

# **CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT**

This	Confidentiality	Agreement	(this	"Agreement")	is	entered	into	effective	as	of
	(the " <u>E</u>	ffective Date'	"), by	and between Ho	tel .	Advisory	, LLO	C, a Texas	limit	ted
liability company, d/b/a "HVS Brokerage and Advisory" ("Discloser"), and, a									, a	
	("Recip	oient"). Recip	ient a	nd Discloser are	ref	erred to l	nerein	individual	lly a	s a
"Party" and colle	ctively as the "Pa	rties".								

#### 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 "<u>Limited Purpose</u>").
- 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. Definitions.

- 1.1 As used herein, "Affiliate" 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, "Materials" 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 "Protected Parties") 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, "Property" means the land, improvements and personal property, free and clear of all liens, commonly known as the Hampton Inn by Hilton Jackson/Clinton located at 493 Springridge Road, Clinton, MS 39056.

# 2. Confidentiality and Restrictions on Use.

- 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 "Representatives") 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 terminating, 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 as a result of review of or reliance upon the Materials by 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. No Adequate Remedy at Law. 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. Miscellaneous.

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: Eric Guerrero
To Recipient:
Attention:
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- 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 Governing Law. 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 No Waiver. 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 Severability. 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.

[Signature Page Follows]

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 Guerrero Title: Senior Managing Director, Partner
RECIPIENT:
Name: Title



### MREC Agency Disclosure Form A

Approved 06/2023 by MS Real Estate Commission P. O. Box 12685 Jackson, MS 39236

# WORKING WITH A REAL ESTATE BROKER

\*\*THIS IS NOT A LEGALLY BINDING CONTRACT\*\*

# **GENERAL**

Before you begin working with any real estate agent, you should know whom the agent represents in the transaction. Mississippi real estate licensees are required to disclose which party they represent in a transaction and to allow a party the right to choose or refuse among the various agency relationships. Several types of relationships are possible, and you should understand these at the time a broker or salesperson provides specific assistance to you in a real estate transaction. The purpose of this Agency Disclosure form is to document an acknowledgement that the consumer has been informed of various agency relationships which are available in a real estate transaction. For the purposes of this disclosure, the term Seller and/or Buyer will also include those other acts specified in Section 73-35-3(1), of the Miss. Code, "...list, sell, purchase, exchange, rent, lease, manage, or auction any real estate, or the improvements thereon including options."

#### **SELLER'S AGENT**

A property Seller can execute a "listing agreement" with a real estate firm authorizing the firm and its agent(s) to represent the Seller in securing a Buyer. A licensee who is engaged by and acts as the agent of the Seller only, is a Seller's Agent. A Seller's agent has the following duties and obligations: > To the Seller: The fiduciary duties of loyalty, confidentiality, obedience, disclosure, full accounting, and the duty to use skill, care, and diligence.

To the Buyer and Seller: A duty of honesty and fair dealing.

#### **BUYER'S AGENT**

A Buyer may contract with an agent or firm to represent him/her. A licensee who is engaged in a Buyer Agency Agreement as the agent of the Buyer only is known as the Buyer's Agent in purchasing a property. A Buyer's Agent has the following duties and obligations:

- > To the Buyer: The fiduciary duties of loyalty, confidentiality, obedience, disclosure, full accounting, and the duty to use skill, care, and diligence.
- To the Seller and Buyer: A duty of honesty and fair dealing.

#### DISCLOSED DUAL AGENT

A real estate licensee or firm may represent more than one party in the same transaction. A Disclosed Dual Agent is a licensee who, with the informed written consent of the Seller and Buyer, is engaged as an agent for both the Seller and Buyer. As a Disclosed Dual Agent, the licensee shall not represent the interests of one party to the exclusion or detriment of the interests of the other party. A Disclosed Dual Agent has all the fiduciary duties to the Seller and Buyer that a Seller's agent or a Buyer's agent has except the duties of full disclosure and undivided loyalty.

#### > A Disclosed Dual Agent may not disclose:

- a) To the Buyer that the Seller will accept less than the asking or listed price, unless otherwise instructed in writing by the Seller.
- b) To the Seller that the Buyer will pay a price greater than the price submitted in a written offer to the Seller, unless otherwise instructed in writing by the Buyer.
- c) The motivation of any party for selling, buying, or leasing a property, unless otherwise instructed in writing by the respective party, or
- d) That a Seller or Buyer will agree to financing terms other than those offered, unless otherwise instructed in writing by the respective party.

# AGENCY EXCEPTION: PROPERTY CONDITION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (PCDS)

Effective March 14, 2023, the Mississippi Code was amended to eliminate all duties and obligations of real estate agents to their clients or others concerning the Property Condition Disclosure Statement (PCDS) required for residential real estate transactions involving real estate agents, including (but not limited to) any responsibility for the completeness and accuracy of information contained in the PCDS, or for its delivery.

### IMPORTANT NOTICE: UNREPRESENTED "CUSTOMER"

"Customer" shall mean a person not represented in a real estate transaction. It may be the Buyer, Seller, Landlord or Tenant. A Buyer may decide to work with a firm that is acting as the agent for a Seller (a Seller's Agent or Subagent). If a Buyer does not enter into a Buyer Agency Agreement with the firm that shows him properties, that firm and its agents may show the Buyer properties as a Seller's Agent or as a Subagent working on the Seller's behalf. Such a firm represents the Seller (not the Buyer) and must disclose that fact to the Buyer. Regarding the price and terms of an offer, the Seller's Agent will ask you (the Customer) to decide how much to offer for the property and upon what conditions. They can explain your options to you, but the final decision is yours, as they cannot give you legal or financial advice. They will attempt to show you property in the price range and category you desire so that you will have information on which to base your decision. The Seller's Agent will present to the Seller any written offer that you ask them to present. You should not disclose any information that you do not want the Seller to know (i.e. the price you are willing to pay, other terms you are willing to accept, and your motivation for buying) because the Seller's Agent would be required to tell all such information to the Seller. As a Customer dealing with a Seller's Agent, you might desire to obtain the representation of an attorney, another real estate licensee, or both.

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(Client signature)	(Date)	(Licensee Brokerage)		(Customer signature)	(Date)