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After pandemic delays, construction set to begin on Clayton hotel (Photos)

The 11-story, 207-room upscale AC Hotel will replace the former headquarters of the Clayton Police Department at 227 S. Central Ave. in downtown Clayton.



Credit: Midas Construction
The AC Hotel in Clayton, seen in a rendering, is nearing construction.



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CLAYTON, Mo. — Developers of a \$50 million hotel in Clayton are approaching construction after being delayed by the pandemic.

One of the first hotels to be built in Clayton in more than 20 years, the 11-story, 207-room upscale AC Hotel will replace the former headquarters of the Clayton Police Department at 227 S. Central Ave. in downtown Clayton, next to a MetroLink station and parking garage.

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The hotel is targeted to open in early 2024. A [Residence Inn](#) is finishing up construction at 8125 Forsyth Blvd. and will open first.

The development team backing the project consists of Concord Hospitality, Homebase Partners, Koplar Properties and Midas Construction. The same team previously built an AC Hotel [catering to millennial travelers](#) in the Central West End. It opened in December.

The Clayton hotel will focus on business and leisure travel with a rooftop bar and restaurant open to the public, according to a news release. The hotel will also have flexible meeting and event spaces with “spectacular views” of the St. Louis skyline, it said. The hotel will be part of the Marriott Bonvoy loyalty program.



Credit: Midas Construction

The event space in the AC Hotel will have a 'spectacular view' of the St. Louis skyline, as seen in the above rendering.

The former police headquarters, which has been demolished, was empty since 2011, when the police agency moved it to its current location on South Brentwood Boulevard.

After HomeBase purchased the property from the city for \$2.4 million, the AC Hotel was [proposed](#) in 2018 and with construction set to start construction in March 2020. But it was delayed when the pandemic shut down the hotel and travel industries, the developer said. The developer [asked](#) the city to restart construction in January.

Read the rest of the story and see more photos of the development on the [St. Louis Business Journal website](#).

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