

PRELIMINARY INDUCEMENT RESOLUTION
(Norwich Yonkers LLC Project)

A special meeting of the City of Yonkers Industrial Development Agency was convened on March 28, 2014, at 8:30 a.m. in the Mayor's Reception Room, City Hall, 40 South Broadway, Yonkers, New York.

The following resolution was duly offered and seconded, to wit:

Resolution No. 03/2014-06

PRELIMINARY INDUCEMENT RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF YONKERS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (THE "AGENCY") (i) ACCEPTING THE APPLICATION OF NORWICH YONKERS LLC WITH RESPECT TO A CERTAIN PROJECT (AS DESCRIBED BELOW) LOCATED AT 5 EXECUTIVE BOULEVARD, YONKERS, NEW YORK; (ii) AUTHORIZING A PUBLIC HEARING WITH RESPECT TO THE PROJECT; AND (iii) DESCRIBING THE FORMS OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE BEING CONTEMPLATED BY THE AGENCY WITH RESPECT TO THE PROJECT

WHEREAS, by Title 1 of Article 18-A of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York, as amended, and Chapter 83 of the Laws of 1982 of the State of New York, as may be amended from time to time (collectively, the "Act"), the City of Yonkers Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") was created with the authority and power among other things, to assist with the acquisition of certain projects as authorized by the Act; and

WHEREAS, Norwich Yonkers LLC, a Delaware limited liability company with offices at c/o True North Hotel Group, 7300 West 110th Street, Suite 990, Overland Park, Kansas 66210 (the "Company"), has submitted an application (the "Application") to the Agency, copies of which were presented at this meeting and a copy of which is on file at the office of the Agency, requesting financial assistance through a straight-lease transaction (as each such term is defined in the Act) for a proposed project (the "Project") in the City of Yonkers (the "City");

WHEREAS, the Project shall consist of the Agency taking title, possession or control (by deed, lease, sublease, license or otherwise) of approximately 2.9 acres of land at 5 Executive Boulevard, Yonkers, New York (collectively, the "Land"); the lease, sublease, or installment sale of the Land back to the Company; and the construction, renovation, improving, maintenance and equipping thereon of an approximately 84,000 square foot, 4-story hotel facility ("together with the Land, the "Facility"), which Facility will be developed and operated by the Company as a franchised Courtyard by Marriott (or similar nationally recognized hotel flag), all under a lease or sublease from the Agency, all as more fully described in the Application; and

WHEREAS, the Act authorizes and empowers the Agency to promote, develop, encourage and assist projects such as the Facility and to advance the job opportunities, health, general prosperity and economic welfare of the people of the State of New York (the "State"); and

WHEREAS, subject to the provisions of this Resolution, the Agency contemplates that it will provide financial assistance to the Company in connection with the Project, in the form of (i) exemptions from mortgage recording taxes, (ii) exemptions from sales and use taxes, and (iii)

possible abatement of real property taxes, subject to the payment of payments in lieu thereof, subject to negotiation and/or agreement with the City as hereinafter described, all consistent with the Uniform Tax Exemption Policy and other policies of the Agency (collectively, the “Financial Assistance”), to be more particularly described in an Authorizing Resolution to be adopted by the Agency prior to the closing of the contemplated transactions; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of the Project, the Agency is contemplating taking title to or a leasehold interest in the Facility for a period of time so as to enable the Company to enter into an agreement with the Agency and/or the City regarding payments in lieu of real property taxes (the “PILOT Agreement”); and

WHEREAS, in compliance with the Act, the Agency will hold a public hearing regarding the granting of the Financial Assistance following publication of public notice thereof as required by law; and

WHEREAS, prior to final authorization of the Project and the granting of the Financial Assistance thereunder, the Agency may require the Company to provide to the Agency such further information, together with such letters or reports from interested parties and governmental agencies or officials (collectively, the “Supplemental Materials”) to enable the Agency to make and to confirm findings and determinations that the Facility qualifies as a “project” under the Act and that the Facility satisfies all other requirements of the Act; and

WHEREAS, the Company plans to undertake the renovation, reconstruction, refurbishment or equipping of the Facility following the authorization of the Project by the Agency; and

WHEREAS, the Agency constitutes a “State Agency” under and pursuant to Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law (“SEQRA”) and the regulations of the Department of Environmental Conservation of the State of New York thereunder (the “DEC Regulations”); and

WHEREAS, the Agency has made no determination with respect to the Project under SEQRA.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Agency (a majority of the members thereof affirmatively concurring) as follows (collectively, this “Resolution”):

Section 1. The Company has presented an application in a form acceptable to the Agency. Based upon the representations made by the Company to the Agency in the Company's application, and subject to the delivery to the Agency of such Supplemental Materials as the Agency may require, and to further confirmation by the Agency upon receipt and review of same, in connection with the acquisition, construction and equipping of the Facility, the Agency hereby makes the following determinations and findings:

(a) The acquisition, renovation, reconstruction and equipping of the Facility and the financing thereof by the Agency, and the provision of other financial assistance in connection therewith pursuant to the Act: (i) will not result in the removal of an industrial, manufacturing or commercial plant of the Company or any occupant of the Project from one area of the State to another area of the State or in the abandonment of one or more plants or facilities of the Company or any occupant of the Project except as permitted by the Act; (ii) will promote the job opportunities, health, general prosperity and the economic welfare of the inhabitants of the City and the people of the State and improve their standard of living, and thereby serve the public purposes of the Act; and (iii) is authorized by the Act and will be in furtherance of the policy of the State as set forth therein; and the same is, therefore, approved.

