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Nick Varano has more details on his second Strega restaurant planned for Fan Pier on the South Boston waterfront, an area that he believes will become the “new Boston” in the next year or two.

The 160-seat Italian restaurant with a 30-seat bar will be more upscale than his original Strega in Boston’s North End, according to Varano. It’s slated to open by May on the first floor at One Marina Park Drive, the development’s first office building.

Varano isn’t worried about taking business from his smaller 56-seat Strega, which has attracted pro athletes and actors including Adam Sandler, Kevin James, Salma Hayek, Kate Hudson and the cast of “The Sopranos.”

“The North End is the greatest neighborhood in the country,” he said.