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PIKE PLACE MARKET JOINS LEADING INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC MARKETS IN NEW “MAGNIFICENT SEVEN” ALLIANCE

The 110-year-old Pike Place Market is the only public market in the Western Hemisphere in the alliance



June 28, 2018 – As the longest continuously operating public market in the country, [Pike Place Market](#) announces its inclusion with six leading international public markets around the world, as part of the new “Magnificent Seven (M7) Alliance,” an initiative spearheaded by London’s [Borough Market](#).

Pike Place Market is the only public market in the Western Hemisphere that is part of the partnership formed with six historic and iconic public markets around the globe, including [La Boqueria](#), Barcelona; [Markthalle Neun](#), Berlin; [Central Market Hall](#), Budapest; [Sydney Fish Market](#), Sydney; and [Queen Victoria Market](#), Melbourne.

“To be part of this alliance is a great honor,” said Mary Bacarella, Executive Director of the Pike Place Market Preservation and Development Authority (PDA), which serves as landlord and manager of the Pike Place

Market and its [nine-acre historic district](#). “We are among great company with these other highly esteemed public markets, and we look forward to coming together to share knowledge and history about our markets.”

The alliance is a partnership focusing on forward-thinking and sharing of knowledge, expertise and history pertaining to public market operations, including championing quality, sustainability and environmental approaches to food and its production. Additionally, leaders from the markets will collaborate in skill sharing, community development and innovative uses of the historic spaces and locations each market is in.

“Our great public markets are extraordinary community assets,” said John Turnbull, Director of Asset Management for the Pike Place Market Preservation PDA. “Public Markets reflect local culture, host dynamic social interactions and nurture small independent businesses. In today’s increasingly homogenous and digital world, these public markets remain expressions of essential face-to-face interactions. Meeting the challenges of tourism, e-commerce and ever-changing demographics, requires a special type of stewardship based on local values. We hope to share, learn and inspire others to meet these challenges with this partnership.”

Pike Place Market opened in August 1907 and today, welcomes more than 15 million visitors annually. More than 500 small independent businesses, including restaurants, cafes, fish and seafood markets, shops and boutiques, farmers and craftspeople sell within the Market’s nine-acre historic district. Additionally, Pike Place Market is home to more than 450 residents, many of whom are low-income seniors. For more information about Pike Place Market, visit www.pikeplacemarket.org.

***Pike Place Market** is Seattle’s original farmers market, founded in 1907, and is one of the oldest continuously operating public markets in the U.S. The market operates within a 9-acre historic district and is a bustling neighborhood of hundreds of vendors, residents and businesses, including farmers, craftspeople, independent shops, buskers, and residents, many of whom are low-income seniors, and five social service agencies.*
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***The Pike Place Market Preservation & Development Authority (PDA)** is a not-for-profit, public corporation chartered by the City of Seattle in 1973 to manage the properties in the 9-acre Market Historic District. The PDA’s charter is to preserve, rehabilitate and protect the Market’s buildings, increase opportunities for farm and food retailing in the Market, incubate and support small and marginal businesses, and provide services and affordable housing for low-income people.* www.pikeplacemarket.org

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