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## **Food & Life Cos. brings sushi franchise to U.S.**

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Boston, MA Food & Life Companies, LTD, a sushi franchise out of Japan, has opened its only U.S. restaurant, Sakabayashi, on 665 Boylston St. The company, which has more than 1,000 restaurants across Japan, Korea, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Singapore, Thailand, Mainland China, and Indonesia will open Sakabayashi, on the site of the former B.Good Restaurant. The restaurant's grand opening was Thursday, April 25.

Crafted by a team of chefs straight from Japan, the Sakabayashi menu will feature a diverse array of sushi, sashimi, seafood side dishes, and ramen and offer an impressive selection of Japanese sake. The restaurant will be open for lunch and dinner, offering diners authentic Japanese food at an accessible price point.

The restaurant, which will seat approximately 80, will offer small dishes with prices ranging from \$5 to \$12 an item and sushi ranging from a la carte to sets. The dining experience features a dining room with waiter service and a small patio that can accommodate 16 diners.

"We chose Boston as our US home because we believe the city has a world palette and has traditionally embraced seafood dishes," said Yosuke Tanaka, CEO Food & Life Companies USA. "Because of its massive college and university presence, and impressive international medicine, bio and tech reputations, the City attracts a lot of diverse and adventurous diners. We're excited to offer Bostonians authentic Japanese food and sake."

"As we work to open the restaurant in early Spring, we're focused on details that make this dining experience uniquely Japanese," said Rui Higuchi, director of operations, Food & Life Companies USA. "From the highly curated sake list to the Japanese murals and the highly selective fish purchasing, we are excited to deliver an authentic Japanese experience to the Back Bay Area."

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