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The First Raffles In North America To Open In Boston

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The international hotel brand, Raffles, is coming to Boston. The project has not only broken ground, but the structure has gone vertical in Boston's historical Back Bay neighborhood in recent weeks.

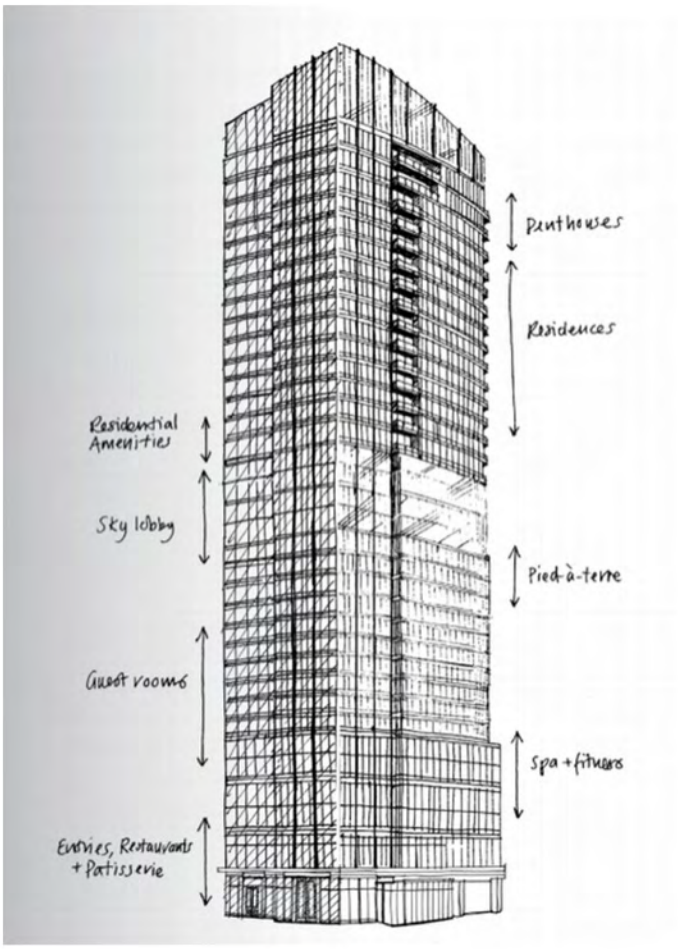
Rendering of Raffles Boston Back Bay Hotel & Residences from a balcony
THE ARCHITECTURE TEAM

Raffles Boston

Raffles Boston will be the first of its kind in North America. The brand set its sights on the region several years ago and Boston's unique juxtaposition of old and new turned out to be just the fit they were looking for when developers Jordan Warshaw of The Noannet Group, hotelier Gary Saunders of the Saunders Hotel Group and Cain International proposed their 430 Stuart Street location.

Raffles differentiates itself from other luxury brands by immersing their properties into the locality. Each hotel has its own flair and takes cues from the surrounding neighborhood by incorporating local flavors and styles. According to Jordan Warshaw of The Noannet Group, "When we met the Raffles team, we knew we had found the perfect hotel to bring to Boston. Their keyword is "adventure", which you can see in the locations, designs and experiences of each Raffles hotel around the world, and working together with them, we have designed an exciting, amenity-filled, adventurous hotel in the heart of one of the country's most storied neighborhoods." Boston's balance of modernity and heritage, combined with the central location of the site is certainly what brought the brand to the Northeast.

Raffles Boston Will Offer Both a Hotel & Residences



The property will feature both a hotel and private residences. The hotel will have 147 guestrooms, including 15 Gallery Suites, 14 Garden Suites, and a Presidential Suite. Hotel guestrooms are located on the 6th through 14th floors. The residences begin on the 15th floor. The 15th and 16th floors will solely offer pied-a-terres, the 17-19th floors will be the hotel's "Sky Lobby", the 21st-33rd floors offer one-to-three-bedroom condos, and penthouses are

located on the 34th and 35th floors. All residences will be finished with cool marble and warm wood tones to create modern yet tactile spaces.

Amenities

Rendering of Raffles Boston Back Bay Hotel & Residences, Sky Lobby Fine Dining Restaurant
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"What sets Raffles Boston apart from other luxury towers in Boston is that this building is all about fun. Our diverse amenity spaces offer our guests and residents a true vertical neighborhood experience." Says Gary Saunders of the Saunders Hotel Group. The property will have a total of 16 different amenity spaces throughout the residences and hotel. Residents will have access to six "resident only" amenity spaces on the 21st floor, including: The Secret Garden, a garden-like space offering a Singaporean-inspired tea experience; The Residents' Library, which is a lounge area; and The Emerald Terrace—an al fresco dining area; The Sports Lounge, where residents can watch movies or sports; the Nantucket Cottage Tasting Kitchen and Wine Lounge; and the Residents' Private Dining Room.

Rendering of Raffles Boston Back Bay Hotel & Residences, Writers' Lounge
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Hotel guests and residents will have access to the hotel's many food and beverage options. These will include: a two-story signature restaurant on Trinity Place, a lobby level Raffles Patisserie, a sky lobby fine dining restaurant, a sky terrace lounge, a signature sky bar and a "hidden" speakeasy for late night drinks and dining. And on the 17th floor there will be another Raffles signature—the Writer's Lounge.

Residential sales will begin this Spring and the property is slated to open in 2022.