

This Confidentiality Agreement (this "<u>Agreement</u>") is entered into effective as of (the "<u>Effective Date</u>"), by and between **Hotel Advisory**, **LLC**, a Texas limited liability company, d/b/a "HVS Brokerage and Advisory" ("<u>Discloser</u>"), and \_\_\_\_\_\_, a ("<u>Recipient</u>"). Recipient and Discloser are referred to herein individually as a "<u>Party</u>" and collectively as the "<u>Parties</u>".

### RECITALS

A. Discloser may provide Recipient with certain Materials (as defined below) in connection with Recipient's evaluation of one or more potential real estate transactions (the "Limited Purpose").

B. The Parties acknowledge and agree that the Materials (including, without limitation, the identities of any Protected Party (as defined below) provided by Discloser to Recipient, whether before or after the execution of this Agreement, are highly confidential and Recipient agrees not to divulge the contents of the Materials or any other information relating to Discloser or any Protected Party, except in strict accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

#### AGREEMENT

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the Parties agree as follows:

1. <u>Definitions</u>.

1.1 As used herein, "<u>Affiliate</u>" means, in relation to a person, any person that (i) directly or indirectly controls it, (ii) directly or indirectly is controlled by it or (iii) is under its direct or indirect common control. For purposes of this definition, the term "control" means the power to direct or cause the direction of management and policies, through the ownership of voting rights, by contract or otherwise, and shall in any event include the ownership or power to vote fifty percent (50%) or more of the outstanding equity or voting interests of such other person or entity.

1.2 As used herein, "<u>Discloser</u>" means Discloser and any and all of Discloser's Affiliates, parent, associated or allied companies, firms, partnerships and/or organizations, predecessors, successors, assigns, and any related entities (including, without limitation, any entities affiliated with, related to, or sponsored by Discloser) and the directors, officers, shareholders, owners, partners, managers, members, agents, employees, attorneys and representatives thereof disclosing the Materials.

1.3 As used herein, "<u>Materials</u>" means any information received by Recipient from Discloser, together with all derivatives thereof, including, without limitation: (i) information relating to potential real estate transactions identified by Discloser; (ii) the identity of any counterparty to a potential real estate transaction and each such counterparty's employees, shareholders, directors, partners, managers, members or officers (collectively, the "<u>Protected Parties</u>") or any information concerning the transactions or Property of any Protected Parties; (iii) any financial, operating or other information belonging to Discloser or any Protected Party or relating to any such transactions or Property; (iv) all written, graphic and other material (in any medium whether in writing, on magnetic tape or in electronic or other form) relating to the foregoing; and (vi) all correspondence, memoranda, files, manuals, books, operating records

and contractor and vendor records relating to or containing any of the foregoing (in any medium whether in writing, on magnetic tape or in electronic or other form). The term Materials shall not include information that was or becomes generally available to the public other than as a result of disclosure by Recipient to the public or any third party in violation of this Agreement or a similar confidentiality agreement.

1.4 As used herein, "<u>Property</u>" means the land, improvements and personal property, free and clear of all liens, commonly known as the Best Western Natchitoches Inn located at 5131 University Parkway, Natchitoches, LA, 71457.

### 2. <u>Confidentiality and Restrictions on Use</u>.

2.1 Recipient agrees that all Materials will be deemed confidential and used solely for the Limited Purpose. Recipient and its Affiliates, partners, representatives, agents, employees, officers, directors, managers, members, legal and financial advisors and/or any and all persons directly or indirectly acting for or with Recipient (collectively, the "<u>Representatives</u>") shall not at any time, directly or indirectly, publish, make known or in any manner disclose any Materials to any individual or entity for any other purpose, except with the express prior written consent of Discloser. Further, prior to disclosing any Materials to its Representatives, Recipient shall inform them of the confidential nature of the Materials and of the terms of this Agreement and require them to abide by all the terms included herein. Recipient shall promptly notify Discloser of any unauthorized release, disclosure or use of the Materials.

