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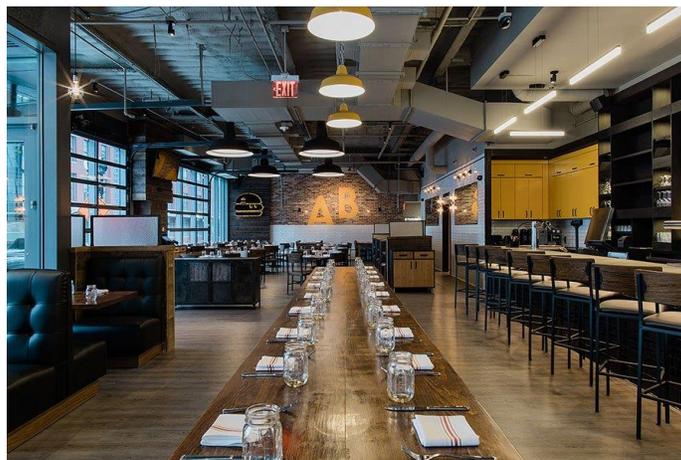
Boston Magazine: Eat Here Now: Look Inside A&B Burgers, Opening Thursday in Boston

The Causeway Street location is No. 2 for the award-winning North Shore burger joint.

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A&B Burgers Causeway. / Ebersole Photography

Burgers are coming in hot to a fast-changing neighborhood of Boston. A&B Burgers opens Thursday, Feb. 21, on Beverly Street at Causeway, bringing its award-winning burgers (and more) to a shiny, new building next to North Station.

The West End location is No. 2 for owner Thomas Holland, a Boston restaurant industry alum and former operations director for chef Michael Schlow. A&B Burgers first opened in Salem before moving to Beverly, and Holland has been looking to expand the brand for a couple years, he previously told *Boston*. As the Maverick Restaurant Group, his company includes director of operations Eric Buxton, who has

held leadership roles at the likes of Grill 23, Scampo, and more Boston restaurants; and culinary director Matthew DiBiccari, also a Schlow restaurants alum.

The new location's executive chef is Amanda Howell, previously of Russell House Tavern, Naco Taco, and Alden & Harlow. The North Shore spot has earned local Best Of accolades three years running for its juicy burgers made with Pineland Farms (Maine) beef and fresh toppings. Like the original, A&B Causeway will have those patties, and also offer lamb, turkey, vegetarian, and Wagyu burger options; plus other sandwiches, entrees, and small plates, and a full bar. Eater Boston has a first look at the Boston menu. Jacob Carter, formerly of Barcelona Restaurant and Wine Bar and Stephanie's Restaurant Group in Boston, is on board as general manager.

A&B Burgers is located in the relatively new, mixed-use Beverly building (though it's purely a coincidence to expand from Beverly to *the*Beverly, Hollands says). Though it fronts onto Causeway and is accessed from that thoroughfare, it shares the building's Beverly Street address. It seats 129 people inside, including nearly 20 at an L-shaped bar, and was designed by Boston-based StudioTYAK. Two garage-style doors overlook Causeway Street—and will be open when it's nice out—and a third garage-style door will open up onto a seasonal, elevated patio, which boasts views of the TD Garden and the Zakim Bridge.

A&B's latest home is just one of several buildings and amenities new to the West End, joining the likes of City Winery (at a new high-rise called One Canal); hot new spot Alcove and a soon-to-open Night Shift brewpub at Lovejoy Wharf; and Big Night Entertainment Group's forthcoming sushi restaurant and music venue at the Hub on Causeway.

A&B Burgers will open daily for lunch and dinner, from 11:30 a.m.-midnight. Weekend brunch will start Saturday, March 9, and continue every Saturday and Sunday beginning at 10:30 a.m.

A&B Burgers, 101 Beverly St., Boston, 857-449-2251; 206 Cabot St., Beverly, 978-993-7394, anbburgers.com.



*The Boston location of A&B Burgers is part of new development in Boston's West End.
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The dining room at A&B Burgers Causeway. / Ebersole Photography



*During warmer months, garage doors open up onto Causeway Street from the new
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