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New operator for Paradise Point Resort & Spa

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Destination Hotels & Resorts, which already manages two upscale hotels in San Diego County, announced Wednesday that it will take over management of Paradise Point Resort & Spa.

The 462-room Mission Bay resort, which recently underwent a \$20 million renovation, had been overseen by Noble House Hotels & Resorts, which manages 13 boutique hotels and resorts in six states.

LaSalle Hotel Properties, owner of Paradise Point, several months ago solicited proposals for a new operator of the resort, said Michael Slosser, vice president and managing director for Colorado-based Destination Hotels, which manages Estancia La Jolla Hotel & Spa and L'Auberge Del Mar.

"Noble House did a very good job for 11 years, and as market conditions changed at the end of 2008 and 2009 and today, I believe that our skill set was a little bit deeper in the market in San Diego," Slosser said.

Destination Hotels also manages Terranea Resort in Rancho Palos Verdes, which opened in 2009, and Miramonte Resort & Spa in Indian Wells.

"We (now) have three hotels in San Diego and five total in the greater Southern California market, so we have a deeper penetration ability to attract and acquire business," Slosser added.

He noted that the only change in staffing at the resort will be a new general manager, David Hall, who was recruited from the InterContinental Hotel in Chicago.



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Paradise Point Resort & Spa recently underwent a \$20 million renovation.