

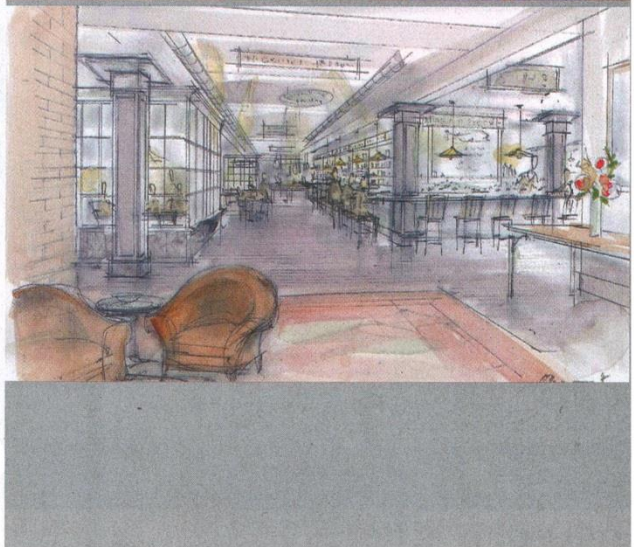
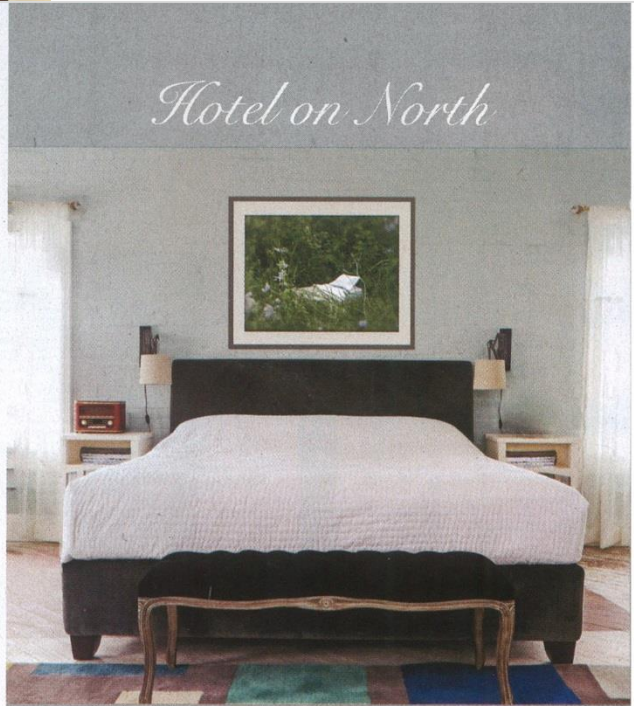
HOTEL ON NORTH

Pittsfield, Massachusetts

A few years ago, *The Financial Times* dubbed renaissance Pittsfield the “Brooklyn of the Berkshires”—pretty impressive, considering that the Berkshires are already the Brooklyn of Massachusetts. And opening in June is Hotel on North, a property tailor-made for Western Mass. vacationers with downtown tastes and enough green for a week’s worth of craft brew tastings, museum admissions and yoga intensives. A \$14 million renovation of a historic former department store building has preserved original brick walls, wood columns and tin ceilings while debuting 45 HGTV-ready rooms swathed in soothing and sophisticated yellow, blue and gray tones. Many have fireplaces and claw-foot tubs, extended-stay accommodations boast kitchenettes and the 650-square-foot Library Suite has floor-to-ceiling bookcases and a separate sitting room with a wet bar. (Sorry, no pipe puffing allowed.) Custom furnishings are the work of local artisans, the minibars are stocked with Berkshires-made noshes, guests caffeinate with cold-brew coffee from a small-batch roaster in neighboring West Stockbridge, and nearby farms inform menus at Eat and Drink on North, the in-house restaurant emphasizing shareable plates and whole-animal roasts for groups of six or more. Think Local Achievement: unlocked! Now we just need a room key.

✓ TRAVELER’S CHECKS:

- Locals love the steamed dumplings and other Eastern eats at Flavours of Malaysia—cheap, simple and absolutely delicious.
- Pittsfield is a great home base for exploring the Western Mass. arts scene; it’s within a half-hour drive of the BSO’s summer home at Tanglewood, North Adams’ Massachusetts Museum of Contemporary Art, the Williamstown Theatre Festival and many smaller arts groups. And Hotel on North is just around the corner from Barrington Stage Company, where summer shows include *Man of La Mancha* and *Lost in Yonkers*.
- Nature buffs: Hike (or drive) to the summit of Mount Greylock, the highest peak in Massachusetts.



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