



## THE INN RECEIVES TWO FIVE STAR AWARDS FOR 2011 FROM THE FORBES TRAVEL GUIDE

**November 17, 2010** - WASHINGTON, VA — Forbes Media announced today that for the 21st consecutive year The Inn at Little Washington has earned the prestigious Five Star Award, making it the longest running Five Star restaurant in America and the only restaurant ever to earn Five Stars in the Washington DC metropolitan area. The Inn joins an elite group of 23 other Five Star restaurants in the Nation including their East Coast Relais & Chateaux colleagues Per Se, Jean Georges, Daniel and 11 Madison Park.

In addition, The Inn's guest rooms once again received Five Stars for the 22nd consecutive year, making it one of only two hotels in the Washington DC region to be so honored. Chef/Proprietor Patrick O'Connell commented "In our industry, it is often said that keeping Five Stars is even harder than earning them for the first time. We're doubly proud of our team for their ability to continually rise to the challenge and are honored and humbled to be in such rarified company along with the finest restaurants and hotels in America."

Forbes Travel Guide, formerly the Mobil Travel Guide, originator of the prestigious Mobil Star ratings and certifications, has provided the most comprehensive ratings and reviews of hotels, restaurants and spas since 1958. In October 2009, the Mobil Travel Guide announced a strategic partnership with Forbes Media LLC.

This exclusive licensing agreement between two industry leaders with more than 140 years of combined experience transfers the hospitality industry's premier star rating and travel guide brand from ExxonMobil to Forbes.

Forbes Travel Guide has a team of expert inspectors who anonymously evaluate properties against rigorous and objective proprietary standards, providing consumers the insight to make better-informed travel and leisure decisions. "As in years past, the 2011 Five-Star properties share an uncompromising commitment to the highest standards of guest service, luxurious accommodation and unique, memorable experiences; as the Forbes Travel Guide brand grows worldwide, we are pleased to include a geographically broader, yet ever more selective, group of properties to the list." said Shane O'Flaherty, President and CEO of Forbes Travel Guide.

What began as a small restaurant in a former garage frequented by those 'in the know' has, after more than thirty years, won nearly every culinary award and accolade, and attracted a devoted following from

around the world. This success owes as much to Chef/Proprietor Patrick O'Connell's unforgettable culinary wizardry as to the warm, professional yet personal welcome that guests receive at The Inn, both in the restaurant and in the 18 luxuriously appointed guest rooms and cottages.

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