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Mayor Menino Celebrates Grand Opening of \$372M Battery Wharf Complex

*Newest Extension of Boston's HarborWalk
and Boston Maritime Museum Now Open*

Joins New Fairmont Battery Wharf Hotel & Residences

Mayor Thomas M. Menino today celebrated the grand opening of the \$372 million redevelopment of Battery Wharf on the North End Waterfront. The completed destination includes the new 150-room Fairmont Battery Wharf hotel, 103 residences, in addition to 1,200 new linear feet of Boston HarborWalk and more than an acre and a half of public open space for tourists and area residents along Boston's waterfront. Highlighting the area is the new Boston Maritime Museum, a 1,000-square-foot lively pocket museum, free to the public, that retells the history of Massachusetts Bay, featuring the past, present and future of the U.S. Coast Guard and the history of Battery Wharf from colonial times to present.

"This \$372 million project is important to the future of our city because it brings more economic and recreational opportunities to Boston Harbor," Mayor Menino said. "Together we are revitalizing vacant waterfront properties to bring new opportunities to Boston residents."

Along the newest extension of Boston's HarborWalk, surrounding the recently opened condominiums (which are 60% sold in the first year), are nine interpretive panels explaining the significance of the area and historic milestones, informative kiosks, an observation deck and a new water taxi head house adjacent to the Fairmont Battery Wharf Hotel. The Boston Redevelopment Authority, The Boston Harbor Association and others under Chapter 91 regulations worked together to create a destination at Battery Wharf that is open to the public and integrates the wharf's 350-year history.

Fairmont Battery Wharf is Boston's newest luxury hotel. The hotel has created more than 250 jobs and is currently hiring. In addition to its guest rooms, the hotel offers 6,000 square feet of flexible meeting space, as well as its Four Diamond contemporary French restaurant, Sensing. The hotel recently received the top guest satisfaction rating of all Fairmont hotels and resorts worldwide.

Additionally, Fairmont Battery Wharf has adopted the Eliot School as its neighborhood charity partner. The hotel gave the school a donation of \$5,000 and will provide a number of programs for students throughout the year, introducing students to the hospitality industry and providing a mentor program.

For more information on Boston's HarborWalk, please visit:
www.bostonharborwalk.com.