

Statement from Trump Hotels Regarding Panama

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Over the last several months considerable misinformation has been circulating concerning the ongoing dispute between Orestis Fintiklis, the majority owner of units at the Trump International Hotel in Panama, and the hotel's manager, Trump Hotels. Accordingly, we feel compelled to set the record straight.

In October 2016, the original developer of the Hotel, Newland International Properties Corp., notified Trump Hotels that it was actively negotiating a bulk sale of its remaining 202 units to a company controlled by Mr. Fintiklis. Because the Co-Ownership Regulations for the Hotel preclude any one person from owning more than ten units without Trump Hotels' consent, Trump Hotels could have blocked the sale as a matter of right. Concerned, however, about the future of the Hotel and the fate of the Hotel's highly dedicated and loyal staff, Trump Hotels agreed to allow the sale to proceed on one condition: that Mr. Fintiklis agree that he would not in any way attempt to interfere with Trump's management of the Hotel or take any other steps to terminate its management agreement. In February 2017, Mr. Fintiklis agreed, in writing, to these terms and, in August 2017, closed on the purchase of the units, becoming the owner of 202 of the 369 hotel units.

Unfortunately, within weeks of the closing, it became apparent to Trump Hotels that Mr. Fintiklis had other motives. Rather than abide by the clear terms of the agreement he had signed, Mr. Fintiklis had been conspiring with others to remove Trump Hotels as manager and fire most, if not all, of its loyal and dedicated employees. Looking back, it is now apparent that Mr. Fintiklis, in flagrant violation of the commitments he had made, never had any intention of keeping his word and had been plotting a takeover and termination of Trump Hotels all along.

On October 14, 2017, Mr. Fintiklis furthered his fraudulent scheme, calling a meeting of the hotel condominium under the false pretense of a "meet and greet" and used that moment to hold unlawful votes and declare Trump Hotels in default of the management agreement. Within minutes of the meeting concluding Mr. Fintiklis sent Trump Hotels a default notice and filed for arbitration to terminate the management agreement. Clearly, Mr. Fintiklis had been concocting and planning this scheme for months.

On December 4, 2017, Trump Hotels responded to the arbitration, filing a \$50 million counterclaim against Mr. Fintiklis and his co-conspirators for wrongfully trying to terminate the management agreement and for fraud. Despite acknowledging in the arbitration that the management agreement prohibits the condominium from terminating Trump Hotels without an order from the arbitration panel, on November 21, 2017, Mr. Fintiklis sent Trump Hotels a notice

purporting to terminate the management agreement. Because the termination notice is not only invalid but the product of fraud, Trump Hotels has continued to manage the Hotel.

Since Mr. Fintiklis filed for arbitration in October 2017, the parties have been actively working to select the three arbitrators who will ultimately decide this matter. Sadly, it now appears as though Mr. Fintiklis has either lost patience with the pace of the proceedings which he commenced or simply lacks the financial backing he once claimed he had. Rather than see the arbitration that he started through to the very end, Mr. Fintiklis recently decided to take matters into his own hands and try and physically - and forcibly - remove Trump from the Hotel as manager, this, in flagrant violation of the provision in the management agreement which provides that there shall be no termination without an arbitrator's ruling.

On Thursday, February 22, 2018, Mr. Fintiklis arrived in Panama with a rogue private security team and others and launched a coordinated attack to physically take over the management of the Hotel. When that effort failed, Mr. Fintiklis only became more desperate, enlisting the help of his co-conspirator and fellow unit owner, Gary Lundgren. Together, Mr. Fintiklis and Mr. Lundgren, over the past several days, have resorted to thug-like, mob style tactics, repeatedly attempting to force their way into Trump Hotels' offices, infiltrate and disrupt its computer systems and threatening and intimidating any employee of the Hotel that resisted. Lundgren and/or Fintiklis even went so far as to cause the power to be turned off to the Hotel's computer room, placing the Hotels' employees and guests in danger. As a result of this aggressive behavior, the local police as well as a local judge have been forced to make repeated visits to the Hotel to keep the peace and restore order. Each time, they have told Messrs. Fintiklis and Lundgren the same thing: that they have no right to forcibly remove Trump Hotels as manager and that the dispute should be resolved in the arbitration that Mr. Fintiklis initiated.

We agree. This dispute should be decided civilly, in arbitration, just as Mr. Fintiklis originally planned, not through intimidation, bullying and the use of force. To be clear, Trump Hotels is highly confident that it will prevail in these proceedings. The defaults alleged by Mr. Fintiklis are completely fabricated and meritless. Regardless, Mr. Fintiklis expressly agreed, in writing, when he bought his units that he would not take any steps seek to remove Trump Hotels as manager. It is simple: had Mr. Fintiklis not made this commitment, Trump Hotels would not have allowed Mr. Fintiklis to acquire more than the ten units he was otherwise limited to purchasing.

To our amazing staff, we thank for your extraordinary dedication. Rest assured, we will continue to stand by and support you – just as you have supported us - during this challenging time.

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