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**13 NEW HOTELS COMING TO PHILADELPHIA IN 2017 & BEYOND**  
*Several Major Brands Entering The Philly Market For The First Time:*  
*Cambria, W, Element & Hyatt Centric*

**PHILADELPHIA, June 6, 2017** – As Philadelphia draws more overnight leisure travelers than ever before—Center City hotels reached a landmark **1 million leisure room nights in 2016**—several big and new-to-the-city brands are preparing to enter the market during the next two years, along with smaller boutique hotels that cater specifically to here-for-pleasure travelers. The **AKA University City** at the FMC Tower at Cira Centre South opened in January, and the **Four Seasons Hotel Philadelphia** atop the under-construction Comcast Innovation and Technology Center is slated for a 2018 opening. These properties and many others in the works are helping to make the city’s hotel offerings more diverse than ever before. Here’s a look at Philadelphia’s new and soon-to-come hotels:

**Now Open:**

1. The FMC Tower at Cira Centre South rises 49 stories on the west bank of the Schuylkill River, and now, the top 19 stories are home to the **AKA University City**. The luxury extended-stay hotel comprises 268 residences, including 103 hotel residences (as well as 30 serviced residences, 30 furnished residences and 105 apartment residences for longer-term stays), along with retail space and the rooftop park Cira Green. The space also includes Level 28—a full-floor complete with a lap pool, fitness center, yoga area, 3D golf simulator, outdoor terrace with fire pits, a lounge and a cinema, a private theater with curated screenings and its own film library. 2929 Walnut Street, (215) 372-9000, [akauniversitycity.com](http://akauniversitycity.com)
2. **The Study at University City** sits at 33<sup>rd</sup> and Chestnut Streets, where Drexel University and the University of Pennsylvania meet. The 145,000-square-foot, 10-story hotel offers 212 guestrooms and more than 7,000-square-feet of event space and studios designed for talks, social gatherings and business meetings. A 105-seat restaurant, called Co-Op and led by chef Craig Russell, features seasonal, locally sourced ingredients and indoor and outdoor dining. The hotel is also equipped with a fitness center, offering studio classes. 20 S. 33<sup>rd</sup> Street, (215) 387-1400, [thestudyatuniversitycity.com](http://thestudyatuniversitycity.com)
3. Lauded as one of the 50 best new restaurants in America last year by *Bon Appétit*, **Wm. Mulherin’s Sons** is now in on the hotel game too. Opened in March 2017, Mulherin’s offers four stylish rooms in Philadelphia’s Fishtown neighborhood. Guests can expect the same attention to design details found in the restaurant below. 1355 N. Front Street, (215) 291-1355, [wmmulherinssons.com/hotel](http://wmmulherinssons.com/hotel)

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4. With the April opening of **Lokal Hotel**, Philadelphia has its first “invisible service” hotel. Located in the city’s Historic District, the six-unit property has no front desk and, instead, provides guests with behind-the-scenes service, anticipating visitors’ needs and offering highly curated in-room guidebooks. Designed for long- and short-term stays, apartment-style suites features separate bedrooms, full kitchens, washer/dryers and living rooms with handpicked décor and amenities. 139 N. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, (267) 702-4345, [staylokal.com](http://staylokal.com)
5. The **Best Western Plus Philadelphia Convention Center Hotel** brings 107 rooms to Philadelphia’s Chinatown neighborhood. Located in an Art Moderne building that was built in the 1930s to house studio offices, screening rooms and storage for Warner Bros. Pictures, the hotel is just one block from the Pennsylvania Convention Center. The property features a cocktail lounge and 24-hour exercise facility. 1225 Vine Street, (215) 398-3080, [bestwestern.com](http://bestwestern.com)

**Coming Soon:**

6. In 2011, during expansion of Pennsylvania Convention Center, the historic 21-story Liberty Title & Trust Building at Broad and Arch Streets was preserved and slated to become a hotel. That redevelopment will be completed this year in the form of the 179-room **Aloft Philadelphia Downtown**, slated to open in August 2017. The hotel will offer guests direct access to the entrance of the Convention Center, along with a bar, 24-hour gym and free Wi-Fi. 101 N. Broad Street, [starwoodhotels.com/aloft-hotels](http://starwoodhotels.com/aloft-hotels)

**Coming In 2018 & Beyond:**

7. Pearlstein Properties is building a 14-story **Cambria Philadelphia**, which will offer 223 guest rooms, a ground-floor restaurant, rooftop lounge, fitness center and pool. Located in the heart of Center City, the hotel is projected to open in April 2018. 219-225 S. Broad Street, [cambriahotelsandsuites.com](http://cambriahotelsandsuites.com)
8. The 1,121-foot, under-construction Comcast Technology Center—soon to be the tallest building in Philadelphia—will feature a **Four Seasons Hotel Philadelphia** in its upper floors when the new \$1.5 billion tower is complete. Scheduled to open in April 2018, the 217-room hotel will include a spa, fitness facilities and event and meeting space. To top it off, the 60-story luxury hotel will also house a breathtaking restaurant on the highest floor, offering unparalleled 360-degree views of the city. 1800 Arch Street, [fourseasons.com](http://fourseasons.com)
9. Expanding the local footprint of its popular select-service brand, Hyatt is slated to add a 150-room **Hyatt Place Hotel** to the Philadelphia International Airport in April 2018. [place.hyatt.com](http://place.hyatt.com)
10. A new complex featuring the **W Philadelphia** and **Element Philadelphia** hotels is set to debut in July 2018. Chestlen Development is spearheading the project, which will eventually house 755 rooms—295 under the W Hotels brand and another 460 in the Element by Westin. 15<sup>th</sup> & Chestnut Streets, [development.starwoodhotels.com](http://development.starwoodhotels.com)
11. The Wankawala Organization is transforming the former Parker Spruce Hotel in Philadelphia’s Midtown Village neighborhood into the **Parker Spruce**. The 121-room hotel is expected to be complete in January 2019. 261 S. 13<sup>th</sup> Street, [wankawala.com](http://wankawala.com)
12. The site of famed, now-closed diner Little Pete’s in Rittenhouse Square is slated for redevelopment: A 13-story, 309-room boutique **Hyatt Centric Hotel** is scheduled to open in April 2019. 17<sup>th</sup> & Chancellor Streets, [centric.hyatt.com](http://centric.hyatt.com)
13. Dranoff Properties is developing the **SLS Hotel & Residences Philadelphia**, which will add 150 hotel rooms along the Avenue of the Arts. 301 S. Broad Street, [sbe.com/hotels/locations/sls-philadelphia](http://sbe.com/hotels/locations/sls-philadelphia)

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