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Haynes Group Inc. begins renovation of Wayfinder - a 115,000 s/f hotel and conference center

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Newport, RI Haynes Group Inc. has begun its latest hospitality project, The Wayfinder, a 115,000 s/f hotel and conference center located at 151 Admiral Kalbfus Rd. Currently known as The Mainstay Hotel & Conference Center owned by Dovetail + Co., and with the help of designers Reunion Goods & Services, the boutique-style hotel will open reimagined in the spring of 2020.

Haynes Group worked with Dovetail + Co. to understand their business goals and plan a construction schedule that allows them to minimize disruption to guests while optimizing revenue per available room. The renovation will occur in five phases, working one building at a time so that construction won't be happening near any occupied guest rooms.

The boutique-style hotel will feature 195 guest rooms, a lobby, fitness center, an outdoor pool, pool shack, a full-service restaurant, café, and new meeting and event spaces.

The Wayfinder will be part of the future Newport Innovation District and Newport North End, Carpionato Group's \$100 million redevelopment of the former Newport Grand Casino site. The mixed-use development will feature office, residential, retail, medical, and restaurant space.

The Wayfinder is under construction and scheduled to open in the spring of 2020.

"Newport has a rich history and a strong sense of community, and we are excited to have the

opportunity to help Dovetail transform a neighborhood with The Wayfinder,” said Michael Haynes, co-founder of the Haynes Group.

“Not only are we taking a historic hotel and making it fresh and exciting, but we have the opportunity to help provide a fantastic customer journey for the hotel and its guests. That’s what Haynes Group is all about.” Haynes Group takes a customer-centric approach to hospitality projects, with over ten years of experience working with some of the region’s top brands such as the Hyatt Harborside Hotel, the Revere Hotel, and the Crown Plaza Hotel. “We view ourselves as an extension of the hotel,” said Haynes. “Our desire to understand our client’s business and what’s important to their guests is what makes these projects so appealing to us.”

“With the Wayfinder Hotel, we’re reimagining what a Newport hotel can be, rethinking the basics, and engaging local talent who genuinely care about their craft and community. So, we’re thrilled to have the Haynes Group tackling our head-to-toe renovation. As Southern New Englanders, we know they’ll take pride in the details just like we do,” said Phil Hospod, The Wayfinder Hotel developer and CEO of Dovetail + Co.

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