

Hotel History



The Boston Park Plaza Hotel & Towers is located in the heart of historic Back Bay and is one of Boston's most recognized and renowned landmarks. The hotel's original site was once beach front property where British troops landed to embark for the Battle of Lexington. The bay was later filled in to form what is now known as Boston's Back Bay.

The Boston Park Plaza Hotel & Towers, a member of Historic Hotels of America, was constructed in March 1927 as The Statler Hotel, part of the E.M. Statler Empire. The hotel overlooked the nation's first public

parcs, the Boston Common & Public Garden, both founded in 1634. The Public Garden, famous for its swan boats, was the inspiration for the Boston Park Plaza logo.

During construction in 1927, The Statler Hotel was granted a last minute variance to build the 155 ft. building (14 stories), which exceeded the Massachusetts State Building Code of 125 ft. This oversight, caught in the final weeks of construction, was approved by Mayor James Curley, making the hotel the tallest building in Boston by 30 ft.

Statler opted to construct the building as a multi-use hotel and office building to ensure a dependable flow of revenue. The original structure housed 1,300 guestrooms with private baths. These rooms have now been combined to bring the hotel's current total to 941 guestrooms & suites. The hotel was one of the first to introduce new and modern hotel conveniences which include: in-room radios & telephones, occupancy indicators (*do not disturb signs*), complimentary newspaper delivery, mail & laundry chutes on each floor and the "*Servidoor*," a panel in each guestroom door which allowed the valet to deliver laundry without disturbing the guest. WBZA, a Boston radio station was once broadcasted from the hotel's penthouse.

In 1976 The Statler Hotel announced without warning it was going to close. Two weeks later it was bought by the Saunders family and reopened as The Boston Park Plaza Hotel & Towers. In 1996 Saunders partnered with Starwood Hotels & Resorts Worldwide Inc. and The Boston Park Plaza Hotel became an official Starwood property.

