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Capiz Lounge Treats Boston's Seaport To Curated Cocktails In A Chic New Space

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The recently opened Capiz Lounge, within the Renaissance Boston Waterfront Hotel, occupies the hotel's former lobby bar—bringing the Seaport a warm, nautical-inspired space where guests and locals alike can socialize over small plates and photo-worthy cocktails crafted from local spirits. Designed by Jeffrey Beers International, the renovation drew from a range of local influences, from the city's rich intellectual nature and many libraries, to the iconic wharves across Boston, thanks to the city's shipping industry heritage.

Among entrance, guests are greeted by rich materiality, from the grand oval shaped bar at the center of the space, featuring a Caesar stone counter top and Emerald fireclay tile mounted in a chevron pattern to bar stools and chairs upholstered in rich brown leathers. Surrounding tables have a distressed wood appearance while additional seating is upholstered in grey leather. Edison bulb light pendants arranged in a spiral shape illuminate the bar area, while acting as a form of art in themselves.

As guests move into The Library, they are embrace into a slightly more intimate space, complete with custom-designed wood shelving, a gas fireplace, a vintage-inspired map of Boston, and the same emerald fireclay tile found on the bar. Long, communal dining tables feature integrated power and can be transformed into a buffet table for private events. Banquette seating along one wall is upholstered in navy blue velvet, while custom-designed lamps are integrated into the back.

While designed for different uses, both spaces—The Bar and The Library—are seamlessly united through consistent design elements, such as the black and white striped porcelain tiled flooring, dark grey painted ceiling, and consistent use of materials—such as blackened metal finishes, dark stained oak and walnut millwork, and rich leathers and velvets.

Capiz Lounge is a representation of Boston's history and the city today. "What I love most about Boston's style is that it symbolizes the era of our founding forefathers; it is elegant, respectful, thoughtful, and very tasteful," says Jeffrey Beers International founder and CEO, Jeffrey Beers.

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