



## **WATCH HILL INN, AN OCEAN HOUSE VILLA PROPERTY, OPENS AFTER MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR RENOVATION AND REBRANDING**

WATCH HILL, RI (June 20, 2014) – Ocean House Management, LLC, operators of the Forbes Five Star and AAA Five Diamond Ocean House and Weekapaug Inn in Westerly, Rhode Island, and Watch Hill Properties, announce today the opening of Watch Hill Inn, an Ocean House Villas property.

The multi-million dollar project began in February and included the renovation of 19 suites, a new lobby and significant landscape enhancements. The suites, ranging size from 650 square foot Terrace Suites to the 4,000 square foot Penthouse, are fully equipped with new custom kitchens and feature a variety of state-of-the-art technology such as in-room iPads, Apple TV, Sonos wireless HiFi systems and complimentary streaming movies and music.

“Watch Hill Inn was designed for younger families, and couples and those who prefer a more modern, contemporary feel to the grandeur and opulence of Ocean House, or to the barefoot elegance of Weekapaug Inn,” said Daniel Hostettler, President & Group Managing Director of Ocean House Management, LLC. “As an all-suite villa property of Ocean House, Watch Hill Inn is the perfect place for those who are looking for a longer vacation with either family or friends, that will also allow them access to the amenities at Ocean House and Weekapaug Inn.”

Guests of the inn will enjoy the signature high-touch service that the Ocean House has become known for, including private concierge services through the inn’s on-site management and guest relations team. Guests will also be able to enjoy the facilities of the Ocean House located just a short walk up the road, as well as the offerings at the Weekapaug Inn via complimentary shuttle.

“With three properties that possess vastly different styles and ambiances, there is truly an option for every taste,” said Hostettler. “For those who feel Watch Hill Inn best suits their taste, the luxury of partaking in the daily resort activities at both Ocean House and Weekapaug Inn, dining at either of the two resorts’ restaurants, or visiting the OH! Spa, fitness center and private beach at Ocean House is right at their fingertips.”

### **About the Watch Hill Inn**

As the oldest original structure in Watch Hill Village, the Watch Hill Inn was built in 1845 and was known as the Narragansett House. Listed in the National Historical Landmark Register in Washington D.C., the Inn was the first building to be built as an inn from conception and reported to be the oldest of its kind in the country. Along with the Ocean House, the Watch Hill

Inn was one of only two Watch Hill original hotels to survive the hurricane of 1938. In 2014 renovations were completed that converted the Inn into a collection luxury suites ranging from 650 to 4,000 square feet and each with terraces, just steps away from Watch Hill Harbor. The Watch Hill Inn is a villa property of Ocean House and is affiliated with Relais & Châteaux. For more information, please visit [www.watchhillinn.com](http://www.watchhillinn.com) or call 401-584-7400.

### **About the Ocean House**

The Ocean House, one of New England's last grand hotels, re-opened its doors in June 2010 after a \$140 million rebuild and restoration. The 136-year-old property, originally built just after the Civil War, is perched high on the bluffs in Watch Hill, Rhode Island. Guests enjoy views of the Atlantic Ocean, Montauk and Block Island from the resort's 49 guestrooms and 15 signature suites. Farm-to-table casual and fine dining, the 12,000-square-foot OH! Spa and more than 10,000 square feet of event space make the Ocean House ideal for mid-week business retreats, close-to-home family vacations, weekend luxury escapes and destination weddings. Ocean House is a member of Relais & Châteaux, an exclusive collection of more than 500 of the finest hotels and gourmet restaurants in 60 countries that has set the standard for excellence in hospitality. This stately property is the only AAA Five-Diamond and Forbes Five-Star rated resort in Rhode Island. For more information, please visit [www.oceanhouseri.com](http://www.oceanhouseri.com) or call 401-584-7000.

### **About the Weekapaug Inn**

The Weekapaug Inn, which reopened in October 2012, has been a staple of the Rhode Island coastline since 1899. The Inn is located five miles from its sister property, the Ocean House, in the peaceful community of Weekapaug, with expansive views of Quonochontaug Pond, and the Atlantic just beyond. Inspired by classic Cape Cod style, the property features 27 guest rooms and four Signature Suites, with farm-to-table fine and casual dining and boutique event space. The Weekapaug Inn is a member of Relais & Châteaux, an exclusive collection of more than 500 of the finest hotels and gourmet restaurants in 60 countries that has set the standard for excellence in hospitality. For more information, please visit [www.weekapauginn.com](http://www.weekapauginn.com) or call 888-813-7862.

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