

Boston

WHAT'S IN STORE

Working Nine to Thrive

With more Bostonians than ever opting out of offices, these prime perches let you work remotely in style. **By ABBY BIELAGUS**



For the dealmaker

The Godfrey Hotel

WHETHER YOUR CLIENTS ARE power breakfasters or party animals, Downtown Crossing's Godfrey Hotel is *the* spot to sip, schmooze, and make deals. Featuring contemporary furniture in a calming palette, the posh lobby is open 'round the clock, with a George Howell coffee shop for espressos and pastries in the morning and an adjoining restaurant, Ruka, for inventive cocktails

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The buzzing lobby at the Godfrey Hotel

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An office at Business District

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Members talk business at Equinox's lounge

and guaranteed-to-impress Peruvian-Japanese small plates come evening. 505 Washington St., Boston, 617-804-2000, godfreyhotelboston.com.

For the silence seeker

Bates Hall at Boston Public Library

PEOPLE CHATTING, MUSIC PLAYING, coffee brewing: Cue the distractions. When you need peace and quiet to meet a deadline, there's no better workspace than the iconic Bates Hall at Boston Public Library. Tables line either side of the 218-foot-long room, which showcases vaulted high ceilings and small green lamps at each wooden seat. In warmer months, you can even type to the sound of gurgling fountains in the grand courtyard. 700 Boylston St., Boston, 617-536-5400, bpl.org.

For the fitness buff

Equinox Seaport

IF YOUR WORKDAY REVOLVES around your workout, you might want to consider expensing a membership at the new Equinox in the Seaport. Opened last fall, the luxury gym boasts a members' lounge where in-shape telecommuters take advantage of ample seating on cushy couches and around long black tables to get work done before and after jump-rope class (the people-watching isn't bad, either). 27 Northern Ave., Boston, 617-206-2641, equinox.com.



For the executive

Business District

THE MOMENT YOU STEP OUT OF the elevator and catch the bird's-eye view of Boston from the floor-to-ceiling windows, you'll know exactly the type of discerning professional working within the glass-walled offices that line the hallway of Business District. Elegantly designed meeting rooms with the latest technology, urban kitchens that could easily be in a luxury condo, and lush leather recliners in soundproof phone booths are clear signs that this shared workspace is not for budding entrepreneurs building a business, but for the power players already running the show. 177 Huntington Ave., Boston, 617-982-1010, thebd.com.

For the gourmand

Boston Public Market

WORKING LONG HOURS CAN wreak havoc on your diet, but you don't have to succumb to greasy takeout meals on the go: Bring your laptop to Boston Public Market, where more than 30 artisanal New England food purveyors are literally just steps away. Pull up a seat at any of the café tables placed around the space and dig into organic breakfast bowls from Mother Juice and Asian-inspired lunchtime salads from Bon Me. Expecting clients or need to meet with coworkers? Reserve the Market Meeting Table, which can accommodate 10 to 12 people for a suggested donation of \$25 per hour. 100 Hanover St., Boston, 617-973-4909, bostonpublicmarket.org.