

Looking for a place to host your next corporate cocktail hour? While Six Penn, Bossa Nova and Olive or Twist are great standbys, head towards Market Square for newer options ideally suited for small and large groups alike. Here are just a few to consider:

Vallozzi's Pittsburgh

<http://vallozzispittsburgh.com/>

Located on 5th Avenue, Vallozzi's Pittsburgh has several options for private and semi-private events and can accommodate up to 150 people. Vallozzi's offers a special menu for cocktail receptions, featuring a nice assortment of Tuscan-inspired dishes. Options include a fresh mozzarella bar and charcuterie, with fare flown in directly from Italy on a weekly basis. Minimums to rent out the entire Lounge start at \$3,000 (Monday through Wednesday; \$4,000 Thursday through Saturday). This venue is also a good option for small and mid-size groups. The private Colonna room can accommodate 35 (\$1,500 minimum Monday through Wednesday; \$2,000 Thursday through Saturday), and the semi-private Skattaglia offers an intimate environment for 10-15 (\$750 minimum Monday through Wednesday; \$1,000 Thursday to Saturday). Tables can be reserved in the Lounge with no minimum. To schedule your event, call Johanna at 412-393-3400.

Nola on the Square

www.nolaonthesquare.com

While Nola has become a business lunchtime favorite, if you haven't been to the upstairs Speakeasy you're missing out. A group of 30 nicely fills the room, spread out at the private bar and at tables, but the space can accommodate up to 55 for a cocktail party. There's no minimum for the space, but there is a set up / clean up fee of \$100 for dinner. If you have a slightly larger crowd or need ADA accessibility, check out the Garden District downstairs, which accommodates up to 80 people for a cocktail party in a semi-private setting. The food selection includes the New Orleans style fare Nola is known for, and with fried frog legs on the menu offers a much different selection than many other venues in the area. Food packages start at \$24/person. Call Jackie at 412-443-0747 or email jackie@bigygroup.com to book your event.

Perl 

www.perlepg.com

Owned by the same restaurant group as Nola, Perl  joined the Market Square scene last summer. A "European style Champagne lounge," Perle is located just next door to Nola on the second floor. Perl  features champagne on tap, a full bar, craft and import bottled beers, and a tapas style food menu. The venue is available for private events 7 days a week and offers a unique set up that allows for the venue to be changed to accommodate almost any type of function. With a cocktail party capacity of 180, Perle is suited for large groups and features state of the art audiovisual equipment. Food and beverage

minimums vary based on time frame and day of the week. Call Jackie at 412-443-0747 or email jackie@bigygroup.com for more information. Note that Perlé is not ADA accessible.

Andy's Wine Bar

www.andyswinebar.com

Just outside of Market Square, Andy's Bar in the Fairmont Hotel offers a good alternative for those with a small group who just want to carve out a space of their own for a casual event in a modern setting. Two high tables to the side of the bar can be reserved with a low minimum (\$300) when hors d'oeuvres are ordered in advance. A server will take drink orders for the group. This space can also be used for large groups that will be moving in and out. If you want a more private space, head upstairs to Habitat. A semi-private space by the open kitchen can accommodate 35-40 (\$3,500 minimum, not available Friday/Saturday). To book at Andy's call Jennifer at 412.773.8887. For Habitat, ask for Kate at 412.773.8848.

Have other suggestions for where to host a corporate cocktail hour near Market Square or elsewhere? Post them to PSMA's LinkedIn Group!