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North End Restaurateur Nick Varano is planting his flag at Fan Pier, saying he intends to open a new Italian restaurant in Joseph Fallon's waterfront development project.

Varano said today he is planning to open a new Strega location at One Marina Park Drive, the first building in Fallon's planned 23-acre complex of offices, stores and residences. He said the restaurant will have an outdoor section and seating inside for 160, nearly three times the size of [the original Strega restaurant](#) on Hanover Street.

"We're very excited about it," he said. "Fan Pier is one of the most beautiful locations in all of Boston."

"We've announced some exciting new tenants coming to the waterfront, including LouisBoston and law firm Fish & Richardson," said Steven Pellegrino, a Fallon Co. spokesman.

The Fan Pier location would add to Varano's growing stable of restaurants, which also includes Nico and Nick Varano's Famous Deli.