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Neighborhood Gets New Luxury Condos

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A skyscraping, luxury condominium building on Province Street has begun welcoming residents.

The 32-story, 138-unit 45 Province will open on Thursday, June 11 at 2 pm to great fanfare, with a ribbon cutting by Mayor Thomas Menino.

"It's a positive residential addition to the street ... and the city," said Audrey Epstein Reny, director of marketing for The Abbey Group, which developed the project. "It is a lovely little residential spot. A jewel."

The building is a welcome addition to the neighborhood, according to Rosemarie Sansone, executive director of the Downtown Crossing Partnership. On a recent walking tour of the area, Sansone compared the enhanced aesthetic of Province Street to New York City.

"We're delighted at the opening of 45 Province," Sansone wrote in an e-mail. "It

has remarkably transformed the street into this exciting new destination in downtown Boston. Bravo to everyone involved, and welcome to the neighborhood!"

The terra cotta and glass exterior design by Simeon Bruner was meant to reinterpret the building's historic brick surroundings in a modern way, Reny said, into "an interesting blend of the old and the new."

Formerly a parking lot, the developer agreed to reserve half of the facility's 300 parking spaces for public use. Sansone guessed that the lot, which is open now, will be used by shoppers at the Jeweler's Building, which is across the street.

A quarter of 45 Province's condos have been purchased, according to Reny. The first residents moved in at the end of May.

Prices range from \$600,000 to upwards of \$4 million. With the grand opening approaching and the "huge level of enthusiasm" around the project, "We continue to have even more interest and sales," Reny said.