2.2 If Recipient or any of its Representatives is requested or required to disclose any Materials in connection with any legal, judicial, regulatory or administrative proceeding or investigation (including in connection with any pre-trial discovery), Recipient shall notify Discloser promptly of the existence, terms and circumstances surrounding such a request or requirement so that Discloser or the applicable Protected Party may seek a protective order or other appropriate remedy and/or waive compliance with the provisions of this Agreement. If Discloser or the applicable Protected Party elects to seek a protective order or otherwise challenge the disclosure request, Recipient agrees to cooperate at no cost to Recipient (and to cause each of its Representatives to cooperate at no cost to such Representatives) to the extent legally permissible regarding the timing and content of such disclosure. If Recipient or any of its Representatives is nonetheless compelled or required by governmental authority, agency or regulation to disclose any such Materials, Recipient may disclose such Materials to the extent and as compelled or required without liability hereunder so long as (i) Recipient provides Discloser with written notice of the Materials or matter to be disclosed as far in advance of its disclosure if and as is practicable, and (ii) Recipient uses its reasonable efforts to obtain (and to cause its Representatives to use reasonable efforts obtain) assurances that confidential treatment will be accorded to such Materials.

2.3 Recipient shall use the Materials only for the Limited Purpose. At no time shall Recipient use the Materials for any other purpose, for the benefit of itself or any third party, or in any manner adverse to, or to the detriment of, Discloser or any Protected Party, including, without limitation, using the Materials in a manner (i) that would be in direct or indirect competition with the business activities of Discloser or any Protected Party, or (ii) that would be adverse to the business relationships of Discloser or any Protected Party with clients, customers, investors or other third parties (including, without limitation, using the Materials in a manner that results in any of such clients, customers, investors or other third parties (erminating, reducing or failing to renew or expand their business relationships with Discloser or any Protected Party).

3. <u>No Representations</u>. The disclosures or delivery of Materials to Recipient will not be deemed to constitute any express or implied representation or warranty by Discloser. Discloser makes no representations or warranty to Recipient or any of its Representatives as to the accuracy or completeness of the Materials. Discloser shall not have any liability to Recipient or any of its Representatives or any errors therein or omissions therefrom. Neither the Materials nor the act of disclosure thereof by Discloser shall constitute a grant of any license under any trademark, patent or copyright.

4. <u>Return of Materials</u>. Within five (5) days after delivery of a written request from Discloser, Recipient shall (and shall cause its Representatives to) deliver to Discloser (or certify in writing to Discloser the destruction of) all Materials in the possession or control of Recipient or its Representatives and any copies thereof which have been made. Notwithstanding the return or destruction of the Materials, Recipient shall continue to be bound by its obligations of confidentiality hereunder.

5. <u>No Adequate Remedy at Law</u>. Recipient agrees that the conditions in this Agreement and any information disclosed in the Materials are of a special, unique, and extraordinary character, that Discloser and the applicable Protected Party would be irreparably harmed by any disclosure of such information in violation of this Agreement. Accordingly, Discloser and Recipient agree that, in addition to all other remedies provided at law or in equity, Discloser and the applicable Protected Party shall be entitled to seek and obtain temporary, preliminary and permanent injunctive relief in a court of law to prevent and restrain any breach or contemplated or threatened breach of and to specifically enforce the provisions of this Agreement, and neither Discloser nor any Protected Party will be obligated to post bond or other security in seeking such relief or to prove irreparable harm. The existence of any claim, demand, action, set-off, counterclaim, or cause of action by Recipient against Discloser or any other person shall not constitute a defense to the enforcement by Discloser of this Agreement. Such remedies shall be in addition to and not in limitation of any injunctive relief or other rights or remedies to which Discloser is or may be entitled at law or in equity or under this Agreement.

6. <u>Non-Circumvent</u>. Recipient shall not, directly, indirectly or through a third party, use the Materials in any manner that circumvents the relationship between Discloser and any client of Discloser, including, without limitation, using the Materials to pursue a transaction related to the Property without recognizing Discloser's listing rights with respect to the Property.

7. <u>Miscellaneous</u>.

7.1 <u>Notices</u>. All notices, requests, demands and other communications under this Agreement shall be in writing and sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, or by messenger, with acknowledgement of receipt returned to sender, or by Federal Express or another reputable courier by next business day delivery. All notices shall be addressed as follows:

To Discloser: Hotel Advisory, LLC (d/b/a "HVS Brokerage and Advisory") 2100 West Loop South Suite 1001 Houston, TX 77027 Attention: Matt Almy

To Recipient:

Attention:

7.2 <u>Construction</u>. The captions and headings used in this Agreement are for convenience only and are not to be considered in the construction or interpretation of this Agreement. This Agreement shall not be construed more strictly against either Party merely by virtue of the fact that it may have been prepared by counsel for one of the Parties.