(b) It is desirable and in the public interest for the Agency to grant financial assistance for the purpose of financing the costs of the acquisition, renovation, reconstruction and equipping of the Facility.

Section 2. The Agency hereby finds and determines that this Resolution constitutes a determination of compliance with technical requirements within the meaning of Section 6.17.5(c)(28) of the DEC Regulations and does not constitute, and shall not be deemed to constitute an approval by the Agency of the Project for the purpose of SEQRA.

Section 3. Subject to the other terms of this Resolution, the Agency, in its discretion, will provide such Financial Assistance as may be permitted by law and may be suitable to advance the Project, including exemptions from sales and use tax, mortgage recording tax upon any mortgage granted in connection with the financing or any subsequent refinancing of the Project, and real property tax, which will not deviate from the Uniform Tax Exemption Policy of the Agency, all to be more particularly described in a final authorizing resolution to be adopted by the Agency prior to the closing of the transactions described herein.

Section 4. The granting of the Financial Assistance, as contemplated by Section 3 of this Resolution, shall be subject to, inter alia:

(a) the delivery by the Company of such Supplemental Materials as the Agency may require, and the confirmation by the Agency of the findings set forth in Section 1 above upon receipt and review of any such Supplemental Materials by the Agency; and

(b) the Agency shall give notice of and hold a public hearing with respect to the Project in accordance with Section 859-a of the Act; and

(c) the Company's receipt of all State and local permits and approvals to undertake the Project; and

(d) the review of the Project by the Agency pursuant to SEQRA, and compliance by the Agency with all applicable terms and conditions of SEQRA and the DEC Regulations in respect of the Project; and

(e) the Agency's adoption of a final Authorizing Resolution authorizing the undertaking of the Project, the granting of the Financial Assistance by the Agency, and the form and content of the proposed instruments and agreements governing the terms and conditions of the Project (the "Project Agreements"); and

(f) the obligations of the Agency under the Project Agreements shall be special, limited obligations of the Agency payable solely from the receipts and income of the Project and the Facility, and the Agency shall in no way be liable for the payment of the costs of the Project or any other amount owed by the Company.

Section 5. The members, representatives and agents of the Agency are hereby authorized, in accordance with Section 859-a of the Act, to give notice of and to hold a public hearing with respect to the Project.

Section 6. The Chairman, the Vice Chairman, the President/CEO and the Executive Director of the Agency are hereby authorized and directed to distribute copies of this Resolution to the Company and to do such further things or perform such acts as may be necessary or convenient to implement the provisions of this Resolution.

Section 7. The terms and conditions of subdivision 3 of Section 875 of the General Municipal Law are hereby incorporated herein and made a part of this Resolution.

Section 8. Nothing contained in this Resolution shall be construed as a commitment by the Agency to provide financing for the Project.

Section 9. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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The question of the adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

	<i>Yea</i>	<i>Nay</i>	<i>Abstain</i>	<i>Absent</i>
Mike Spano	[✓]	[]	[]	[]
Martin Ball, Sr.	[]	[]	[]	[x]
Susan Gerry	[✓]	[]	[]	[]
Joy Carden	[✓]	[]	[]	[]
Cecile D. Singer	[✓]	[]	[]	[]
Peter Kischak	[✓]	[]	[]	[]
Robert Maccariello	[✓]	[]	[]	[]

The Resolutions were thereupon duly adopted.

SECRETARY'S CERTIFICATION

STATE OF NEW YORK)
COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER) ss.:

I, the undersigned, Secretary of the City of Yonkers Industrial Development Agency DO HEREBY CERTIFY:

That I have compared the annexed extract of minutes of the meeting of the City of Yonkers Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency"), including the resolution contained therein regarding the preliminary inducement accepting the application of Norwich Yonkers LLC, for a proposed project to be located at 5 Executive Boulevard, Yonkers, New York, held on March 28, 2014, with the original thereof on file in my office, and that the same is a true and correct copy of the proceedings of the Agency and of such resolution set forth therein and of the whole of said original insofar as the same related to the subject matters therein referred to.

I FURTHER CERTIFY, that all members of said Agency had due notice of said meeting, that the meeting was in all respects duly held and that, pursuant to Article 7 of the Public Officers Law (Open Meetings Law), said meeting was open to the general public, and that public notice of the time and place of said meeting was duly given in accordance with such Article 7.

I FURTHER CERTIFY, that there was a quorum of the members of the Agency present throughout said meeting.

I FURTHER CERTIFY, that as of the date hereof, the attached resolution is in full force and effect and has not been amended, repealed or modified.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Agency this 28 day of March, 2014.



Susan Gerry, Secretary

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