

## CHEF JASON SANTOS TO EXPAND BUTTERMILK & BOURBON TO WATERTOWN'S ARSENAL YARDS

Award-Winning Buttermilk & Bourbon to Open Second Location in East End Watertown's Newest Mixed-Use Development in 2021

**Watertown, Mass. (November 16, 2020)** – Boylston Properties and Wilder proudly announced today that they've leased 3,000 square feet at Watertown's <u>Arsenal Yards</u> to local celebrity chef and restaurateur, Jason Santos. Following the success of <u>Buttermilk & Bourbon</u> in Boston's Back Bay, the nationally-recognized chef will open his second location of the popular restaurant in the new neighborhood in 2021, bringing a taste of Southern hospitality to Watertown. The New Orleans' inspired restaurant will be an exciting addition to the eclectic mix of offerings at Arsenal Yards, which will offer a true neighborhood experience with its more than one million square feet of retail shops, residential apartments, life science space, and a 146-room hotel when construction is completed in Fall 2021.

"For a chef of Jason Santos' caliber to open his next restaurant at Arsenal Yards only adds to the incredible level of buzz that Arsenal Yards and the town of Watertown is currently receiving," said Bill McQuillan, Principal at Boylston Properties. "And while COVID-19 continues to greatly impact our communities and neighborhoods, we couldn't be more grateful to share some positive news about one of the best chefs and restaurant groups in Boston. Our team is committed as ever to creating a unique place for people to work, live, and simply just enjoy, and Jason and Buttermilk & Bourbon are the perfect complement to this lasting, energized experience that we're creating at Arsenal Yards."

A culinary consultant and personality on Paramount Network's "Bar Rescue"; the author of the cookbook, "Buttermilk & Bourbon"; and a chef consultant of Fox's hit television show *Hell's Kitchen*, Chef Jason Santos will bring his larger-than-life personality and inventive dishes to Arsenal Yards starting next year. Inspired by Santos' love of New Orleans and the city's energy and unique appeal, Buttermilk & Bourbon at Arsenal Yards will offer Southern classics and reimagined staples including warm honey-glazed house-made biscuits, crawfish boudin croquettes, sarsaparilla-braised short ribs and, of course, buttermilk fried chicken. His award-winning fried chicken will be available in wings, boneless fried thighs and bone-in ½ chicken, with a choice of Nashville hot, sweet & spicy, BBQ syrup or white BBQ sauce. The bottled sauces and cookbook will also available for retail.

"I love what the Arsenal Yards team is building in Watertown, and the energy and aesthetic aligns perfectly with what I was looking for when thinking about opening another Buttermilk & Bourbon location," said Jason Santos, Chef/Owner of Buttermilk & Bourbon. "I can't wait to share New Orleans cuisine and all things Southern with our Watertown neighbors and guests."

Buttermilk & Bourbon's beverage program features 50+ bourbon and spirits selections, as well as classic and signature cocktails, beer and wine. Additionally, the restaurant is known for its offerings of rare and limited spirits, hurricanes-on-tap, large-batch cocktails and bourbon-based drinks.

"One of our goals at Arsenal Yards is to find partners in the local restaurant scene to bring the best of chefdriven restaurants to the project," said Gary Robinson, Vice President, Leasing at Wilder. "Buttermilk & Bourbon's allure and vibrancy perfectly mirrors the new neighborhood's vibe and we look forward to welcoming Chef Santos and his team to Arsenal Yards."

Buttermilk & Bourbon will join Arsenal Yards' lineup of restaurants currently open including Shake Shack, Chipotle, Ben & Jerry's, City Works Eatery and Pour House, and Frank Pepe's Pizzeria Napoletana, as well as other future restaurants including Condesa Restaurante & Tequila Bar, Tori Jiro, Kura Sushi, Pokeworks, Garbanzo Mediterranean Fresh, and more. The currently-open retail roster includes Marshalls, Gap Factory, Old Navy, T-Mobile, and European Wax, with much more to come.

Arsenal Yards is a thriving new neighborhood comprised of over one million sq. ft. of development including 250,000 sq. ft. of shopping, dining and fitness space, as well as fresh groceries from Roche Bros. and a sevenscreen cinema, The Majestic 7 at Arsenal Yards. Additionally, Arsenal Yards includes 200,000 sq. ft. of life science space, home to current biotech tenants SQZ Biotech, Kymera and Arkuda, 300 contemporary residences, and a 146-room Hampton Inn & Suites by Hilton.

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## **ABOUT BUTTERMILK & BOURBON**

Nationally recognized chef Jason Santos' Buttermilk & Bourbon delivers Southern hospitality to guests in the Back Bay and soon to be in Watertown. Drawing on the South's trademark charm, the restaurant offers a vibrant, cozy atmosphere with an innovative American menu featuring Southern influences. Santos, who currently owns and operates Boston's Citrus & Salt, and Abby Lane, as well as Marblehead's B & B Fish, channels his love of New Orleans and all things Southern to transport guests to the Bayou by way of Buttermilk & Bourbon. Guests can enjoy pork belly cracklings; BBQ Shrimp; house-made biscuits; oyster chowder; crispy boudin; and house-fried chicken served either Southern-style, Nashville-style, or with sweet and spicy or white BBQ sauce. An oyster bar will also serve up a variety of local oysters as well as peel & eat shrimp. Buttermilk & Bourbon serves up hurricanes-on-tap, large-batch cocktails, and a selection of bourbon-based drinks. For more information, please visit <u>www.buttermilkandbourbon.com</u>.

## **ABOUT ARSENAL YARDS**

Along the Charles River, in the heart of East End Watertown, Greater Boston's next great neighborhood is emerging. With continued growth and development, by 2021 Arsenal Yards will be a thriving new neighborhood with over 50 curated shops, eateries, fitness, and entertainment venues including The Majestic 7, Shake Shack, and Roche Bros. The more than one million square foot mixed-use development also includes state-of-the-art life science lab space, 300 contemporary apartments, and a 146-room Hampton Inn & Suites by Hilton. Merging the best of community, culture, and lifestyle into a uniquely ideal place to live, work, and play, Arsenal Yards' original mural art installations are adding to the urban vibe along with enhanced outdoor and green spaces for social and community gatherings. Arsenal Yards is a co-development of Boylston Properties and Wilder. For more information visit <u>www.arsenalyards.com</u>.