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## **D.C. UNITED SET FOR FIRST FULL SEASON AT AUDI FIELD, STARTING MARCH 3 IN WASHINGTON D.C.'S FLOURISHING CAPITOL RIVERFRONT NEIGHBORHOOD**

(Washington, DC—For Immediate Release – 26 February 2019) – The first of two professional sports seasons will commence in Capitol Riverfront, DC's fastest growing neighborhood, as Major League Soccer team **D.C. United** launches their first full season at **Audi Field** on Sunday, March 3. Opened last July in the emerging Buzzard Point subarea of Capitol Riverfront, Audi Field is another key element of the transformative redevelopment of this dynamic, mixed-use urban waterfront neighborhood. The team will host 2018 MLS Cup Champions Atlanta United in the nationally-televised match on ESPN.

As D.C. United embark on their 24<sup>th</sup> season, game day prospects for fans throughout the neighborhood are many and varied, with some 58 dining options throughout Capitol Riverfront from casual spots for a quick bite to some of the city's finest restaurants.

The 20,000-seat Audi Field leads the redevelopment of Buzzard Point, a once-blighted industrial zone that will ultimately contain approximately eight million square feet of development at buildout, including over 6,000 residential units; 300,000 square feet of retail space; over 900 hotels rooms; and 600,000 square feet of office space. There are currently 1,000 residential units under construction among condo building Peninsula 88 and two apartment buildings, Riverpoint and 1900 Half. The delivery of these projects in 2020 will also bring 105,000 square feet of ground floor retail.

"What started as an industrial backyard has already become a desirable riverfront destination for urban living, working, and connecting, with more pieces on the near horizon," said Michael Stevens, president of the Capitol Riverfront BID. "Audi Field is one more example of the economic surge happening in Capitol Riverfront, and Buzzard Point is the final piece of the neighborhood puzzle, continuing the transformation into a vibrant, healthy and thriving community."

The rapidly growing Capitol Riverfront neighborhood has exceeded 10,000 residents this year, with 5,200 units currently under construction and another 7,000 residents expected by the end of 2020. Rounding out the submarket are recently-delivered office buildings 99M and DC Water headquarters, under-construction 250M and NAB Headquarters at One M, and under-construction Thompson D.C. boutique hotel—delivering in 2020.

### **About Capitol Riverfront**

Capitol Riverfront is a 500-acre neighborhood situated between I-395 and the Anacostia River

smartly designed to give businesses, residents, and guests an exciting environment to explore, connect, and thrive. New restaurants, retail, hotels, residences, and office spaces are opening every month in the Capitol Riverfront, DC's fastest growing neighborhood. There is always something new to discover in DC's largest and most dynamic waterfront community . For more information, visit [capitolriverfront.org](http://capitolriverfront.org).

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