



## **Bulfinch Hotel: Inside The Nose Room**

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Why are hotels sprouting up in Boston's North Station area? Maybe it is because the Big Dig is changing the way the area flows, or, maybe it is so folks can get a front row seat at the nearby naming derby center--what do you think? Should we submit a bid to name the ..... Center the HotelChatter Center, or maybe just the Ho Center?

In any event, things are happening in the North Station area, and the new Bulfinch Hotel, which opened in December of 04, is hoping to reap the rewards of rejuvenation. The coolest thing about the Bulfinch Hotel is the building itself. The owners of the Bulfinch, Cresset Merrimac LLC, turned a six-story 1904 triangular industrial building into a nine-story boutique hotel.

Cresset turned to Campion A. Platt, who designed New York's MercBar and the Park Avalon), when tasked with gutting, redesigning, and adding three stories to this old building. The built in easter egg when you turn a triangular building into an 80 room boutique hotel? Nose rooms! Nose rooms are the six or seven uniquely configured spaces in the nose of the building.

What do you get inside the nose?

Different windows, with a view, taller ceiling, and the feeling that you are in a *different* room. Oh yeah, these nose rooms also come with all the requisite Bulfinch Hotel amenities--Philips Flat Screen TVs, CD Player, wireless speaker phones, and a work desk.

The regular rooms keep with the crisp design lines that exist throughout the entire hotel, and every room comes with the list of above "nose" amenities, and you can add a king bed and small marble bathrooms to that list.

The hotel has a European style lobby, but things should get a little more roomy when Angus, the in-hotel restaurant, opens this spring.

In general, the Bulfinch reminds us of a European boutique hotel. Small, crisply designed, dressed in white-on-white, and affordable.