England's coastal waters. On May 21, the world famous **Glass Flowers** exhibition will re-open with rebuilt glass display cases, new space design and state-of-the-art lighting.
- *Ernest Hemingway: Between Two Wars* is on view at the JFK Library through 2016, showcasing the Presidential Library's Hemingway Collection and featuring a trove of rarely exhibited writings and materials.
- The **Boston Children's Museum** has launched an Artist-in-Residence program called **Current**. One artist a year takes over studio space for a few months and designs a site-specific installation with related programming.
- The **Boston Public Library** will commemorate the 400th anniversary of Shakespeare's death with 2 exhibitions opening in the fall of 2016. *Shakespeare Unauthorized* will display rare first edition works such as *Hamlet* and the Levanthal Map Center will feature a complementary exhibition called *Shakespeare's World*.

VII Additional Developments

- The **Boston Public Market** opened July 30, 2015 and features pushcart vendors and a new indoor, year-round 28,000 SF Public Market, with 45 permanent vendors and an exterior market, which can accommodate up to 20 additional vendors on the plaza outside. **The Kitchen** at Boston Public Market is a 3,200 sf space offering chef demonstrations, cooking classes, and year round programming showcasing regionally sourced food. Boston Public Market will be open seven days a week starting July 18.
- **Wynn Ltd.** has tapped **Suffolk Construction Co.** to construct the **Wynn Boston Harbor** casino in Everett, MA. The deal is expected to generate thousands of jobs and the casino is slated to open in early 2019.

- The **Millennium Tower**, a 685 ft residential tower in Downtown Crossing, will be completed by early August of 2016.
- **Delaware North** won the bid to renovate and transform City Hall Plaza into a bustling an iconic year-round attraction with a 200ft Observation Wheel, restaurant with locally sourced ingredients, “Winter Garden” with ice skating and warming huts, and an urban beach area in the summer (*pictured*).
- **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.
- Developers have received approval from Brookline officials to build a hotel and senior housing complex at Cleveland Circle, which straddles the border with Boston. **The \$85 million development would include a 162-room hotel** and 92 units of senior housing, along with 14,000 square feet of retail and 188 parking spaces, 92 below ground.
- At Assembly Square, **Partners HealthCare** has begun construction of a 1 million sf complex for administrative offices and 4,500 employees. In an adjacent area, Somerville Office Associates is proposing to redevelop a 9-acre parcel as housing, a hotel, and up to 1 million square feet of office and lab space there.
- 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 BRA 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 building along Main St., 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 spend \$500 million on **Copley Place enhancements**, a 1.96 million sf expansion that will include 109 condos, 433 apartments, 10,000 sf expansion of Neiman Marcus, 30,000 sf 2-level glass atrium leading into Neiman Marcus, 34,000 sf of restaurant space. The construction of a 52-floor luxury condo tower will be the final phase of the project, which should be completed by 2020.
- Boston Redevelopment Authority 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 BRA 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 (*pictured*).
- **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.



- **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 **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 University plans to build a center for **Integrated Life Sciences and Engineering** at 610 Commonwealth Ave.
- Developers Elma Lewis Partners and Feldco Development Corp. filed a plan with the BRA 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.
- 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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