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NEW ENGLAND'S HISTORIC OCEAN HOUSE TO RE-OPEN ITS DOORS

Revered Summer Home by the Sea to Arrive in Grand Style in spring 2010

WATCH HILL, RI, May 18, 2009 – Continuing its 136 year history, the Ocean House, one of the last grand hotels in New England, will re-open its doors in June 2010.

The Ocean House will be a five star hotel featuring 49 guestrooms and 23 private residences perched high on the bluffs in Watch Hill Rhode Island with sweeping views of the Atlantic Ocean, Montauk and Block Island.

“We are thrilled to re-open the doors of the Ocean House to our guests and friends,” said Daniel Hostettler, Managing Director of Ocean House. “For generations, the Ocean House provided a summer homecoming to returning guests year after year and we are excited to revive the tradition in a casually elegant yet sumptuous setting.”

Because of its age, the original structure was dismantled in 2004 after the property closed in 2003. Longing to preserve this centerpiece of Watch Hill history, a community group came to its rescue. Bluff Avenue LLC, led by Charles M. Royce, Nicholas C. Moore, Donna Simmons and Grant Simmons, was formed to preserve the Ocean House site as a hotel, community asset and significant cornerstone of the Watch Hill and Westerly neighborhood for generations to come.

“The Ocean House is a reminder of a simpler time,” said Mr. Royce. “The friendships and family bonds that were forged here have lasted a lifetime. Our goal is to recreate the environment of those golden days and provide the chance for people to once again gather and enjoy this grand and extraordinary spot.”

Famously known for its warm yellow façade and stunning views of the Atlantic, the Ocean House was built in Watch Hill just after the Civil War. The Victorian-style hotel

has always been a gracious and genteel resort where generations of families and guests from across America would come “to summer.”

The new Ocean House will be open year-round and will cater to leisure and business travelers seeking a serene, first-class, beachfront hotel. Guests will be treated to “farm to table” cuisine in both the fine and casual dining venues. A private Club Room and bar will offer light fare and a convivial atmosphere. An impeccably designed spa will feature six treatment rooms, an ocean view lap pool and a state-of-the-art fitness center. A 1,000 foot expanse of private beach will provide guests with an oceanfront playground replete with staffed cabanas and an array of water sports and area activities.

The Ocean House will feature over 10,000 square-feet of indoor and alfresco events space to accommodate private gatherings, corporate retreats, business conferences and weddings.

In addition to the hotel, the Ocean House will feature 23 private residences ranging from sumptuous studios to stately two bedrooms, all with stunning ocean views and each featuring the privacy of home combined with the elegant services of the finest of hotels: world-class cuisine, breakfast in bed, private beach and cabana access, spa and fitness centers and all the exceptional touches that make Ocean House living an unparalleled experience.

Nightly rates at Ocean House are from \$450 depending on the season. For additional information on Ocean House, please visit www.oceanhouseri.com or call (401) 345-5599.

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