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**Watkins Glen Harbor Hotel awarded Four Diamonds Rating from American
Automobile Association [AAA]
Hotel is now recognized as Watkins Glen's best.**

BUFFALO, NY – January 27, 2011, The Watkins Glen Harbor Hotel was presented with a Four Diamond award at a reception inside the beautiful New York Wine and Culinary Center hosted by the AAA of Western and Central New York. Company President and CEO David Hart said, “Earning this award after just two full years in business is a remarkable achievement. I commend the hotel staff and management company executives for their passion and dedication to meet the daily challenge of delivering exemplary service.”

Opened in the summer of 2008 the hotel is located on the southern end of Seneca Lake. The hotel features 104 first class accommodations, more than 4,200 square feet of conference and meeting space, upscale dining in Blue Point Grille, the relaxing environment of the Coldwater Bar and seasonal lakeside activities on the Patio. The famous Watkins Glen International Raceway and Watkins Glen State Park are just minutes from the hotel.

Hotel guests are treated to upscale amenities including nightly turn-down service, professional concierge services, indoor swimming pool and Jacuzzi, fully equipped fitness center, and high speed internet access throughout the hotel.

Kelsey Jones, Executive Director of SCOPED-The Schuyler County Partnership for Economic Development credits the Watkins Glen Harbor Hotel with invigorating the village of Watkins Glen and Schuyler County.” Watkins Glen has worldwide recognition due to our rich history of auto racing. We have great natural beauty of the Finger Lakes region and the number and quality of our wineries grows annually along with many other cottage businesses. We have always been a popular tourist destination. With the incredible and instant success of the Watkins Glen Harbor Hotel we now have an upscale lodging, dining, and meeting facilities to accommodate the high demand for these services in our community. The success of the Harbor Hotel has also encouraged local shop owners to reinvest in their businesses allowing us to better capitalize on the increased visitation generated by the Watkins Glen Harbor Hotel.”

The Finger Lakes has recently been named one of the top ten value destinations in 2011. The New York Times listed Watkins Glen at the #1 of best places to visit in 2011 and Budget Travel listed the Finger Lakes as the “World’s most beautiful wine region.”

The Harbor Hotel is a joint venture between Hart Hotels, Inc. and The Peter Krog Corporation. Hart Hotels manages the Harbor Hotel in addition to other Finger Lakes based hotels; the Holiday Inn Ithaca and Inn at the Finger Lakes in Auburn. Hart Hotels also manages the Four Diamond rated Portland Harbor Hotel, Portland, Maine, and the Green Mountain Suites Hotel, Burlington,

Vermont. Buffalo based Hart Hotels also manages five hotels in Western New York, the Holiday Inn Buffalo Downtown, Holiday Inn and Holiday Inn Express at the Buffalo Airport and the Hotel Indigo and Candlewood Suites in Amherst. For more information on the Watkins Glen Harbor Hotel and Hart Hotels visit them at www.watkinsglenharborhotel.com and www.harthotels.com

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