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## **BRS completes fast-track of 1816 Charles Bulfinch designed for Glynn Hospitality Group's Granary Tavern**

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with extreme deadlines and noteworthy architectural challenges, the BRS team transformed an historic 1816 Charles Bulfinch designed building (originally erected as a granary and most recently used as office space) into one of the city's showcase restaurants.

Glynn Hospitality Group director of operations Paul Wilson said, "This was an incredible company to align ourselves with. This was a massive undertaking considering the scope of work and the pressure to open in time for the lucrative Tall Ships event." He adds, "This is a proud addition to our portfolio and we appreciate the above and beyond efforts BRS made to get us operational." The Glynn Hospitality Group has nine restaurant/bars in Boston area including the Black Rose which was a BRS rehab project in 2011.

BRS in-house architectural designer Josh Knapper said "Significant structural modifications were necessary to maximize usable square footage and meet the client's desire to create an open, rustic yet welcoming space." In order to meet those expectations, 30 tons of material was excavated to create a basement bar with salvaged wood beams complemented by granite blocks. A solid brick bearing wall was transformed into a 40' foot wall of windows; Nano-Window systems were incorporated into the restaurant perimeter design; substantial cut outs were also made to integrate the basement and main floor spaces to promote an inviting flow.

In addition to structural engineering and general design guidance, the BRS team took advantage of their 15,000 s/f fabrication facility to provide the client with customized steel floating tables, one-of-a kind community tables and made-to-order designer stools. BRS craftsmen also utilized repurposed materials from a Vermont barn to fashion wall treatments and bar facades that add to the rustic and reclaimed character of the venue.

"Like many other of our restaurant build-out projects, this was an extremely demanding and intense venture", said BRS project manager Richard Evans, "but it was exciting and we are delighted to have had the opportunity to work with the Glynn Group again."

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