

The Coolest New Things Coming to America This Year



Seattle | The State Hotel

The State Hotel (and so many more)

Seattle, Washington

Expected Open: March

After years of room crunches and scant options besides the standard corporate spots, Seattle is undergoing an enormous hotel boom. The recession hampered construction for many years, but now the work is finally finishing: the end of 2018 brought the boutique PaliHotel, the massive Hyatt Regency, U-District gem Graduate Seattle, Marriott's trendy new Moxy, the fitness-themed Even, and a Staybridge Suites. In March, The State brings 91 rooms to a historic 1904-era building, spitting distance from Pike Place Market. Heading it up is a world-class team, including award-winning bar manager Abigail Gullo, brought in from New Orleans' famous Compère Lapin.

Don't miss its five-story Shepard Fairey mural (you know, the guy who made the iconic Obama "Hope" poster).

Also opening this spring is The Sound hotel, which has unobstructed views of the iconic Space Needle, and The Mark, 189-rooms in a Philippe Starck-designed space. This makes 2019 the year to go check out how the tech boom has transformed Seattle, and skip the Airbnb for once. -- Naomi Tomky