



Willard Room Restaurant Becomes One of DC's Premiere Event Spaces

Washington DC, April 2, 2009 -- As of April 13, the wood-paneled, chandeliered Willard Room restaurant will become one of Washington's premiere event spaces, dedicated solely as a private event venue for the city's most distinguished weddings, meetings and special occasions. The Willard's popular Sunday Brunch and special occasion/holiday dining will continue to be offered for our guests' enjoyment.

In addition to increased demand for private, elegant events, the change of direction for the Room is also in response to the dining trends which more and more favor experiences found in such lively, free-standing restaurants as our popular *Café du Parc*, or The Willard Collection's historic *Occidental Restaurant*.

The quality of The Willard Room will remain to distinguish social and business gatherings held in the new event venue. In its new expansive form, the room will re-emerge refreshed and with an open floor plan accommodating events for up to 175 people. To book events in The Willard Room, contact the Willard InterContinental Catering office at 202-637-7325.

The Willard InterContinental is an American institution which has been a microcosm of American history, embracing and reflecting the nation's experience for over 150 years. Historically, the space which The Willard Room currently occupies has served many purposes and undergone many transformations through the years. The hotel looks forward to continuing to offer guests in the nation's capital the finest in hospitality traditions.