7.3 <u>Binding Effect</u>. This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the Parties, their respective Affiliates, all personnel thereof and the Parties' respective successors or assigns

of the Parties; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, Recipient may not assign this Agreement or any right under this Agreement or delegate any duty under this Agreement without the prior written consent of Discloser (which may be given or withheld in Discloser's sole discretion).

7.4 <u>Governing Law</u>. The validity, interpretation and performance of this Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State in which the Property are located. All disputes which arise in connection with, or are related to this Agreement or any claimed breach hereof, shall be resolved, if not sooner settled, by litigation only in Harris County, Texas. The Parties agree to submit to jurisdiction and to accept service of process for courts in that locality.

7.5 <u>Attorneys' Fees</u>. If any proceeding, action or arbitration is instituted with respect to this Agreement or the transactions contemplated hereby, the prevailing Party shall recover its costs and reasonable attorney's fees from the non-prevailing Party.

7.6 <u>Jury Trial Waiver</u>. To the extent permitted by applicable law, each Party unconditionally waives its rights to a jury trial of any claim or cause of action based upon or arising out of this Agreement and the relationship that is being established between the parties pursuant hereto. The scope of this waiver is intended to be all-encompassing of any and all disputes that may be filed in any court. This waiver is irrevocable, meaning that it may not be modified either orally or in writing. In the event of litigation, this Agreement may be filed as a written consent to a trial by the court.

7.7 <u>No Waiver</u>. No provision of this Agreement shall be deemed to have been waived, except if such waiver is contained in a written instrument executed by the Party against whom such waiver is to be enforced. No waiver by a Party of any term or condition of this Agreement shall constitute a waiver by such Party of any prior, concurrent or subsequent breach or default of the same or any other term or condition of this Agreement.

7.8 <u>Severability</u>. In the event that any part of this Agreement shall be held to be invalid or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, such provision shall be reformed, and enforced to the maximum extent permitted by law. If such provision cannot be reformed, it shall be severed from this Agreement and the remaining portions of the Agreement shall be valid and enforceable.

7.9 <u>Counterparts/Electronic Signatures</u>. This Agreement may be executed in several counterparts, and all such executed counterparts shall constitute the same agreement. The Parties agree that signatures transmitted electronically via .pdf attachment shall be binding as if they were original signatures.

7.10 <u>Survival</u>. Notwithstanding the return or destruction of the Materials, Recipient and its Representatives will continue to be bound by all of their obligations under this Agreement.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have entered into this Agreement as of the Effective Date

DISCLOSER:

HOTEL ADVISORY, LLC (d/b/a "HVS Brokerage and Advisory"), a Texas limited liability company

Name:Eric GuerreroTitle:Senior Managing Director, Partner

**RECIPIENT:** 

Name: Title



## **Customer Information Form**

What Customers Need to Know When Working with Real Estate Brokers or Licensees

This document describes the various types of agency relationships that can exist in real estate transactions.

**AGENCY** means a relationship in which a real estate broker or licensee represents a client by the client's consent, whether expressed or implied, in an immovable property transaction. An agency relationship is formed when a real estate licensee works for you in your best interest and represents you. Agency relationships can be formed with buyers/sellers and lessors/lessees.

**DESIGNATED AGENCY** means the agency relationship that shall be presumed to exist when a licensee engaged in any real estate transaction, except as otherwise provided in LA R.S. 9:3891, is working with a client, unless there is a written agreement providing for a different relationship.

- The law presumes that the real estate licensee you work with is your designated agent, unless you have a written agreement otherwise.
- No other licensees in the office work for you, unless disclosed and approved by you.
- You should confine your discussions of buying/selling to your designated agent or agents only.

