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# BEST — OF —

# BOSTON

Where in the city  
can you find this  
triple-decker ice  
cream cone?  
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**BEST**

**BOSS**

**2016**



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*It's finally here. No, not the Green Line Extension (that may never come), but our 43rd annual Best of Boston issue. We spent the past year tirelessly researching more than 300 categories, from haircut to trivia night to clam shack, to bring you the finest Boston has to offer. Ahead, our indispensable guide to living well in the city right now.*

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Remarkable ramen, next-level seafood po' boys, and the city's finest Viet-Cajun cuisine.

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# DINING

REMARKABLE RAMEN, NEXT-LEVEL SEAFOOD PO' BOYS,  
AND THE CITY'S FINEST VIET-CAJUN CUISINE

## Sushi

### UNI

370 Commonwealth Ave., Boston, 617-536-7200,  
[uni-boston.com](http://uni-boston.com).

Cries of fine dining's demise flooded the foodie ether when Ken Oringer closed Clio just short of its two-decade anniversary. But that decision has given the chef, as well as partner Tony Messina, the space to more fully develop the restaurant's award-winning sister concept next door. Along with new street foods like a Vietnamese bologna *bánh mì* tartine, Oringer has expanded his sushi program to include cutting-edge nigiri (roasted carrot with *vadouvan* crème fraîche), maki (pickled sweet potato), and sashimi sourced straight from Tokyo's Tsukiji Fish Market. □

## READERS' PICKS **Ramen**

1. **Uni** ..... 35%
2. **Shōjō** ..... 31%
3. **Santouka Ramen** ..... 18%
4. **Yume Wo Katate** ..... 13%



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