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A HIDDEN JEWEL BOX

A new luxury high-rise has plans of bringing the VIP experience home right in the Theater District.

By Antonia DePace

Steps away from the Boston Common corner of Tremont and Boylston streets lies one of the city's newest luxury residence buildings—or at least it will. With an estimated completion of spring 2022, The Parker (theparkerboston.com) will house 168 condominiums, all with panoramic views and an amenities lineup unlike any other, thanks to Fortis Property Group (fortispropertygroup.com), Stantec (stantec.com/en) and Linda Zarifi, CEO of ZARIFI DESIGN (zarifidesign.com). It all starts at the entrance, located at 55 Lagrange St. "When you come into the lobby, you'll see a curved wall with an installation of

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Clockwise from top: The lobby stuns with a pattern of brass poles behind the front desk; the exterior of The Parker; the Rose Lounge, which exists on the lower level of the residences. Opposite page: The roof deck, also known as The Vue, provides pristine views of the city and beyond.

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dozens of brass poles that create a beautiful backdrop behind a sculpted brass reception desk," Zarifi, who is the interior designer on the project, states. It is her goal to make everyone who enters the residences feel like a VIP, and this lobby (along with the rest of the high-rise) certainly does just that. The condos themselves are stunning, sun-splashed rooms with 9-foot ceiling heights, floor-to-ceiling windows and wide-plank, light oak floors. A color palette of milk, which Zarifi describes as the perfect combination of warm gray with a touch of mocha, is prevalent throughout, whether it's in the kitchen cabinetry or eye-catching natural stone backsplash featuring crystalline white veins throughout. Future owners of the residences will also enjoy a variety of amenities that resemble that of a private club. This extends into the Rose Lounge, the ideal place to unwind with a cocktail over the bronze bar coated in Nero Levanto stone top and juxtaposed with a bronze mirror backsplash. For a guys' night out, the Cue Room will become a go-to choice thanks to a custom billiards table with brass detailing and a metallic drum shade chandelier; banquettes and a standing bar complete the space. A dramatic velvet room is perfect for private screenings with sound-proof walls and a series of velvet banquettes that

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can be moved depending on the event. For the wellness devotees, a fitness center (located on the second floor) will feature state-of-the-art equipment, a personal training studio and floor-to-ceiling windows with views of the Common. And then we have The Vue: The Parker's roof deck. Teak canopies beckon for friends and family to cozy under, while flaming fireplaces serve as a primo spot for conversing—ideal for nightcaps and dinner parties. “We really wanted to create something that felt like this underground energy... this speakeasy kind of feel... this private member's feel,” Zarifi concludes, “Something that felt like it really catered to the needs of people living in the modern-day world.” From \$600,000, *The Sarkis Team at Douglas Elliman*, 617.423.5555, info@theparkerboston.com, thesarkisteambos.com ■

From top: The living space within the residences features panoramic views thanks to floor-to-ceiling windows; Zarifi opted for micro mosaics in the bathrooms, which also feature a man-made Calacatta marble tile on the floor; the kitchen illuminates the gorgeous mink-hued Fior di Bosco stone imported from Italy.

