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Tidewater Stadium and Rhode Island FC Partnering with Levy for Match Day Hospitality

National leader in sports hospitality will craft a world-class food and beverage experience for Rhode Island FC fans, led locally by a team of Rhode Island's top culinary and hospitality talent, that showcases local businesses and favorite brands

Rhode Island FC to release fan survey to help inform stadium menu

PAWTUCKET, RI - Tidewater Stadium and Rhode Island FC have pledged to offer fans a world-class stadium experience from the moment the stadium opens. Tidewater Stadium, in collaboration with Rhode Island FC, announced today a long-term partnership with Levy, the market leader in creating unforgettable hospitality experiences at sports and entertainment venues. Tidewater Stadium, Levy and Rhode Island FC will soon release a fan survey to begin developing a local, Rhode Island-specific menu and experience.

“Rhode Islanders deserve a first-class stadium experience, whether they’re coming to Tidewater Stadium for a Rhode Island FC match, a concert, a festival, college football or any other event. Levy is the best in the business at delivering that world-class experience. They have an unmatched reputation for offering world-class hospitality, food, and beverage experiences that elevate local traditions and support local businesses,” said **Paul Byrne, General Manager of Tidewater Stadium**. “Our partnership with Levy will help create hundreds of game day jobs in Pawtucket and provide local chefs and brewers with a platform for growth. We are confident that through our partnership with Levy that we will deliver the best fan experience in all of Rhode Island.”

“Rhode Island FC is a club for all Rhode Island, and we are excited to welcome Levy to this great state,” said **Brett Luy, Rhode Island FC President**. “The experience that the Tidewater team and Levy will create will help build and grow our fanbase and make Tidewater Stadium one of the toughest venues for visiting clubs to come play.”

As part of the partnership, Levy has committed to collaborating with and spotlighting local chefs, restaurants, brewers, and businesses to craft an elevated food and beverage experience for every fan visiting Tidewater Stadium.

“When we get the chance to celebrate what is authentically local and create something based on fans’ input, that is a recipe for a memorable and distinct food and beverage experience,” said **Andy Lansing, CEO of Levy**. “We’re thrilled to have that unique opportunity with Rhode Island FC and the Tidewater Stadium team. Together, we’ll design and deliver world-class food and beverage offerings that represent these communities and complement the amazing soccer venue that will wow and welcome guests from day one.”

Levy is the hospitality partner at 16 soccer-specific stadiums across the country, including world-class new MLS venues in Austin, Cincinnati, Columbus, and St. Louis, as well as the top USL venues in Louisville and Colorado Springs. For more than 40 years, Levy has created exceptional fan experiences elevating local businesses through their partnerships with arenas like the Barclays Center, United Center and Crypto.com Arena, ballparks like Wrigley Field and Dodger Stadium, multi-sport venues like Mercedes-Benz Stadium, and iconic events like the Kentucky Derby and US Open Tennis Championships, as well as fan favorite gatherings like the Waste Management Open, which is often heralded as the most fan-friendly experience in professional golf.

About Levy

The disruptor in defining the sports and entertainment hospitality experience, Levy is recognized as the market leader and most critically acclaimed hospitality company in its industry. Twice named one of the 10 most innovative companies in sports by Fast Company magazine and one of the top three Best Employers for Diversity in America by Forbes, Levy’s diverse portfolio includes award-winning restaurants; iconic sports and entertainment venues, zoos and cultural institutions, theaters and music festivals, and convention centers; as well as the Super Bowl, Grammy Awards, US Open Tennis Tournament, Kentucky Derby, Coachella and Stagecoach Music Festivals, and NHL, MLB, NBA, NFL, and MLS All-Star Games. For more, visit levyrestaurants.com or follow us on [LinkedIn](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#).

About Rhode Island FC

Rhode Island FC is independently owned and operated and is the only homegrown men’s professional team in the state. It is led under co-founders Brett Johnson and former MLS and USMNT player Michael Parkhurst, a Rhode Island native. The club will begin play in 2024 in a soccer-specific stadium being built on the Pawtucket waterfront, which will serve as a catalyst for redevelopment in the city. To learn more, visit rhodeislandfc.com.

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