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boston's residential skyscraper boom reaches new heights

unlike new york or chicago, boston isn't known for embracing the skyscraper. the city — one of the oldest in the united states — has historically been resistant to change, but recently a new crop of developments has started to transform its skyline. major projects by pei cobb freed & partners, along with local firm CambridgeSeven, kohn pedersen fox, and handel architects are currently at varying stages of completion. read more about each of the developments below.



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another example of the changes taking place in boston is echelon seaport, a development currently under construction. backed by cottonwood group and designed by KPF alongside CBT architects, the 21-story building surrounds a 19,000 square-foot plaza that connects to a web of pedestrian and vehicular streets. this porosity encourages greater foot traffic and flexible year-round

programming such as farmers' markets in the spring, volleyball in the summer, and ice skating in the winter.



an outdoor pool area forms part of the plan image courtesy of KPF

in total, 'echelon seaport' will contain 717 units (447 condominiums). in addition to residences, the development will offer 125,000 square feet of retail and restaurant space. jeffrey beers international is designing the lobbies and amenity spaces. the first part of the project is slated to wrap up in late 2019 with the remainder completing in 2020.



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