



Raffles makes North America debut in Boston

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Raffles Hotels & Resorts opens Raffles Boston, the first mixed-use development in North America for the 136-year-old brand. Located in Back Bay, Raffles Boston has 147 guestrooms and a wide variety of distinct gathering spaces for guests, residents and locals.

“We are delighted to extend the legendary Raffles brand into the Americas with Raffles Boston, and are incredibly grateful to the dynamic ownership teams from Cain International, Noannet Group

and Saunders Hotel Group for their trust in, and commitment to, the Raffles brand,” Raffles & Orient Express CEO Omer Acar said in a statement. “Raffles properties act as vessels for generations of world travelers to explore destinations through the highest level of hospitality and gracious service. Boston represents a historic and sophisticated cultural hub in the United States, and we could not imagine a more well-suited city to play host to the Raffles experience for years to come.”

The hotel's entry is on the 17th floor, where a three-story Sky Lobby awaits, and a Grand Stair, iconic of the Raffles brand, spirals through the atrium. Dining experiences include Amar by Chef George Mendes, the signature restaurant serving modern Portuguese cuisine with influences from Boston's seafaring culture; the Long Bar & Terrace, a Paolo Ferrari-designed lounge pairing cocktails with sweeping views of the South End; and a speakeasy offering specially crafted cocktails and small bites. Also on the 17th floor is the Raffles Writer's Lounge, a signature Raffles space made famous for the esteemed writers and poets who have frequented it within the flagship Raffles Singapore and a number of other Raffles hotels around the world.

On the 4th floor, there is a gym, indoor pool with expansive city views and the Guerlain Spa at Raffles Boston, with treatments in partnership with the renowned Parisian beauty and wellness brand.

Residing next to The University Club and adjacent to Boston's Back Bay train station, Raffles Boston sits within a block of Copley Square, Trinity Church and shopping at Copley Place. Other notable Boston attractions nearby include Newbury Street and the Prudential Center, Fenway Park, the Museum of Fine Arts, Symphony Hall, the Charles River Esplanade, and dozens of restaurants, bars and cafes.

“It is an honor to officially unveil Raffles Boston and commence the next chapter of the Raffles story in this extraordinary and historic city,” GM Oliver Dudler said. “Years in the making, this hotel will transport the legacy of the Raffles brand to Boston, welcoming travelers and locals alike to experience its allure—from impeccable design and exceptional food and beverage programming to indulgent wellness offerings and world-class service.”

The Architectural Team designed the building’s exterior architecture, hospitality design firm Stonehill Taylor fashioned all hotel rooms and several hotel amenity spaces, and the Rockwell Group designed the fitness center and spa, as well as the Raffles’ Residences, which are available for purchase. A predominantly local team leads Raffles Boston. The development team is a partnership of locals Jordan Warshaw of The Noannet Group and hotelier Gary Saunders of Saunders Hotel Group, alongside their global development and equity partner Cain International. Madison Realty Capital provided construction financing.