

Readers vote Boston's Envoy Hotel best new hotel of 2015

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Guests of Boston's new award-winning Envoy Hotel are greeted by the words 'This way forward' etched into bronze on the sidewalk outside, a fitting message for a design-forward hotel in the heart of the city's Innovation District.

In November 2015, USA TODAY 10Best asked readers to vote for their favorite new U.S. hotel from a pool of 20 openings chosen by a panel of hotel experts. After four weeks of voting, it was The Envoy Hotel in Boston that garnered the most reader votes and the title of Best New Hotel.

The hotel's 136 rooms and suites are situated to maximize harbor views.

Decor is decidedly urban, mod and efficient. Flatscreen TVs are mounted on decorative bicycle frames, and Enseo technology means guests can log-in to their Hulu or Netflix accounts for a vacation binge watch. The lobby feels more like a modern co-working space, complete with ample USB ports and free WiFi.

But one of the most exciting features of The Envoy is its seasonal Lookout Rooftop Bar. This spacious rooftop invites guests and locals alike to sip craft cocktails and local beers, including a brew by Harpoon made especially for the hotel, while enjoying panoramic views of the Boston skyline. Well spirits are all locally crafted.

In early October 2015, Envoy's full restaurant, Outlook Kitchen + Bar, began serving its Boston-inspired menu with Chef David Verdo. Abstract light fixtures mounted on the walls are meant to resemble Boston's lights reflecting off the harbor.

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