



ROOM SET

Newsroom, Meeting Room

A Portland, Maine, 110-room boutique property has a one-of-a-kind space for meetings.

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[The Press Hotel](#) in downtown Portland, Maine, doesn't so much honor its history as the former home of the *Portland Press Herald* as report on it. Throughout

the 110-room boutique property, design elements recall the building's use as the *Press Herald's* newsroom and printing plant, from a 1920s-style reporter's desk in each guest room, to a cascading wall of 80 vintage typewriters in the lobby, to a house bar called The Inkwell.

The conceit also carries through to the hotel's four meeting and event spaces, including the 525-square-foot Editorial Room, where the wall covering is made of recycled newspaper in a "Big News" pattern that becomes visible on closer inspection. "Within the overall design concept, we wanted to include nods to the building's history as a printing press, to allow the guests to experience the writer's trade in a sincere way," said Michael Suomi, principal and vice president of design at Stonehill & Taylor, the architecture firm that designed the Press. "The meeting rooms were designed to resemble private residential libraries, which we felt helped capture the essence of the industry, and as a fun tieback to the newspaper, each meeting room features custom carpeting that highlights a different element from the production of a newspaper."