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Warshaw Burstein, Akerman and American Investor Immigration Funds Facilitate Construction of Orlando Hyatt House Through Use of Preferred Equity and EB-5 Financing

New York, March 29, 2018 - Warshaw Burstein, LLP and Akerman LLP used experience and creativity to raise additional preferred equity in addition to the existing owner equity and EB-5 financing led by Robert Lubin, a leading EB-5 specialist and his firm American Investor Immigration Funds LLC, all based in Herndon, VA to enable a 175 room Hyatt House on International Drive in Orlando. The hotel is scheduled to open by the end of the year.

The hotel is located approximately one mile from the gates to Universal Studios and is owned by 5370 Holdings, LLC and being developed by 5370 International Drive Associates, LP.

Warshaw Burstein, led by Michael Zukerman, and Akerman LLP, led by Robert A. Leapley, Jr., served as counsel in the transaction. Mr. Zukerman introduced a new broker to seek additional financing. A preferred equity investor was found and agreed to fund \$7 million. Robert Lubin provided key support in facilitating all aspects of the transaction.

The structure of the deal was changed to admit the preferred equity by creating a joint venture between the preferred equity investor and the developer. The first mortgagee needed to approve a loan modification. The owner had to negotiate a loan modification of the first mortgage and the new preferred equity investment simultaneously.

“The Hyatt House project in Orlando is another example of how Warshaw Burstein combines knowledge and skill to enable our client to meet the challenge of financing a major real estate project,” said Fred R. Cummings, Jr., the firm’s managing partner. “This transaction will provide long-term benefits both to the developer of the hotel and to the many people who will stay there during trips to Orlando.”

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