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## Historic Watch Hill Inn to Open as Boutique Hotel

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WATCH HILL, R.I.—Ocean House Management (OHM), operators of the Ocean House and Weekapaug Inn in Westerly, R.I., and Watch Hill Properties (WHP), announced the formation of a joint endeavor to renovate and reposition the Watch Hill Inn into a luxury, all-suite boutique property managed by and affiliated with the Ocean House and Relais and Châteaux.

“We are thrilled to join WHP in overseeing the renovation of this historic property into an all-suite villa component to our existing property just up the street,” said Daniel A. Hostettler, president and group managing director of Ocean House Management.

Located just down the road from the Ocean House, the newly-renovated inn will offer 18 residentially-inspired suites and duplexes, ranging in size from 650 to

4,000 square feet, all just steps away from Watch Hill Harbor. Each unit will be fully equipped with new custom kitchens and private laundry facilities. The property will be positioned to appeal to a modern, youthful clientele by incorporating a contemporary coastal design esthetic along with a variety of technology features ranging from in-room iPads to wireless music systems and Apple TV.

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.

“While the Ocean House and the Watch Hill Inn will evoke two very different atmospheres, we plan to create appropriate synergies between the two properties to create truly unique and special experiences for guests at each hotel,” Hostettler added.

The multi-million dollar renovation and landscape projects will begin this month in order to meet an anticipated opening in summer 2014. Renovations include conversion of several current suites into two-story duplex suites, full refurbishment of all units, creation of a private club lounge, exterior landscape additions, and new interior design schemes done in a contemporary coastal style by Donna Simmons for the Ocean House Design Group.