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NYLO Hotel in Pontiac Mills to reopen later this month - by Scott Avedisian

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Upon completion of extensive cleaning and renovations after floodwaters ravaged its first floor last year, the NYLO Hotel, a unique, loft-style boutique hotel in the historic Pontiac Mills complex, is slated for a grand re-opening later this month.

After years of planning and anticipation, NYLO opened to positive reviews here in September 2008. Each of the hotel's bright, peaceful 163 rooms - or lofts - and four suites feature, floor-to-ceiling windows, brick walls, 300 s/f of space, and a number of extras for travelers, including an Ipod audio system, free high-speed Wi-Fi and Internet access, 32-inch flat screen television with HD and bottled spring water.

A "Pure Floor" caters specifically to allergy-sensitive guests, and a gym, with saunas, is available for all clients. A business center, 24-hour healthy alternative restaurant and bar and guest library are among NYLO's special features. The hotel features works from local artists, and live entertainment is provided by area performers.

Located just three miles from T.F. Green Airport and the Interlink train station, NYLO offers free shuttle transportation for its guests. Those who choose to drive will enjoy free on-site parking.

The first hotel in New England to feature loft-style accommodations, NYLO was also the first hotel in Rhode Island to run with 100% renewable energy, thanks to a partnership with Peoples Power and Light. A special water purification system, biodegradable take-out items and replacing linens only upon request to conserve water are among other steps NYLO is taking to lessen its impact on the environment.

The Loft - the hotel's restaurant and lounge - opens to a 3,000 s/f terrace overlooking the scenic Pawtuxet River.

A new management team for the Warwick location has also been announced: Susan Shaw is general manager, and Joanne McNulty Schroeder is the director of sales and marketing. Others in leadership positions include Robert Minger, director of food and beverage, Jenna Cowan, front office manager and Allan Thompson, controller. All are Rhode Island residents but Thompson, who hails from Boston.

"We are so pleased to have our new leadership team in place as we begin our renewed journey following the state's historic floods of 2010," Patrick O'Neil, NYLO Hotel's executive vice president said in a recent statement announcing the reopening. "This team brings a wealth of experience and knowledge that encompasses all aspects of hotel management and the area. I am confident that they will be valuable resources for future success."

For information on NYLO Providence/Warwick or to make reservations, please visit www.nylohotels.com/warwick or call NYLO Hotels at 1.866.391.NYLO. They are taking reservations from September 8 and beyond.

We are pleased to welcome this innovative hotel and community partner as they reopen in Warwick and wish them great future success.

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