

Hilton Columbus Downtown Breaks Ground on 28-Story Tower Expansion

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COLUMBUS, Ohio – [Hilton Columbus Downtown](#), owned by the [Franklin County Convention Facilities Authority](#) and managed by [Hilton Management Services](#), broke ground on a 28-story tower to create the first 1,000-room convention hotel in Columbus. Together with the existing Hilton, the hotel will offer 75,000 square feet of meeting space and will be the largest hotel in Ohio when it opens in 2022.

[View the fly-through video of the Hilton Tower here.](#)

“The addition of the tower to the Hilton Columbus Downtown will allow Columbus to attract new meetings and events business,” said Don Brown, executive director, Franklin County Convention Facilities Authority. “With the additional hotel inventory, we’ll be able to host high-profile, national events that will continue to highlight Columbus as a top destination.”

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Designed by the architectural firm of Cooper Carry with interior design by Jeffrey Beers International, Hilton Columbus Downtown's tower will be 28 stories including 463 guest rooms and 47,000 square feet of meeting space. All meeting rooms will feature natural light, with flexible space with interactive kitchens to create inspiring meetings.



“Situated in the heart of the city and one of the final pieces of the world-class Greater Columbus Convention Center campus, the new Hilton Columbus Downtown is poised to be an icon for the city and a destination for the people of Columbus. Our challenge was to design a facility that would connect physically and aesthetically, with the campus and the community,” said Rob Uhrin, Principal at Cooper Carry. “We are guided by the principle that the design of the building and the variety of experiences for the guest and the community should create authentic and thoughtful connections.”

Hilton Columbus Downtown will continue to be a dining destination with the hotel introducing to its guests and the Columbus community four new food and beverage outlets, including a new lobby bar and rooftop bar featuring an innovative mixology program. Easily accessible from North High Street, guests and locals will enjoy a new wood-burning, open-fire concept restaurant, as well as a new grab-and-go market connected to the Greater Columbus Convention Center. A new green roof will be home to the hotel's urban beehives and Chef Bill Glover's garden, to provide these natural ingredients throughout the chef's award-winning dishes.

“Through our expansion, we're thrilled that we'll be able to hire more team members who will experience a career in hospitality with a dynamic company like Hilton,” said Christian Coffin, general manager, Hilton Columbus Downtown. “During our milestone 100th year, Hilton has been named No. 1 on the list of the [2019 Fortune Best Companies to Work For® in the U.S.](#), and we're looking forward to sharing with more of Columbus why we're a top employer.”

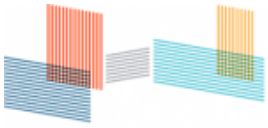
Throughout the addition of the tower, Hilton Columbus Downtown is open and operational. Located in the vibrant Short North Arts District within walking distance to more than 300 dining and entertainment venues, Hilton Columbus Downtown is conveniently connected to the Greater Columbus Convention Center via an enclosed skybridge. Guests at Hilton Columbus Downtown enjoy the hotel's \$1 million art collection featuring more than 225 original works from over 100 area artists.

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Hilton Columbus Downtown is located at 401 North High Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215. For reservations, visit [Hilton Columbus Downtown](#) or call 614-384-8600.

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