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## **Westway Club coworking and flexible office space to open at Turks Head Building**

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Providence, RI Aurelius Coworks, a socially-responsible development company, said its Westway Club coworking and flexible office space community will open its doors to RI's innovators, changemakers and disruptors on September 1, 2020.

Westway Club is renovating the entire 11th floor of the Turks Head Building and is focused on providing flexible workspace and community for members of the creative economy, startup tech, small businesses, solopreneurs, remote workers and government sectors in Rhode Island. Final fit-up is currently underway and interested parties are welcomed to tour the space at this time.

The nearly 10,000 s/f space will feature a mix of private office suites, open coworking spaces, conference rooms and meeting areas for its members.

All private offices as well as the open coworking areas feature sweeping views of the Providence cityscape, and Westway Club's location means members have access to all the city has to offer within steps.

"Westway Club is perfectly positioned to replicate successes we've achieved in other markets, and already we've enjoyed a warm reception from the business community in Providence," said Aurelius Coworks founder and CEO Thomas Nardacci. "Our company's mission is to make a meaningful contribution to the cities we operate in, as well as to provide flexibility and community that our members greatly benefit from. It's an endeavor that is more relevant today than ever."

Nardacci added that his team is also working around the various challenges presented by the current COVID-19 crisis, implementing deep cleaning and daily sanitizing protocols, plans to keep membership levels lower than typical, and not hosting any events or meetups in 2020 that aren't virtual. Despite the challenges, he said that there's actually a national call for more flexible workspace options as companies work adapt remote work and dispersed options for employees and small teams.

"We have received interest from several Boston-based firms and other companies that do business in New England who want an option for their employees based in Rhode Island," Nardacci added.

Aurelius Coworks currently owns and operates two coworking communities – the award-winning,

creative economy-focused Troy Innovation Garage and the newer Bull Moose Club, which serves the political and governmental sector. Both are located in New York's Capital Region and are home to more than 60 companies and more than 250 members.

Startups, solopreneurs, associations, remote and enterprise teams, small businesses and venture capital-backed tech companies occupy Aurelius's Upstate New York locations. Companies and founders located in Aurelius communities in New York have attracted more than \$70 million in venture capital or strategic investments.

Nardacci helped put coworking on the Upstate New York map with the launch of Troy Innovation Garage in 2017 in the heart of a resurgent downtown Troy. The building once housed an automobile dealership, which sold Buffalo-built Pierce Arrows in the 1920s and sat mostly vacant for 30 years until Nardacci bought it and invested more than \$1.5 million to gut renovate the building to create Troy Innovation Garage as a home to startup tech and creative sector companies. It is now home to more than 125 members. The project was named "Innovative Development of the Year" by the Capital Region Building Owners & Managers Association.

Following the opening of Troy Innovation Garage, Nardacci introduced coworking to an underserved sector in need of flexible office space in New York's Capital City. Bull Moose Club, located in the heart of downtown Albany, features views overlooking the New York State Capitol. Bull Moose Club has a mix of companies with business at the State Capitol, including software developers, health care technology, trade associations and unions, public affairs and marketing firms.

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