

The New Daunt's Albatross Reopens for Summer 2022

Multigenerational, family-owned hotel unveils property-wide redesign ahead of the summer season

Montauk, NY (May 2022) - [Daunt's Albatross](#), one of Montauk's oldest family-run hotels opens in time for the summer season following a year-long complete redesign by Brooklyn-based design studio [Home Studios](#). The 23-room property is steps from the beach and in the heart of town, a short walk to the restaurants and bars, shops, and cafes of Montauk.

Owned and operated by the Daunt family since 1977, the renovation has been led by third-generation proprietor and General Manager Leo Daunt. Born and raised in Montauk, Leo wanted the new iteration of the property to convey its past while reflecting the surroundings, sharing the area's natural beauty with visitors and locals alike. The redesign captures the essence and history of Montauk - its understatedness and tranquility - with a nod to the rugged landscape of nearby Shadmoor State Park.

The only of the original inns of Montauk to renovate - and one of the only year-round hotels - the new Daunt's Albatross remains true to its down-to-earth and inclusive DNA with an updated and lasting design. Together with Leo, Home Studios tapped into the spirit of the time when Montauk remained an off-the-beaten path destination, a community of fisherman and pilgrimage for surfers.

The design team married the colors and textures of the Shadmoor's cliffs to inform the palette - shades of white, warm grays, browns, faded yellows and ocean blues ranging from pale and light to deep and moody - and materials, from the guest rooms' flagstone floors to the lobby's plaster stucco fireplace. They also relied on raw and rugged materials such as knotty, heart pines to speak for themselves while allowing for breathing room in each space.

The result is a hotel that perfectly blends the Daunt family history while creating a modern sanctuary, where antiques and custom furniture coexist in beautiful and zen surroundings. Original artwork lives next to handmade textiles for a layer of sentimental warmth. Furniture and accents range from minimal to locally-sourced vintage lighting and decor to create the feeling of a home that has been furnished over the years with heirlooms collected by generations. Home Studios personally sourced all the vintage furniture and decor in the hotel so that no two rooms are alike.

"Going back to the late '70s when my grandfather purchased it, our goal with the Albatross has been to spread the beauty of Montauk and welcome everyone - from newcomers to those who have been coming with their families for decades," says Leo Daunt. "In this new chapter, we're excited to build on this legacy and continue to make guests feel a part of the family."

Rooms range from standard doubles and queens up to the Koda Suite, with many featuring kitchenettes and balconies. Connecting the rooms is a revamped, landscaped courtyard. A pool renovation will follow later this year, with guests able to enjoy the existing one for the summer. Also to come during the next stage of the renovation will be an expanded lobby with a wood-burning fireplace and communal dining area, as well as a yoga pavilion.

Finally, joining the Albatross is Daunt's acquisition of Bird on The Roof, the neighboring local mainstay. For summer 2022, Chef Marcos Martinez Perez will revamp the menu, with the restaurant getting a redesign for 2023. Chef Marcos has worked in Hampton Hot spots such as the Gigshack, Rosies, and

Carissa's. The Bird on the Roof will be serving an elevated Brunch menu 7 days a week with a full liquor license and live music.

About Leo Daunt

Born and raised in Montauk, Leo grew up watching his grandfather and parents run Daunt's Albatross. After leaving for college and earning a degree and history and minor in economics, he returned to Montauk in 2014 to help run the hotel, before taking over in 2020 as General Manager.

In January 2022, Leo was named Co-president of the Montauk Chamber of Commerce. In addition to this role, Leo chairs the East Hampton town wastewater committee.

A history buff, Leo is passionate about paying homage to Montauk's history with the renovation of the hotel, focused on keeping it authentic to the place while feeling timeless.

In his spare time he enjoys playing basketball and baseball, listening to podcasts, and spending time with his golden retriever, Koda.

About Home Studios

Home Studios is a design firm based in Brooklyn. As a former fiction editor, Oliver Haslegrave founded the studio to tell the stories of inspired outsiders through architecture and interior design.

As a close-knit, collaborative team of 18, the studio combines their accomplished backgrounds in architecture, interiors, custom fabrication and fine art to illuminate the stories of our clients through a process that is intuitive, exacting and attentive.

In addition to Daunt's Albatross, Home Studios is currently designing hotels in Nantucket, San Diego and Marin County, having previously completed the Hu Hotel in Memphis and Alsace Hotel in Los Angeles.

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Short Fact Sheet

Address: 44 South Elmwood Avenue Montauk, NY 11954

Website: <https://www.dauntsalbatross.com/>

Rooms: 23

Open: May 2022

Rooms Breakdown:

Standard Queen (9)

Deluxe Double (10)

Deluxe King (2)

ADA King Room (1)

Koda Suite (1)

Hotel Features

Complimentary WiFi

Pool

Ditch Plains parking access

Free Bicycle Rentals

Grills

Vintage 90s Disney Movie Rental Collection

Room Features + Amenities

TVs

Mini Bar

Local guide

AC/Heat

Public Goods bath amenities

Parachute Linen and Towels

Custom Knotty Alder Furniture

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