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The Best New Hotel in Boston

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The Envoy by Group One (Warren Jagger Photography)

If you are visiting Boston this year, stay at The Envoy Hotel. Appropriately located in the city's gentrified Innovation District, the sleekly-designed high-tech hotel has 136 guest rooms (ranging from $499 to $999 a night), including two luxury suites and 19 two-queen doubles.

Although many hotels are luxurious, the design (by Boston-based firm Group One) and the views at The Envoy are exceptional. The furniture inside the soothingly earthy yet modern rooms was created specifically for the hotel, including TV stands made from bicycle frames and white desks wrapped with a retro-inspired leather belt. In the 800 sq-ft. corner suites, an entire mirrored wall facing the bed converts into a 42-inch television. (As a refreshing advancement from the antiquated television programing at so many hotels, The Envoy offers a modern package with Netflix NFLX +0.93% and Hulu access.)

A corner suite at The Envoy (Warren Jagger Photography)

A tip for snagging the killer corner suites: ask for room numbers ending in 05 or 27.

The minimalist style of The Envoy is intended to direct more attention to the unparalleled views of Boston Harbor. Floor-to-ceiling, triple-paned windows soak the room in sunlight and offer incredible sight lines of the city skyline and waterfront. The most spectacular 270-degree views are up at the Lookout Rooftop Bar. It gained immediate popularity in the city with non-guests, packing the roof for sunset and late-night drinks, designed by bartender Michael Ray.

A signature element of The Envoy is the curated glass map door framing the bathroom. A collage of area maps set within a hombre color of greys to yellows, it is artistic and functional. It makes up the walls to the bathroom, providing transparency between the private and semi-private zones of the bedroom and ultimately engaging the guest with the exterior views.

There are subtle artistic treatments all over the place, like the entry wallpaper assembled from newspaper and magazine scraps and the metal penny tiles in the powder room.

The Envoy is part of Marriott's Autograph Collection, a group of hotels that are designed with individuality in mind. The advantage is a boutique feel and the quality assurance of a trusted brand. From the rooftop bar to the lobby's vintage billiards table that has been reimagined into an interactive touchscreen workstation, The Envoy vibe is very casual despite its high-tech appearance. Peer out some of the windows, and you can see massive construction projects for condos, a shopping center and a movie theater. Smartly, The Envoy seems to have seized the best spot in a burgeoning neighborhood first.