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New Castle Assumes Management of Connecticut's Westport Inn

SHELTON, Conn., April 2, 2013—Officials of New Castle Hotels and Resorts today announced it has assumed management of the 117-room Westport Inn in Westport, Conn. The hotel is part of the Ascend Collection of independent hotels.

“The Westport Inn hits our sweet spot for high-potential hotels with significant business drivers that require some creative input and repositioning,” said Gerry Chase, president and COO of New Castle. “We have established a record for successfully positioning and operating independent hotels, particularly in this region, which is our base of operation.

“Because we own and operate a diverse portfolio that includes independent and select service hotels in secondary markets, upper upscale branded hotels in major destinations and historic/iconic resorts, our team is able to draw from a vast array of experiences and quickly implement the best strategy for a hotel going forward,” he added.

“A hotel that’s named for the city it serves should be fully integrated into the business and social communities of the town,” said Robert Pope, vice president, sales and marketing for New Castle. “We have a team of hotel executives who are experts in helping hotels gain their

footing in the community, and I'm sure that very soon the city of Westport and Westport Inn will be synonymous."

Located off I-95 in the heart of Westport, Conn., the hotel offers 6,000 square feet of meeting space, including the 3,200 square foot Westport ballroom, the largest event space in the city. The Westport Inn provides "country inn" touches such as feather bedding, loaner bicycles and maps and a collection of Academy Award winning movies, along with contemporary complimentary like in-room WIFI and a corporate shuttle operating within a five mile radius of the hotel.

Just one hour from Manhattan, the Westport Inn is a short distance from Fairfield University, Save the Children, Sacred Heart University and Terex Corporation and a convenient launch pad for visitors taking in a play at the Westport Playhouse or visiting nearby Sherwood Island State Park. The hotel's Red Hen Restaurant and Bar serves breakfast, lunch and dinner daily, and Barista coffee and juice bar is open daily as well. An indoor pool and fitness center round out the amenities at this pet-friendly hotel.

About New Castle Hotels & Resorts

Based in Shelton Connecticut, New Castle Hotels & Resorts owns and operates more than 26 hotels and resorts in the United States and Canada. The privately-held company consistently ranks among the top 100 hotel management and development companies in the United States and is a preferred operator for major US hotel brands.