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BLT and our partners have executed some exciting projects thanks in great part to our clients who believe in us, inspire us and partner with us to deliver these incredibly successful projects.

We would like to thank all our industry partners who worked side by side with us with great effort and commitment to exceed the expectations of our clients.

This newsletter celebrates many of the projects we have recently executed and provides a sneak peek at what is coming up and a few new additions to our BLT family.

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**Drake Commissary, Toronto :** 8, 000 sq. ft. of innovation and experimentation space for chefs, bakers, guests, and participate in an animated exchange around the creation, presentation, and consumption of food, in an art-filled environment.

This was a conversion of an existing industrial building redesigned to suit the unique brand experience for The Drake Hotel Properties.

Scope included building out of exterior patio space, interior fit out of new kitchen and dining areas.

















**Bar Oso Whistler, BC** – "oso" meaning "bear" in Spanish, an homage to Whistler's wildlife. It was awarded one of the top 3 best restaurants in Whistler, BC by Vancouver Magazine.

This 890 square foot restaurant is comprised of 2 levels – an intimate bar setting on the main level and lower level dining. The scope of work included an extensive display for wines, reworking of all interior finishes and lighting.

This was executed in partnership with Box Design and by BLT's Vancouver office for Toptable Group.





### LBS Restaurant, Toronto

A modern seafood wine bar located in the heart of Toronto, specializing in an extensive sustainable seafood menu.







STK is a global steakhouse concept with locations in Las Vegas, Milan, London, and Ibiza.

This Yorkville location blends a modern steakhouse feel with unique design sophistication. This location was executed in partnership with Design Agency and our Toronto office.

Some unique project features were the second floor location, extensive kitchen size and custom ceiling design features.





## Portobello Restaurant, Fairmont Hotel Whistler, BC

The new Portobello restaurant offers a more casual dining experience and offers a view onto an open kitchen. The design created by Calgary based FRANK Architecture, also features a strong focus on rotisserie chicken oven – showcasing Rotisol rotisserie and the two antique-styled Miwe Wenz 1919 ovens. In addition to the great menu the restaurant offers a full service bar with plenty of craft beers like Whistler Brewing on tap, as well as wine and cider.

The revamped seating area also includes a "family-style" detailing with a rustic yet modern vibe through the use of exposed wood, brick, and metal accents.





#### Adamo Estate Winery

Mono, ON

Adamo Estate Winery is a small-batch boutique winery with 23,000 wines. It starts with the best fruit from the estate itself, and some from the top growers in Ontario.

They offer a tasting bar, as well as events, and meeting spaces that over-look the vines, the tanks, or the cellar on the estate.













### **Copetin Restaurant** Toronto, ON

Located in the King Street area – MasterChef Canada's Claudio Aprile opened a new concept serving inventive Canadian cuisine.

The existing restaurant was reworked to provide a more a more relaxed atmosphere providing different dining experiences within the restaurant. Each section of the restaurant offers a different menu and even the patio has its own kitchen.













Holt Renfrew, Café Yorkdale Toronto, ON



**Penthouse Residence** Toronto, Ontario

#### **Il Caminetto Restaurant** Whistler, BC

Already having 2 award winning restaurants in Whistler –Toptable Group will now be adding a 3<sup>rd</sup> restaurant under new branding and menu. This was done in partnership with the Rockwell Group.

Opened December 2017





Hendriks **Restaurant & Bar** Toronto, Ontario

Hendriks Restaurant & Bar will provide delicious innovative cuisine with a dramatic dining experience.

Located in the heart of the city at the Toronto Eaton Centre.

**Opening February 2018** 







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## Avling Brewery and Restaurant Toronto, Ontario

A new bar and restaurant will have dining and bar seating with a centrally located feature bar island complete with a full roster of in house brewed beer. The brewery and its operations will be visible to the public. Additionally there will be a retail space where branded merchandise and beer can be purchased.

Opening August 2018



**Kid Lee** Toronto, Ontario

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Susur Lee's new concept at the First Canadian Place food court level.

Guests will be able to taste his exciting approach to culinary menu in a fast casual experience.

Opening 2018

# the slaw is coming.

# **BLT Welcomes Arvin and Colin!**



BLT would like to announce the recent hiring of Arvin Srivastava as our new Vice President of Development and Project Delivery. Arvin brings a wealth of knowledge and leading design and construction teams from the client's perspective in various sectors such as retail, office and hospitality with experience in both Canadian and International markets.

Arvin worked for many prominent brands including FedEx, CIBC, Bank of Montreal, Yum! Brands, Boston Pizza and most recently CARA Operations Ltd. to name a few.

His most recent notable project was "1909 Taverne Moderne" – a joint venture between CARA and the Montreal Canadiens – which was a 25,714 sq. ft. multi-level sports and entertainment venue restaurant with a capacity of a 1,000 guests, making it the largest restaurant of its kind in the country.

Our clients will be able to leverage the great partnerships with consultants and vendors that he has built throughout his career. Through his research and access to industry partners, he will be able to provide great insight to our clients in areas such as new concept and design trends, best practices in construction, innovation in restaurant equipment and technology, and more. With this additional level of industry insight BLT will continue to provide services that will exceed the expectations of our clients.



BLT Construction is pleased to announce the addition of **Colin Meharchand** as **Chief Financial Officer**. Colin is a seasoned financial professional with experience gained in the public accounting and private sectors. He worked in the public accounting field reaching the level of Partner at Lipton LLP Chartered Accountants in 2000.

In 2003 Colin moved his career into industry with a role as Controller at Fram Building Group and in 2007 as Controller with Menkes Developments Ltd. Colin's tenure in these organizations allowed him to play a critical role in pre-construction analysis, financial feasibility and risk assessments to ensure successful execution and profitability of development projects to all stakeholders.

Colin will bring his many years of diverse experience in accounting, reporting and taxation to the BLT Senior Leadership Team in all areas of the business with an emphasis on Finance and Risk Management. He will also play a role in managing and enhancing the relationships with BLT's partners as we grow our business across many segments of the industry.