



## Raffles Boston Back Bay Hotel & Residences Update 05/20/20

### Construction Resumes on \$400M Raffles Boston Back Bay

Following the city-wide COVID-19 shutdown, construction has resumed for the \$400 million Raffles Boston Back Bay Hotel & Residences, developed by Saunders Hotel Group, The Noannet Group and Cain International. Following new guidelines set forth by the Mayor, Suffolk Construction has made extensive modifications to create a safe workspace for all construction workers. New site protocols include modified site access so that all workers will enter the site through a temperature reading tent, an on-site safety office, multiple generator-powered hot water hand washing stations, infrared cameras monitoring temperature ranges, and segregated areas for different trades.

Projected to open in early 2022, the 33-story, Raffles Boston Back Bay Hotel & Residences will be the first mixed-use property in North America for the world-renowned and iconic hospitality brand. The project will feature 147 guestrooms, 146 branded residences, and six food and beverage venues. The project will also provide over \$22 million in public benefits in total, including street and public realm improvements, seven on-site affordable housing units and a contribution of over \$13 million that will support additional affordable housing in Boston.

When asked about an updated timeline for the project because of delays, Developers Gary Saunders of Saunders Hotel Group and Jordan Warshaw of The Noannet Group who are developing the project in partnership with Cain International told BLDUP "We broke ground in September 2019 and began site demolition in December 2019. We ceased construction in mid-March per the Mayor's orders, but we are still on track to deliver in 2022." "Overall, we are fortunate to have had a very mild winter in Boston, free of the snowstorms and Nor'easters that can typically delay work. So apart from the COVID-19 shutdown, construction was full steam ahead between Fall 2019 and Winter 2020. We are excited to resume!"

