Hotel construction has come back in full force since the recession. Demand for new buildings is expected to continue to grow, thanks to a solid economy and a resurgence in both business and leisure travel.

**Top Metro-Area Markets**

Ranked by total hotel starts 1/2014 through 4/2015

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**Top 5 Design Firms**

Ranked by hotel-construction starts 1/2011 through 4/2015

1. Gensler
2. HKS
3. Cooper Carry
4. AC Martin
5. Morris Architects

**Top 5 Projects**

Ranked by hotel-construction starts 1/2014 through 4/2015

- **$272 million**
  - **PROJECT:** Marriott Marquis Houston
  - **ARCHITECT:** Morris Architects
  - **LOCATION:** Houston

- **$272 million**
  - **PROJECT:** Convention Center Hotel, Hilton Cleveland Downtown
  - **ARCHITECTS:** Cooper Carry, VOA
  - **LOCATION:** Cleveland

- **$203 million**
  - **PROJECT:** Fairmont Austin Hotel
  - **ARCHITECT:** Gensler
  - **LOCATION:** Austin, TX

- **$200 million**
  - **PROJECT:** Old Post Office Trump International Hotel
  - **ARCHITECTS:** Beyer Blinder Belle, WDG
  - **LOCATION:** Washington, D.C.

- **$190 million**
  - **PROJECT:** The Grand Islander by Hilton Grand Vacations Club
  - **ARCHITECT:** Group 70 International
  - **LOCATION:** Honolulu