



National Venue Guide

850 Venues for Events & Meetings in 16 Cities

ATLANTA, ATLANTIC CITY, BOSTON, CHICAGO, DALLAS, LAS VEGAS, LOS ANGELES, MIAMI, NEW ORLEANS, NEW YORK, ORLANDO, PHILADELPHIA, PHOENIX/SCOTTSDALE, SAN DIEGO, SAN FRANCISCO & WASHINGTON

Boston



Chief Executive Offerings

These upscale spots are suitable for C.E.O.s (or any other V.I.P.s in need of wining and dining).

Four Floors of Dining Housed in a Revolutionary War-era tavern, **MKT** is a new addition to the financial district. Formerly Central 37, the four-story restaurant has a large lounge on the first floor, a dining room on the second floor, a third-floor private room that seats 80, and an enclosable roof deck that can hold 65. Chef Rene Michelena offers an Italian-influenced menu featuring dishes like cioppino, oxtail cannelloni, and rib eye with house-made steak sauce. (21 Broad St., 617.263.0037, www.mktboston.com)



Oceanaire Seafood Room

A Fresh Look After 25 years in Beacon Hill, **Toscano** is no newcomer to Boston's dining scene. To keep up with the times, the restaurant underwent a redesign in October 2007, balancing its old-world Tuscan menu with a more modern look. In addition to the 100-seat dining room, there are two private rooms: the Grotto, which seats 12 and looks like a wine cellar, and the Cucina, a 25-seat space that includes 10-foot-tall hand-carved wooden doors and a view of the kitchen. (47 Charles St., 617.723.4090, www.toscanoboston.com)

Catch of the Day Upscale national chain **Oceanaire Seafood Room** opened a Boston location in the former U.S. Trust bank building near Government Center in February 2008. The extensive seafood menu includes an oyster bar, caviar specialties, and plenty of fresh New England options. The 1930s ocean liner-themed restaurant includes a private dining room that seats 60 and several semiprivate spaces for smaller groups. (40 Court St., 617.742.2277, www.theoceanaire.com)

My Favorite Vendors



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FLOWERS "Stapleton Floral (617.269.7271, www.stapleton-floral.com) In South Boston has the

A Stapleton Floral arrangement



quality of much bigger shops without the high prices and with far better customer service."

CATERING "Talk of the Town Catering (781.741.2590, www.cateringbytalkofthetown.com) in nearby Hingham always does a fabulous job, even on a less than ideal budget."

AUDIOVISUAL PRODUCTION "If you want professional quality and a firm that can accommodate any size job, **AD Handy** (617.562.0515, www.adhandy.com) is the vendor to call."

TRADE SHOW LOGISTICS "SER Exhibition Services (508.757.3397, www.serexpo.com). In Worcester, is one of the best companies to set up a trade show. They are a smaller operation, but the effort to make sure your clients are well serviced is never lacking."

GET INSPIRED

Street Inspirations

The Institute of Contemporary Art puts the spotlight on influential street artist Shepard Fairey with the first solo museum show of his work, which opens on February 6 and runs through April 19. Included in the survey are examples of Fairey's bold, graphic style, like his stenciled stickers from early guerrilla art campaigns—pieces that became ubiquitous urban images—screen prints, and wood and metal works, as well as newer collages and canvases. (100 Northern Ave., 617.478.3100, www.icaboston.org)

