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A STYLISH NEW HOTEL OPENS IN THE BERKSHIRES

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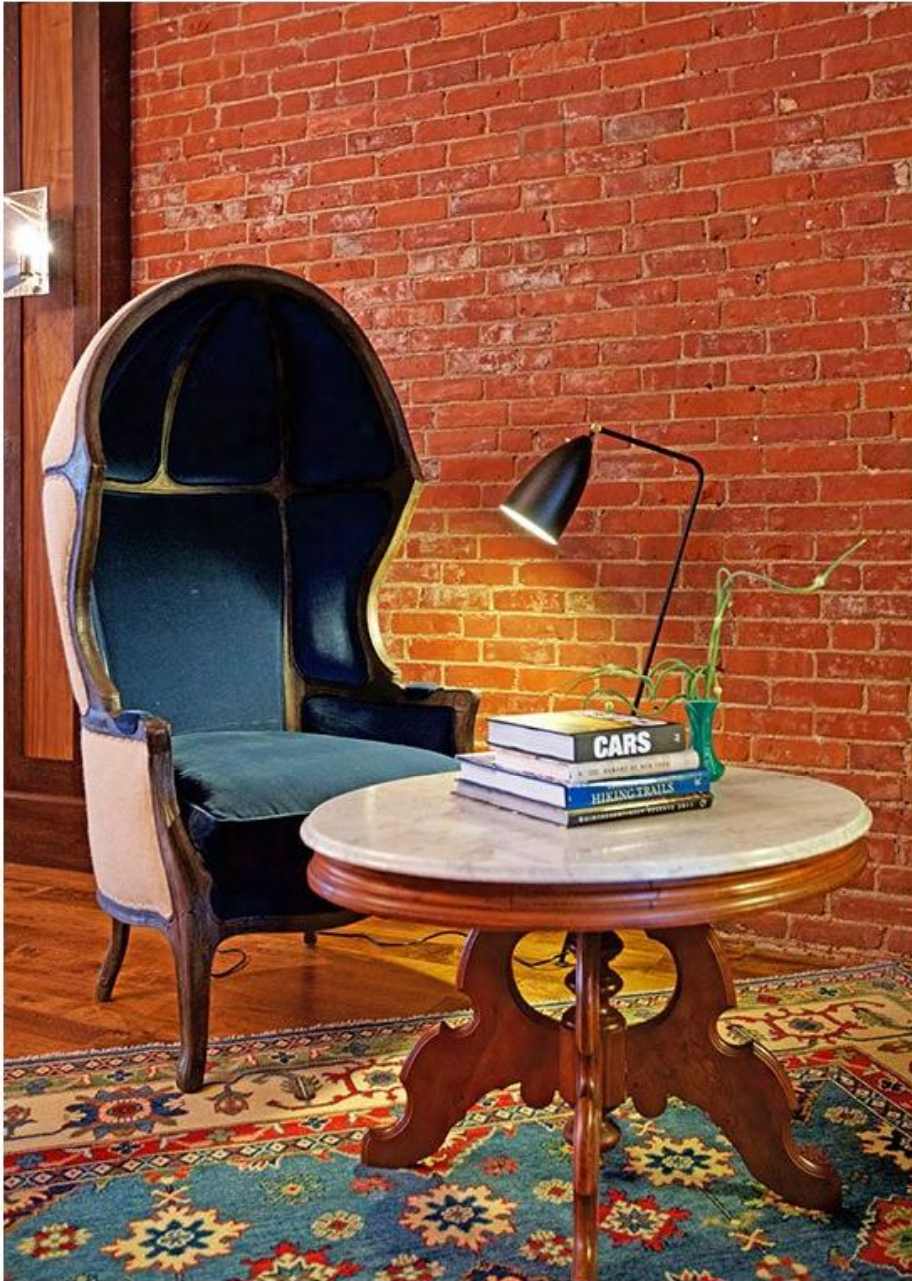
The entrance to Hotel on North in Pittsfield, Massachusetts.

Located at the center of the Berkshires in western Massachusetts, the city of Pittsfield has long seemed like an ideal hub for exploring the area's natural beauty and cultural attractions. To the north is the Massachusetts Museum of Contemporary Art (MASS MoCA), with its current exhibition by artist Clifford Ross, and the Clark Art Institute, recently expanded by architects Tadao Ando and Annabelle Selldorf. To the south are Tanglewood, summer home of the Boston Symphony Orchestra, and the Mount, Edith Wharton's former residence.



Entrance to the hotel lobby.

The only thing missing was a stylish hotel—until now. This summer the boutique Hotel on North has opened its doors, with 45 tastefully designed guest rooms in a restored 1880s building downtown. It's owned by Pittsfield residents David and Laurie Tierney III and operated by Main Street Hospitality Group, a Berkshires-based company that also runs the popular Porches Inn at MASS MoCA and Red Lion Inn in Stockbridge.



A reading area in the lobby.

In collaboration with local architect Karen Hunt, Main Street Hospitality's in-house design team "did what we know how to do best," says the company's owner, Nancy Fitzpatrick, "which is combining the local with the historical." For new furniture and accessories, the firm bought from area businesses and artisans, including rugs from Dash & Albert, bathroom vanities and desks by furnituremaker Philip Bastow, and light fixtures by Peter Murkett of New England Modern.



Hotel on North bedroom.

Then, it made every room unique with finds such as cabinets, tables, and mirrors from local vintage stores. "I went to a lot of auctions, and consignment, antiques, and junk shops to find things," says Fitzpatrick. "I like to think that guests coming to stay at the hotel live with some pieces that belonged to area families generations ago."

*From \$179/night; 297 North Street, Pittsfield, Massachusetts; 413-358-4741;
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