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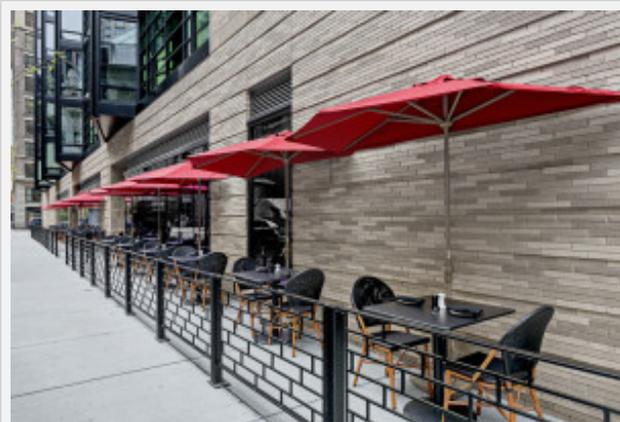
Patio Season is Upon Us in Downtown Boston

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LX's patio along Avenue de Lafayette Photo Credit
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We didn't really have to put up with much of a winter. But, in true New Englander fashion, that doesn't mean we didn't complain. Despite the lack of snow, we did suffer a sigh or two over the seasonal loss of one of the best aspects of Boston living – patio dining. We sadly strolled the streets, noting the empty sidewalks and terraces that once echoed the sounds of warm weather revelry. Just one more month, we would mumble, turning our collars against the cold. One more month.

That month is here, people. The much anticipated

patio season is upon us.

Here are a few DTX restaurants that have opened their outdoor spaces for the 2016 season. We salute you.

Legal Crossing (558 Washington Street): Affectionately known as LX, this neighborhood restaurant takes inspiration from its vibrant surroundings while serving up tried-and-true faves from its mother ship, Legal Sea Foods, and its other concept restaurants. LX's patio along Avenue de Lafayette features 15 tables-for-two complete with umbrellas, and boasts a menu that's all about the sea (although there are a few land-lubber specialties). You can also cross some grownup libations off your to-drink list, including the Zombie for Two, a sharable drink of Ed Hamilton Demerara 151 rum, English Harbour 5 Year rum, Rhum J.M. Agricole Blanc, absinthe, spice box, bitters, and tropical juices.

Granary Tavern (170 Milk Street): Open until midnight, this 60-seat patio overlooking the Greenway has plenty of umbrella coverage for rain or shine. The patio is first come, first served, and it's tiny, so they can't do groups larger than six people. Try the Granary Sangria (wine, peach, orange, lime and cinnamon) or the refreshing Maine Squeeze of Ketel One citron, fresh blueberries and lemon, and noshing on BBQ pork nachos, charcuterie flatbread or chicken & waffles is never a bad idea. Dog owners, take heed. You may bring your pooch, but they must stay on the outside of the patio. Since there are limited seats with this accessibility (mainly two-tops), there could be a wait if you want your dog to share the experience.

Sterling's (60 State Street): When you want to share the outdoor experience with a hundred-plus people, this hot spot is where it's at. With 180 seats, including a 30-seat full bar with TVs, the giant patio overlooking Faneuil Hall is an extension of a retro-cool restaurant for old-school eats (think cheesesteak eggrolls and tater tot nachos) and classic drinks. Although they share a menu, patio service ends an hour before the restaurant's 2 am closing time. There are communal tables and games available (we heard tale of a cornhole game or two). Similar to Granary's rules, you can bring your furry friend, but there's limited space along the outer area for them to lounge.



One of the biggest outdoor seating area in Downtown Boston is Sterling's.

Mast' (45 Province Street): When you can't stand the heat, get out of the kitchen. This is exactly what this Italian eatery wants you to do. Taking leave of its fire-burning onsite Neapolitan pizza oven, but still ordering its gooey goodness, the 40-seat sun-drenched private terrace has the same hours and menu as the restaurant. The space has ample umbrella service and overlooks Province Street. Fun fact: it features the

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actual steps to the Province House of the late 1700s. A good Plan B if pizza or Northern Italian dishes aren't your summer standards – Monday dollar oysters starts in May. The patio is stroller-friendly, but leave your pup at home. It's also heated for chillier days, and reservations are accepted.

Spring is here, and we deserve a little outdoor time. You know, after the winter we've had.

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