**DUAL AGENCY** means an agency relationship in which a licensee is working with both buyer and seller or both landlord and tenant in the same transaction. Such a relationship shall not constitute dual agency if the licensee is the seller of property that he/she owns or if the property is owned by a real estate business of which the licensee is the sole proprietor and agent. A dual agency relationship shall not be construed to exist in a circumstance in which the licensee is working with both landlord and tenant as to a lease that does not exceed a term of three years and the licensee is the landlord. Dual agency is allowed only when informed consent is presumed to have been given by any client who signed the dual agency disclosure form prescribed by the Louisiana Real Estate Commission. Specific duties owed to both buyer/seller and lessor/lessee are:

- To treat all clients honestly.
- To provide factual information about the property.
- To disclose all latent material defects in the property that are known to them.
- To help the buyer compare financing options.
- To provide information about comparable properties that have sold, so that both clients may make educated buying/selling decisions.

- To disclose financial qualifications to the buyer/lessee to the seller/lessor.
- To explain real estate terms.
- To help buyers/lessees arrange for property inspections
- To explain closing costs and procedures.

**CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION** means information obtained by a licensee from a client during the term of a brokerage agreement that was made confidential by the written request or written instruction of the client or is information the disclosure of which could materially harm the position of the client, unless at any time any of the following occur:

- The client permits the disclosure by word or conduct.
- The disclosure is required by law or would reveal serious defect.
- The information became public from a source other than the licensee.

By signing below, you acknowledge that you have read and understand this form and that you are authorized to sign this form in the capacity in which you have signed.

Seller/Lessor:
Ву:
Title:
Date:
Licensee:
Date:



# DISCLOSURE AND CONSENT TO DUAL AGENT DESIGNATED AGENCY



This document serves three purposes:

- 1. It discloses that a real estate licensee may potentially act as a disclosed dual agent who represents more than one party to the transaction.
- 2. It explains the concept of disclosed dual agency.
- 3. It seeks your consent to allow the real estate agent to act as a disclosed dual agent.

A licensee may legally act as a dual agent only with your consent. By choosing to signthis document, your consent to dual agency representation is presumed. Before signingthis document, please read the following:

The undersigned designated agent(s) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(Insert name(s) of licensee(s) undertaking dual representation) and any subsequent designated agent(s) may undertake a dual representation represent both the

buyer (or lessee) and the seller (or lessor) for the sale or lease of property described as

(List address of property, if known)

The undersigned buyer (or lessee) and seller (or lessor) acknowledge that they were informed of the possibility of this type of representation. The licensee(s) will undertake this representation only with the written consent of ALL clients in the transaction.

Any agreement between the clients as to a final contract price and other terms is a result of negotiations between the clients acting in their own best interests and on their own behalf. The undersigned buyer (or lessee) and seller (or lessor) acknowledge that the licensee(s) has explained the implications of dual representation, including the risks involved. The undersigned buyer (or lessee) and seller (or lessor) acknowledge that they have been advised to seekindependent advice from their advisors or attorneys before signing any documents in this transaction.

### What A Licensee Can Do for Clients When Acting as A Dual Agent

- Treat all clients honestly.
- Provide information about the property to the buyer (or lessee).
- Disclose all latent material defects in the property that are known to the licensee(s).
- Disclose financial qualifications of the buyer (or lessee) to the seller (or lessor).
- Explain real estate terms.
- Help the buyer (or lessee) to arrange for property inspections.
- Explain closing costs and procedures.
- Help the buyer compare financing alternatives.
- Provide information about comparable properties that have sold so that both clients may make educateddecisions on what price to accept or offer.

### What A Licensee Cannot Disclose to Clients When Acting as A Dual Agent

- Confidential information that the licensee may know about the clients, without that client's permission.
- The price the seller (or lessor) will take other than the listing price without permission of the seller (or lessor).
- The price the buyer (or lessee) is willing to pay without permission of the buyer (or lessee).

You are not required to sign this document unless you want to allow the licensee(s) to proceed as a dual agent(s), representing BOTH the buyer (or lessee) and the seller (or lessor) in this transaction. If you do not want the licensee(s) to proceed as a dual agent(s) and do not want to sign this document, please inform the licensee(s).

By signing below, you acknowledge that you have read and understand this form and voluntarily consent to the licensee(s) acting as a dual agent(s), representing BOTH the buyer (or lessee) and the seller (or lessor) should thatbecome necessary.

Buyer or Lessee

Date

Buyer or Lessee

Date

Licensee

Date

Seller or Lessor

Date

Seller or Lessor

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Licensee

Date