

The Back Bay Hotel  
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## New Name, New Chef, Same Precinct

The Back Bay Hotel, formerly Boston Police Headquarters and Jurys Boston, Welcomes Executive Chef Raymond Southern to Stanhope Grille

**BOSTON, MA (February 4, 2010)**—Six short months ago, The Doyle Collection, an exclusive group of urban hotels with headquarters in Dublin, announced their plans to rebrand their Boston residence (former Police Headquarters), Jurys Boston, into The Back Bay Hotel. The Doyle Collection is ready to take their transformation one step further by announcing they have acquired Vancouver native Raymond Southern to serve as Executive Chef to the acclaimed Stanhope Grille restaurant as well as The Back Bay Hotel in Boston.

Chef Raymond developed a love and passion for food as a young child. Growing up on his family's property of several acres, Chef Raymond's was accustomed to spending his days tending to his father's fields of corn, green beans and potatoes. He was also responsible for gathering eggs each morning from the chicken coops, picking wild berries to help his mother make jam, and fishing for the catch of the day at the lake in the back of his family's acreage. Today, Chef Raymond's upbringing is evident in his locavore style of cooking at Stanhope Grille. Chef Raymond seeks out the very best local ingredients from farmers, cheese makers, foragers, butchers and fishermen in New England to seamlessly incorporate into his craft.

Chef Raymond's professional career began at cooking school in British Columbia. He completed his apprenticeship at the infamous William Tell restaurant in Vancouver. There, he was chosen as the top third-year apprentice in Canada which granted him the opportunity to cook with Culinary Team Canada in the World Culinary Exposition in Luxembourg. Chef Raymond spent his early professional years cooking in the kitchens of Umberto Menghi and Bruno Marti, two of the top restaurateurs in Canada. The cooking techniques he acquired from these top chefs shine in his every day cooking routine and are in part responsible for transforming him into the chef he is today.

Chef Raymond has traveled the world as an Executive Chef working in kitchens in Europe, South America, Central America, Caribbean islands Grand Cayman and St. Marten, as well as aboard some of the most luxurious international cruise ships. During his time abroad, Chef Raymond took advantage of the opportunity to learn about the culinary trade in different cultures.

As the newly appointed Executive Chef of Stanhope Grille at The Back Bay Hotel in Boston, Chef Raymond brings a lifetime of culinary experience and passion.

"I am a cook, a chef, and a foodie," says Chef Raymond. "I truly believe that if you use great products, apply mastered cooking techniques, and cook from your heart, the food will be nothing short of yummy!"

The former Jurys Boston opened in June of 2004 after a major conversion from the historic Boston Police Headquarters building. Newly branded, The Back Bay Hotel is located at 350 Stuart Street in Boston and houses 225 luxury guest rooms, five meeting rooms, private dining accommodations, the Stanhope Grille restaurant, 154 Lounge, and Cuffs, An Irish Bar.

Stephen Johnston, General Manager, says, "The Back Bay Hotel's new name is a celebration of our roots becoming firmly planted in Boston's Back Bay neighborhood, the evolving tastes of our guests, and a vote of confidence in the Boston business community. We are proud to have struck a chord with our guests, who enjoy the blend of classic details, Irish Boston heritage, and modern interpretation, all in harmony with the Back Bay's charm."

After converting the forbidding historic Boston Police Headquarters into a warm, inviting, contemporary destination for business and leisure guests, this boutique hotel quickly became a good neighbor and Back Bay destination, winning accolades for its blend of contemporary style, inviting accommodations, and warm Irish hospitality. The Back Bay Hotel in Boston offers simply understated luxury and complimentary amenities, from plush robes and bottled water to high-speed Internet access and al fresco dining along the scenic Berkeley Street. The waterfall feature and Irish modern art are guest favorites, second only to the property's reputation for extraordinary service and "practical pleasures".

#### **ABOUT STANHOPE GRILLE:**

Located in The Back Bay Hotel, the former Boston Police Department headquarters, the stylish Stanhope Grille is a unique city restaurant serving some of Boston's best culinary fare all day long. Each of our menus celebrates the very best ingredients of each season. We are proud to support local farmers, foragers, cheese makers, and fishermen and feature sustainable beef, lamb, pork, poultry and seafood wherever possible. Executive Chef Raymond Southern draws inspiration from the abundance of locally grown produce to create imaginative and seasonally-inspired dishes. Hearty Irish breakfasts stay true to Boston's heritage as well as represent the Doyle Collections roots in Cork and Dublin. Lunch offers something for everyone from our dedicated local business community, to the distinguished traveler, or to those looking to have a mid day break and a great meal while shopping in Back Bay. Dinner in The Stanhope Grille is a true culinary experience. Chef Southern has honed his skills in top kitchens around the globe. He brings a genuine culinary enthusiasm to the Stanhope Grille, evident in thoughtful dishes that are carefully crafted for each season. Stanhope Grille is located at 350 Stuart Street in Boston. For more information, please call: (617) 266-7200, or visit: [www.doylecollection.com/restaurants/the\\_stanhope\\_grille.aspx](http://www.doylecollection.com/restaurants/the_stanhope_grille.aspx).

#### **ABOUT THE BACK BAY HOTEL:**

Located in the former headquarters of the Boston Police Department, it is now an even more arresting proposition after a stunning renovation program that has created a modern-day landmark in this magnificent city. The stylish interior of The Back Bay Hotel offers vibrancy and warmth unique to this luxury Boston hotel and our team complements that warmth with a highly engaging and personal form of service that makes your stay a genuinely luxurious experience. We're equally well located for exploring the tourist riches of Boston or doing business in this strategically important

business capital. The Back Bay Hotel Boston, by the Charles River, is the perfect base from which to explore or exploit this compact and beautiful city. But whatever your purpose for visiting Boston, your stay will be infinitely more memorable if it includes a visit to The Back Bay Hotel. For more information, please call: (617) 266-7200 or visit: [www.doylecollection.com](http://www.doylecollection.com).

**ABOUT THE DOYLE COLLECTION:**

Based in Dublin, The Doyle Collection – formerly known as the Jurys Doyle Hotel Group - is a privately-held hotel group managing eleven luxury hotels spanning six major urban centers in the U.S., Ireland and the UK, representing 2,300 rooms and approximately 1,400 employees. With an intensive Euro 200 million capital investment program, The Doyle Collection is enjoying new life and luster with refurbishments in properties and brand identities across the eleven properties. Each property shares a single aim: to provide their guests with extraordinary hospitality, dedicated service and an atmosphere of modern, understated luxury. In addition to The Back Bay Hotel, The Doyle Collection The Dupont Hotel, The Normandy Hotel, and The Courtyard by Marriott in Washington DC; in Ireland, Dublin's The Westbury and The Croke Park Hotel as well as The Cork Hotel; and in England, The Bristol Hotel, and London's The Marylebone Hotel, The Great Russell Hotel, and The Kensington Hotel. The first Jurys Hotel was founded in 1839 by William Jury at No.7 College Green in Dublin, and the Group has traded as leading Irish hoteliers ever since. The Doyle Group was founded in 1964 by PV Doyle, and was Ireland's largest privately-owned and managed hotel group. In 1999, Jurys Hotel Group plc acquired the Doyle Hotel Group. The group was taken private in 2005. The re-launch of The Doyle Collection marks the evolution of the company in keeping with PV Doyle's original vision, delivered by the next generation of the Doyle and Beatty families. For more information, please visit: [www.thedoylecollection.com](http://www.thedoylecollection.com).

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