For more information about locations and access, please contact your Convention Service Manager.
FIVE BLOCKS, FIVE MINUTES

Whether you have five minutes, five hours, or five days, there’s always something to do on Avenida Houston. **Sip, stroll, and savor** in downtown’s center of entertainment. The convention campus includes:

- Two adjoining hotels—Hilton Americas-Houston and Marriott Marquis Houston
- Sixty-plus restaurants in the convention district
- Urban green space at adjacent Discovery Green park
- Live entertainment on the Avenida Plaza and nearby Toyota Center, Minute Maid Park, BBVA Compass Stadium, and The Rustic

GEORGE R. BROWN CONVENTION CENTER

The George R. Brown Convention Center opened on the east side of downtown Houston on September 26, 1987. The building was named for internationally recognized entrepreneur, engineer, civic leader, philanthropist and Houstonian George Rufus Brown (1898-1983), who donated six of the 11 blocks necessary to build. In July 2001, a joint effort was made to expand the convention center and build an adjacent 1,200-room convention headquarters hotel. The GRB grew from 1.15 million square feet to 1.8 million square feet, adding three exhibit halls and more meeting rooms. Ground was broken yet again in June 2014, adding more connectivity with the surrounding neighborhoods. The GRB is a captivating experience for visitors and Houstonians alike.

Houston First Corporation operates the city’s finest convention and arts facilities, positioning Houston as a world-class destination. In 2014, Houston First and the Greater Houston Convention & Visitors Bureau aligned to provide a single voice for Houston. In addition to the GRB, Houston First owns the Hilton Americas-Houston hotel and manages 11 city-owned buildings, plazas and parking facilities including Miller Outdoor Theatre, Wortham Center and Jones Hall for the Performing Arts. For more information, log on to [HoustonFirst.com](http://HoustonFirst.com) and [VisitHouston.com](http://VisitHouston.com).