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EPIC ROASTHOUSE AND WATERBAR // SAN FRANCISCO

These side-by-side restaurants served by a pair of celebrity chefs—Pat Kuleto at the seafood-centric Waterbar, Jan Birnbaum at the meaty Roasthouse—opened last year on the Embarcadero, in the shadow of the Oakland-San Francisco Bay Bridge. The first privately funded construction to go up on the waterfront in 99 years was an instant hit with locals—and with meeting planners looking for alternatives to windowless conference rooms.

Waterbar can host groups of up to 125 for receptions or 55 for sit-down dinners in a second-floor private dining space that features a bay-front window wall, outdoor terrace, audio-visual capability, Wi-Fi and a dedicated kitchen and bar. Up to 65 can be seated in similarly endowed private space at Epic Roasthouse. The window-lined private room overlooks the bay and the Bay Bridge and features a private outdoor terrace.

54-room Beach House Hotel: waterfront location, fireplace in every guest room, fabulous food (provided by an in-house caterer) and quick access to recreational activities.

If you have to call it work, consider: four flexible meeting rooms, each with fireplace and one with ocean views, can accommodate groups of 10 to 60. Dining options include beach barbecues and banquets on an ocean-view terrace. There's no extra charge for the intangible benefits—rest, relaxation, rejuvenation—that draw folks here in the first place.