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Birch Bar's Patio Opening Delivers New Cuisine and Cocktail Menu,

Al Fresco Dining, and Waterfront District views

*New patio menu adds another restaurant destination to
Boston's Waterfront District's new dining scene*

May 25, 2011- BOSTON, MA - Birch Bar at **The Westin Boston Waterfront Hotel** has commenced its spring season with a **new menu, signature summer cocktail list** and the **opening of a 75-seat patio** overlooking the city's developing South Boston waterfront and new "Innovation District." Inspired by carefully selected ingredients from local growers and purveyors of Massachusetts, Executive Chef Nicholas McDermott and Chef du Cuisine Brian Anderson have created a combination menu of delicious twists on New England traditions, as well as signature items that can only be found from the creative kitchen of Birch Bar. Specialties include Earl Gray Smoked Sake Tuna, Skirt Steak Salad and Seared Baramundi, as well as simple, succulent favorites such as the Patio Burger, New England Clam Chowder or Grilled Maine Lobster Tail. For al fresco, after 5, or anytime cocktail experience, our resident mixologists delight guests with a menu selection of six new Bellini libations that complete the unwinding lounge experience of Birch Bar. Surrounded by the natural Birch trees of the indoor bar or the sea salt scent of the outdoor waterfront patio, Birch Bar promises a relaxing, comfortable, and upscale environment that removes the hustle and bustle of the city. Indulgent craft cocktails and savory dishes will please the senses, balance the palette, and satisfy in quality and flavor. Guests can enjoy light bites or a full menu daily, from 11:00am-2:30pm and 4:30pm-12:00am. For more information, visit www.westinbostonwaterfront.com/birchbar.

Birch Bar and The Westin Boston Waterfront

Birch Bar is the signature lounge of the Westin Boston Waterfront, a AAA Four-Diamond hotel connected to the largest convention center in New England, the Boston Convention & Exhibition Center (BCEC),

Opened in 2006 with plans for expansion in 2014, The Westin Boston Waterfront is the largest hotel built in Boston in 25 years; complete with 793 guest rooms, 80,000 sq ft of event space, 30 meeting rooms and 4 restaurants and lounges. Most recently the 2010 Pinnacle Award recipient by *Successful Meeting Magazine* and named a *2010 Elite Certified Hotel*, the Westin Boston Waterfront is an ideal destination for business functions and social events, with upscale accommodations, spectacular views of the city skyline and harbor and close proximity to Boston' premier dining, cultural, and entertainment venues. To inquire about guest accommodations or hosting your meeting or event at the Westin Boston Waterfront, visit www.westinbostonwaterfront.com.

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