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## **The Capital Grille of Boston to open in new Hynes Convention Center location August 24**

*Award-winning fine-dining restaurant doubles in size; offers lunch for the first time*

BOSTON – Just a year after announcing it would move from its iconic Newbury Street location, The Capital Grille of Boston will reopen its doors in its new location in the John B. Hynes Veterans Memorial Convention Center on the corner of Boylston and Dalton streets on Wednesday, August 24.

Founded in 1990 in Providence, Rhode Island, the Capital Grille is a fine-dining restaurant known for its dry-aged steaks, fresh seafood, award-winning wine list and professional service. Routinely recognized by *Wine Spectator* Magazine, the restaurant also recently received the America Culinary Federation’s “Achievement of Excellence Award” and was voted a guest favorite on Open Table’s “2010 Best American Cuisine Winners - Top 50 Restaurant List.”

While keeping the familiar ambiance and high-level of personalized service The Capital Grille is known for, the new restaurant at the corner of Boylston and Dalton streets has doubled in size (10,000 square feet compared to 5,500 square feet in its previous location), with capacity for 315 people, patio seating, five private dining rooms – each equipped with state-of-the-art audio-visual equipment and flat panel televisions – and a more spacious bar and lounge. In addition, the new restaurant will now open at 11:30 a.m., offering lunch to guests for the first time. Executive chef David Cox will be at the helm in the kitchen.

“The Capital Grille is an icon of the Boston restaurant scene, and we couldn’t be happier to welcome it to the Hynes,” said James E. Rooney, executive director of the Massachusetts Convention Center Authority. “Not only does new restaurant offer conventioners another convenient and quality dining option, The Capital Grille’s move to a larger location has created, and will continue to produce, more economic activity and jobs at a time when Boston needs them most.”

“We are very excited to open in our new location and continue to offer professional and attentive service in an atmosphere of relaxed elegance to the Boston community,” said managing partner Chris Scott. “We’re especially pleased to still be part of the Back Bay neighborhood, where we’ve enjoyed such tremendous support over the last two decades.”

In addition to jobs related to design and construction of the new restaurant, new jobs will result from the restaurant’s larger size and longer hours. The existing staff of 50 will relocate to the new space and be joined by 38 new employees.

The MCCA has now created two restaurant spaces on Boylston Street, one on each corner of the Hynes. In 2010, Towne Stove and Spirits on the Prudential Plaza was opened by restaurateurs Lydia Shire, Jasper White and Patrick Lyons. The Capital Grille lease at the Hynes was announced in 2010, after the restaurant was unable to renew its Newbury street lease.

“This is another example of the benefits of entrepreneurial government,” Rooney said. “Not only will the new restaurant space create a new revenue stream and generate more Boylston Street traffic, but the MCCA’s partnership with the Capital Grille will also allow Hynes attendees direct access to one of the best restaurants in Boston.”

***About the Massachusetts Convention Center Authority (MCCA)***

The Massachusetts Convention Center Authority owns and oversees the operations of the Boston Convention & Exhibition Center, the John B. Hynes Veterans Memorial Convention Center, the MassMutual Center in Springfield, MA and the Boston Common Parking Garage. The BCEC and Hynes have earned a rare gold standard from the International Association of Congress Centres (AIPC), making Boston only the fourth city in North America and the 12<sup>th</sup> worldwide to have been awarded this top standard, the highest certification level a convention facility can achieve under strict AIPC guidelines.

In 2010, the MCCA hosted 239 events at the BCEC and the Hynes with 773,387 attendees, generating 585,528 hotel room nights and \$462 million in economic impact. The MCCA is currently in the midst of its Top 5 campaign to launch Boston into the top five convention destinations in North America. For more information, go to [www.t5boston.com](http://www.t5boston.com).

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