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Made-Over Weekapaug Inn to Reopen Under Ocean House Management

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Get ready for more luxury lodgings right here in Rhode Island: Ocean House Management has announced that the <u>Weekapaug Inn</u> – that historic, quintessential New England seaside inn ideal for family retreats – will re-open in October 2012 after a \$20 million transformation.

Ocean House Management, LLC has assumed management of the historic hotel, and the Weekapaug Inn now joins the <u>Ocean House</u> as a collection of seaside resorts renowned for their scenic Rhode Island oceanfront setting, sense of tradition, exceptional food and highly personalized service.



A new look for the Weekapaug will include sumptuous interiors b RI interior decorator Nancy Taylor.

The return of an iconic seaside inn

"We are thrilled to have the opportunity to manage the Weekapaug Inn and we are honored to play a role in the return of one of New England's most iconic seaside inns," said Daniel A. Hostettler, the President and Group Managing Director of Ocean House Management, LLC. "We recognize the vibrant traditions and sense of community at the Inn that will make it a gathering place for locals and guests from around the world." Langdon Wheeler, Managing Member of Weekapaug Inn and Cottages LLC said, "It is truly a pleasure to work with the talented team at the Ocean House, and I am confident that their success in reopening the Ocean House will translate to an incredible next chapter for the Weekapaug Inn."

Complete renovation

Undergoing a complete renovation with the support and cooperation of the Rhode Island Historic Preservation & Heritage Commission, the Weekapaug Inn has always boasted of its sweeping views of Quonochontaug Pond, and the Atlantic just beyond. Originally built in 1899, the Inn is inspired by classic Cape-Cod style architecture, covered with red cedar shingles and accented by dark brown trim. Now under construction, the original 67 rooms will become 27 guest rooms, and four two-bedroom Signature Suites, giving the Inn 31 rooms. Other additions include a three-lane 75-foot lap pool connecting to a fitness center, in the area where the tennis courts were located previously. To entice guests to enjoy the romance of winter in New England, rooms will have bathrooms with heated floors and towel racks, and four wood-burning fireplaces in the public spaces. There will be three dining outlets that will offer a modern interpretation of New England Coastal Cuisine.

The big sister: Ocean House

Located just five miles away, the AAA Five Diamond Property and Relais & Chateaux <u>Ocean House</u> will serve as a sister property and manager, allowing guests of the Inn the use of its facilities, including Rhode Island's only Forbes Five Star <u>OH! Spa</u>, five restaurant outlets, championship croquet, two squash courts and a 650-foot private white-sand beach. The partnership allows guests at each property to experience the best of both worlds, and enjoy two properties with vastly different styles.

For more information about the Weekapaug Inn, call 401-322-0301 or visit <u>www.weekapauginn.com</u>. Reservations are already available.