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WHAT'S NEW

in Raleigh, N.C.

Hotel News

Newly Opened

The StateView Hotel—North Carolina State University/Centennial Campus

Opened Oct. 2017, this is a 156-room Marriott Autograph Collection hotel property and full-service conference center. Driven by state-of-the-art technology and interactive spaces, this property also features an outdoor pool, restaurant and bar with 9,000 sq. ft. of meeting space. The hotel is built on a 10-acre site overlooking Lake Raleigh at N.C. State University's Centennial Campus.

Residence Inn Raleigh Downtown

This 175-room, all-suite property opened in July 2017. The hotel is steps away from the Raleigh Convention Center and the downtown business district. Relax at 10th & Terrace, bar and lounge, and indulge in a perfectly poured cocktail, fine wine or local craft beer. The Overlook restaurant features flavorful Contemporary American Fusion small plates with N.C. accents. Two on-site, street-level restaurants also opening soon.

Under Construction

Origin Hotel

The seven story, 126-room boutique Origin Hotel will open in 2019 and will be operated by Schulte Hospitality Group. The property

will be located between the Glenwood South and Warehouse Districts in downtown Raleigh, and it will also include a wine and tapas restaurant and juice bar.

The Willard

Another five story, 120+ room boutique hotel will be an urban-style AC Hotel by Marriott in downtown Raleigh's Warehouse District and will also open in 2019.

Culinary and Nightlife

Hummingbird

Chef Coleen Speaks' first neighborhood cocktail bar and cafe is now open at Loading Dock Raleigh. Speaks trained under chef Emeril Lagasse and local chef Ashley Christensen. Open for breakfast, lunch, dinner and late night snacks. The menu is inspired by her decade of catering for adventurous foodies.

Brewery Bhavana

From the creators of Bida Manda, brother and sister Vansana and Vanvisa Nolintha, Brewery Bhavana is a brewery, taproom, dim sum restaurant, library and flower shop, all in one. A gathering space welcoming people from all walks of life, backgrounds and futures to enjoy Belgian-inspired beer and lovingly-crafted food while surrounded by books and flowers. This year Bon Appétit magazine named Brewery Bhavana one of The Hot 10 Best New Restaurants in America. They will be opening another taproom in southeast Raleigh in 2018.

MOFU Shoppe

Founded by Sunny Lin and Sophia Woo of the Pho Nomenal Dumpling food truck and 2015 winners of Food Network's The Great Food Truck Race. MOFU is inspired by foods commonly eaten in several Asian countries, but with Southern influence to represent the owner's identities in a unique way. MOFU, more food, more fun!

Watts & Ward

One of the largest and newest underground speakeasies in the Southeast, at 6,000 square feet, emulates the 1920s America underground spirit. The seemingly endless cavern, with leather seating, vintage artwork, rustic tables, dim lighting and bookshelves full of history. Watts & Ward has an outdoor patio and lawn where live music and swing dancing take place.

Morgan Street Food Hall

A new lifestyle dining concept; not to be confused with a food court, the establishment will feature a partnering confluence of local favorite eateries and restaurants as well as food retailers. The goal is to introduce the concept of cross-meal ordering, where different meals are enjoyed in a shared seating area. With a vast expanse of over 22,000 sq.ft., Morgan Street Food Hall brings something fun and new to downtown Raleigh's Warehouse District.



The Stateview Hotel; Greg Powers Photography



Morgan Street Food Hall

Coming Soon

Jolie

Five-time James Beard award semifinalist Scott Crawford, owner of Crawford and Son, is opening a new restaurant called Jolie. The French-inspired bistro will offer casual French classics with a modern twist. The cozy, yet lively, space will also exclusively serve French beer and wine. Named for his daughter, and the French word "pretty," Jolie will open later this Fall right beside Crawford and Son, in the Person Street district.

Transfer Co. Food Hall

Downtown Raleigh's historic Olde East neighborhood will soon be home to a 43,000 sq. ft. food hall, market and gathering place named Transfer Co. Vendors will have production space and restaurant or retail counters, as well as space for community events. Tenants include Videri Chocolate Factory, Centro and Gallo Pelon, Boulted Bread and Jubala Coffee, Locals Seafood, Saxapahaw General Store and more. Opening late Summer 2018.



Aviator Brewing Company Expansion

The craft beer scene in Fuquay-Varina will soon expand to include "a beer entertainment complex" by Aviator Brewing Company. This complex will include relocating the brewery for additional production space and will include a concert stage, distillery (Gold Leaf Distilling), a new restaurant, a mezzanine overlook and more. The space will keep in theme with the company's roots of being started in an old airplane hangar. The expansion is expected to be completed by Spring 2019.

Noteworthy Attractions

Transport yourself to a long-ago place and time when you visit [Robertson Millpond Preserve](#) in Wendell, an 85-acre refuge for nature lovers, canoeists and kayakers. The area is significant for its rich cultural and environmental history. When you look around, you'll think you are in the Great Dismal Swamp! Paddle on the millpond in a non-motorized boat, explore the natural areas and fish in designated areas.



With more than 160 acres of meadows, woodlands, gardens and creeks, the [Museum Park at the North Carolina Museum of Art](#) is the largest museum art park in the country and recently got even bigger. An expansion project bringing new contemporary gardens, a promenade connecting the park and galleries, hundreds of new trees and an elliptical lawn overlooking the park's rolling meadow opened Fall 2016.

With constantly changing exhibits, [CAM Raleigh](#) in downtown Raleigh's Warehouse District explores what's current and coming in the art and design world. From early July through late August check out local Raleigh artist Jason Craighead's "threshold" exhibit at CAM featuring new large-scale paintings that explore the immensity of the human condition and emotion.

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Transportation

RDU International Airport

currently averages approximately 400 arrivals and departures daily and services more than 11 million passengers annually. RDU provides service to 60+ destinations via nonstop flights and consistently has the lowest average fare among North Carolina's commercial airports. Delta flies nonstop to Paris daily and American to London Heathrow, also daily. This year, both airlines increased the size of the aircraft on the route adding comfort and additional capacity.

Next on the list? RDU recently added non-stop flights to: Fort Myers; Harrisburg, Penn.; Montego Bay, Jamaica; Portland, Maine; San Diego; Syracuse, N.Y.; and West Palm Beach. RDU is also pursuing international expansion to include flights to China and Mexico.



Downtown Raleigh's Warehouse District houses the new [Union Station](#) transportation hub, which opened in July 2018. This major project accommodates longer trains and provides larger platforms, amongst other improvements. As part of a 10-year strategic Wake County Transit Plan approved by voters in 2016, Union Station now serves Amtrak passengers, and also acts as a multi-modal transit center connecting riders to other forms of transit.

The plan includes the expansion of bus service from 17 to 83 miles, including 20 miles of Bus Rapid Transit-related infrastructure improvements and will complete with the activation of 37 miles of Commuter Rail Transit (CRT) running from Garner to downtown Raleigh, N.C. State University, Cary, Morrisville and the Research Triangle Park continuing to Durham and will leverage the bus network to connect riders to RDU as well.