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Royal Sonesta Hotel Announces \$6 Million Guest Room Renovation

BOSTON November 2010- 200 guest rooms at the Royal Sonesta Hotel Boston will be reinvented during the first quarter as the East Tower half of the building is renovated embracing a metro style. The rooms will be crafted to give a more residential feel, with multifunctional furnishings and a modern palate. The \$6 million renovation will include upgrading the building control system to incorporate lighting; recreating the way the bath and room interrelate and will give a nod to the hotel's 1960's origins. When a guest arrives at the front desk, the property management system will set a "welcome scene" for your guest room. The HVAC system will begin warming or cooling the room; and the lighting will be warm and inviting as if the room is expecting you. If you leave your guest room, when you return the lighting will remember your last setting and turn on as you enter.

The bathroom and bedroom have a much more residential feel, with LED motion sensor lighting under the bed and on the floor in the bath. There is ambient lighting behind the headboard which is almost a paneled wall above the bed. There are sconces throughout the room along with task lighting at the bed, makeup mirror and desk. Several custom designed case pieces offer comfort and storage. For instance; the luggage bench is upholstered and offers additional seating and storage, the armoire offers storage for the mini-bar, wall safe and coffeemaker. The bedside tables offer pull out shelves for more horizontal space in the room. The marble bathrooms offer a towel shelf and two glass shelves for guest amenities. The tub features a shelf and the surround showers (1/3 of the rooms) offer an oversized bench. Surface mounted sliding doors offer more room in both the bath and guest room as there is no "swing" space for traditional doors.

The rooms feature a dark accent wall circa 1960, with crown molding and wood wall base installed to match the design of the 200 guest rooms in the West Tower. The inspiration for the design was an updated classy mid-century look. There are textures and color but not pattern. Metallic threads are repeated in the bed skirt and scarf. King pillows and bolsters continue the rich feel of the bed. The [model guest room image](#) is available here.

"The idea was to maximize the comfort and space available in a city hotel," said designer Monica Schlick of Quantics. "The room has a sense of serenity, simplicity and ease of mind that will really resonate with its guests."

Located on the Cambridge side of Boston, the AAA 4-diamond 400-room Royal Sonesta Hotel

Boston is situated on the banks of the Charles River, overlooking the spectacular Boston skyline. Guest amenities include 24-hour Health Club, atrium-style swimming pool, in-room movies and video games, complimentary wireless high-speed Internet access, and complimentary hotel shuttle service to shopping and points of interest in Boston and Cambridge. The hotel recently introduced ArtBar, a warm, intimate retreat for food and art lovers - featuring innovative seasonal American cuisine designed for discovery and for sharing, communal tables and seasonal outdoor patio. The hotel is also home to Restaurant dante – where owner/chef Dante DeMagistris presents fresh and creative cuisine with modern Italian influences. The hotel is conveniently located across the street from the CambridgeSide Galleria Mall with over 120 shops including Gap, Banana Republic, Macy's and the Apple Store, and next door to the Museum of Science.

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