

Merit Advisors' economic development consultants assist Florida craft brewers with expanding existing and locating new breweries

May 1, 2015 - Over the last two years, Merit Advisor's economic development consultants have assisted, will continue to assist, several Florida craft brewers with expanding their existing breweries and establishing new breweries. The catalyst was **Cigar City Brewing**, currently rated the fourth best craft brewery in the world by ratebeer.com and the largest (volume) craft brewer in Florida, and its large expansion project in Tampa, Florida. Merit is also assisting **Green Bench Brewing** with its new brewery that recently opened in St. Petersburg, Florida, **Coppertail Brewing Company** with its new brewery that recently opened in Tampa (Ybor City), Florida, **J. Wakefield Brewing** with its new brewery that opened in Miami (Wynwood), FL, and **Rock Brothers Brewery** that will be opening its new brewery and event venue in Tampa (Ybor City), Florida. This segment of the manufacturing industry is thriving and these craft brewers continue to make capital investments and create new jobs throughout Florida. We are also working with **7venth Sun Brewing** (<http://www.7venthsun.com>) located in Dunedin, Florida and **Cigar City Cider & Mead** located in Tampa (Ybor City), Florida and are constantly in discussions with other breweries from Tallahassee to Jacksonville to Miami that would like Merit Advisors economic development consultants' assistance with expanding and/or locating new breweries in Florida.

Cigar City Brewing

<http://www.bizjournals.com/tampabay/news/2013/10/25/redner-wraps-cigar-city-expansion.html>

Green Bench Brewing

<http://www.tampabay.com/things-to-do/food/spirits/green-bench-brewery-opens-in-st-petersburg/2143997>

Coppertail Brewing Company

<http://www.tampabaybrewnews.com/coppertail-brewing/>

J. Wakefield Brewing

<http://www.miaminewtimes.com/restaurants/j-wakefield-brewing-company-brews-first-official-batch-6567373>

Rock Brothers Brewing

<http://www.bizjournals.com/tampabay/news/2015/04/03/rock-brothers-brewery-and-tasting-room-earmarked.html>