

January 5, 2022

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1800 [F Street NW](#); Washington, D.C.

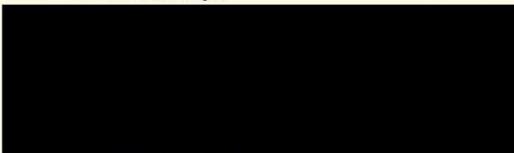
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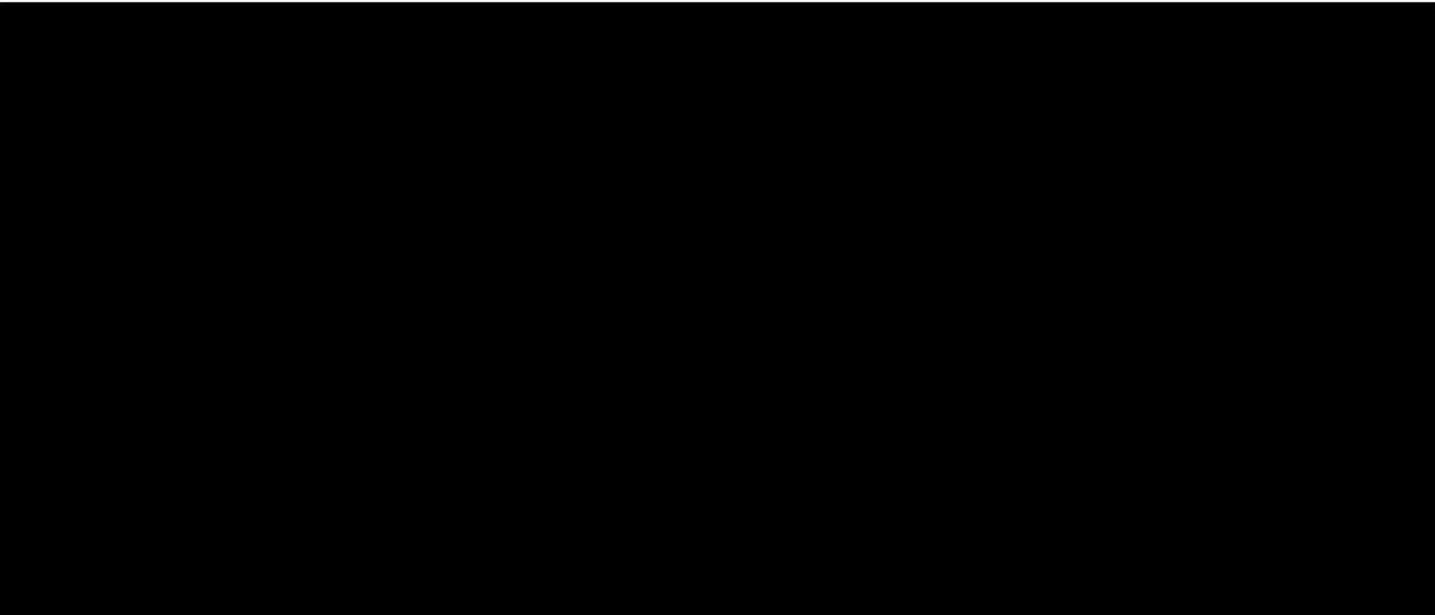
I write today in support of the CGI Merchant Group and their conversion of the Trump Hotel in Washington D.C. into a Waldorf Astoria.

CGI is well known in my [REDACTED], as their team purchased the [REDACTED], now known as the [REDACTED] and count various local members of the community among their investors and organization. Their conscientious rejuvenation of this [REDACTED] property has helped improve quality of life in the area, and their business has also aided in job creation and served to further energize our hospitality industry.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,





January 2, 2022

*Re: CGI Merchant Group DC Acquisition*

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing express my support of CGI Merchant Group and their recent acquisition in my former hometown of Washington D.C. It is my understanding that CGI is currently in the GSA due diligence process, and having direct knowledge of their operations here in South Florida, I am confident that there will be no issues with their purchase in our nation's capitol.

CGI recently acquired the [REDACTED], a significant [REDACTED] property [REDACTED] [REDACTED] here in my [REDACTED]. The [REDACTED] project has generated countless jobs for the community and has already become both a notable destination and economic driver for our local tourism inventory. I am confident that the level of class and professionalism dedicated to the [REDACTED], along with the respect shown to the [REDACTED], will be duplicated in their property and operations at the newly-purchased hotel in Washington D.C.

Thank you for your consideration of this correspondence. If needed, please feel free to contact my office at any time.



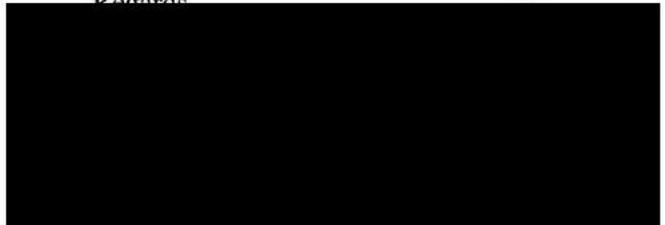


January 10, 2022

To whom it may concern,

[REDACTED] is a leading hospitality management company which currently operates more than [REDACTED] hotels and approximately [REDACTED] rooms around the world. [REDACTED] currently serves as hotel manager for [REDACTED] which is owned in part by CGI Merchant Group and its affiliates. [REDACTED] has a good working relationship with the applicant and strongly supports its bid for approval to convert the Trump Hotel to a Waldorf Astoria at 1100 Pennsylvania Ave in DC.

Regards,





January 12, 2022

To Whom It May Concern,

I am happy to write this letter of recommendation for CGI Merchant Group concerning their recent acquisition in Washington D.C. with the pending purchase of the Trump Hotel. We are of the opinion that this hotel will make an exceptional Waldorf Astoria.

[REDACTED] is the management company for [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]. We have enjoyed a strong working relationship with [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], Vice President of Hospitality Asset Management, and the team at CGI. I am confident they will have great success in this new endeavor.



[REDACTED]

January 13, 2022

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter in support of [REDACTED] and his company, CGI Merchant Group, in connection with their acquisition of the lease on the Trump Hotel, Washington, D.C.

I have known and conducted business with [REDACTED] and CGI for almost a decade. My company, [REDACTED], provided numerous financing facilities for several of their properties, including [REDACTED]. During that time, they completed a meticulous renovation, repositioning and rebranding of [REDACTED] in full accordance with their business plan.

Based on over 40 years of experience in real estate finance, I can say, unequivocally, that [REDACTED] and CGI were exemplary borrowers – scrupulous in their reporting, punctual in their payments and professional in all our dealings. If given the opportunity, it would be my pleasure to back [REDACTED] and CGI again.

Please feel free to contact me if you need any further information.

Sincerely,  
[REDACTED]