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## South County, Rhode Island's Ocean House and Weekapaug Inn are Among 12 New England Hotels to Earn Forbes Travel Guide's 2024 Five Star Award

Ocean House is the Only Hotel in New England and One of Only 15 Hotels in the World to be a Triple Forbes Five Star Property

**February 7, 2024, Charlestown, Rhode Island** - Forbes Travel Guide ("FTG")—the only independent, global rating system for luxury hotels, restaurants, and spas—today unveiled its list of 2024 Star Award winners which includes Ocean House and Weekapaug Inn in Westerly, Rhode Island.

In addition to the Five-Star rating for hotel accommodations, Forbes also released that Ocean House received Five Stars for the Ocean & Harvest Spa and for COAST, the hotel's fine dining restaurant.

The prestigious list of Five Star award winners, FTG's highest honor, features a total of 12 New England hotels and resorts in the region to have earned the coveted recognition. Ocean House in Watch Hill, Rhode Island is the only hotel in New England and one of only 15 Hotels in the world to be a Triple Five Star property.

"We are honored once again to have the distinction of 20 combined stars for both Ocean House and Weekapaug Inn," said Dant Hirsh, president and managing director of Ocean House Collection. "This international recognition is a result of our team's passion and commitment to the delivery of extraordinary service to our guests," added Hirsch.

"What an honor for the region," said Louise Bishop, president of the South County Tourism Council. "This type of recognition puts not only South County, but Rhode Island, on the international map as a world class luxury destination."

The 12 New England properties that earned the 2024 Five Star Award include the Boston Harbor Hotel (MA), Chatham Bars Inn (MA), Chatham Inn (MA), Encore Boston Harbor (MA), Four Seasons Boston (MA), Four Seasons One Dalton Street (MA), Mandarin Oriental Boston (MA), Ocean House (RI), The Chanler at Cliff Walk (RI), Weekapaug Inn (RI), Wequassett Resort and Golf Club (MA), and Wheatleigh (MA). As the only global rating system for luxury hotels, restaurants and spas, Forbes Travel Guide's professional inspectors evaluate properties based on up to 900 objective standards, with an emphasis on exceptional service. Forbes Travel Guide helps discerning travelers See the full list of honorees on ForbesTravelGuide.com.

## **About Ocean House Collection**

Ocean House Collection is the curator of New England's most exceptional luxury hotels, restaurants, and residences. All properties are in South County, Rhode Island, a delightful seaside community that has been a treasured New England resort getaway since the early 19th century. The Collection's portfolio includes Ocean House, the internationally known luxury oceanfront hotel with an award-winning spa, restaurants, and activities; Weekapaug Inn, a charming, historic Inn in a beautiful natural setting; Watch Hill Inn, the family-forward property in the center of Watch Hill Village; and the newly expanded Cottage Collection, featuring private residences, providing luxury conveniences, added privacy and the exclusive amenities of an Ocean House stay.

**About South County Tourism Council:** The South County Tourism Council is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting the towns of Charlestown, Coventry, East Greenwich, Exeter, Hopkinton, Narragansett, North Kingstown, Richmond, South Kingstown, West Greenwich and Westerly as a single leisure travel destination known as "South County". For more information, please visit <u>southcountyri.com</u>.

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