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# **VIA E-MAIL**

Gordon MacDonald, Attorney General Consumer Protection and Antitrust Bureau Office of the Attorney General 33 Capitol Street Concord, NH 03301

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Re: Notification of Data Security Incident

Dear Attorney General MacDonald:

I represent Noble House Hotels & Resorts ("Noble House"), located in Kirkland, Washington. This letter is being sent pursuant to N.H. Rev. Stat. §§359-C:19-21, because on June 6, 2017, Noble House learned that personal information may have been involved in a data security incident on the Sabre Hospitality Solutions SynXis Central Reservations system ("Sabre"). It has taken time to determine which individuals were affected, and on July 11, 2017, we determined that approximately 23 residents of New Hampshire may have been affected. However, the process to determine the precise number of individuals affected is ongoing. The incident may have involved unauthorized access to payment card information for hotel reservations, including names, card numbers, card expiration dates, and card security codes. In some cases, e-mail addresses, telephone numbers and mailing addresses may have been involved.

On May 2, 2017, Sabre, an independent, third-party provider of reservation services, disclosed that it was investigating the data security incident. As a company that enlists Sabre as a third-party vendor, Noble House received notification from Sabre on June 6, 2017, that the above-referenced information within Sabre's system may have been accessed without authorization between August 10, 2016 and March 9, 2017. Noble House confirmed that Sabre investigated the incident with assistance from a digital forensics firm and notified law enforcement and payment card brands in order to prevent fraudulent activity. The data security incident did not occur on, nor did it affect, Noble House's systems.

Noble House is in the process of notifying the affected New Hampshire residents via the attached letter. Noble House is also providing substitute notice through a link on the Noble House homepage to a Sabre microsite, <a href="http://www.sabreconsumernotice.com/">http://www.sabreconsumernotice.com/</a> and a press release. Please contact me should you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

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**Enclosure: Consumer Notification Letter** 

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#### NOTICE OF SABRE DATA BREACH

### Dear Valued Customer:

We are writing to inform you of an incident that may have involved your personal information. We take the privacy and security of your information very seriously. This is why we are contacting you and informing you about steps you can take to protect your personal information.

What Happened? The Sabre Hospitality Solutions SynXis Central Reservations system (Sabre) facilitates the booking of hotel reservations made by consumers through hotels, online travel agencies, and similar booking services. These services include reservations for Noble House Hotels & Resorts (Noble House). On May 2, 2017 Sabre informed us that it retained "expert third parties" to investigate a data security incident that may have affected personal information you provided in making reservations at a Noble House property. Sabre informed us that upon discovering the incident, it engaged a digital forensics firm to conduct an investigation. On June 6, 2017, Sabre informed us that certain reservation information may have been accessed between August 10, 2016 and March 9, 2017 without authorization.

**What Information Was Involved?** The incident may have involved payment card information for hotel reservations, including names, card numbers, card expiration dates, and card security codes.

What We Are Doing: Upon being informed of the incident, we began working with Sabre to determine which of our customers was affected by the incident. We also confirmed that Sabre notified the FBI and the payment card brands in order to prevent fraudulent activity. As set forth below, we are also providing you information about how to protect your personal information.

What You Can Do: You can follow the recommendations on the following page to protect your personal information.

**For More Information:** Further information about how to protect your personal information appears on the following page. Sabre has provided a dedicated call center. If you have questions and reside in the United States, please call 800-343-1276, 24 hours a day, Monday to Friday. If you reside outside the United States, please call 503-597-7687, 24 hours a day, Monday to Friday. For additional information about this incident, please visit the Sabre website at <a href="http://www.sabreconsumernotice.com/">http://www.sabreconsumernotice.com/</a> or call 888-721-6305. Please accept our sincere apologies and know that we deeply regret any worry or inconvenience this may cause you.

Sincerely,

Pat R. Colee, Chairman

### STEPS YOU CAN TAKE TO FURTHER PROTECT YOUR INFORMATION

# Review Your Account Statements and Notify Law Enforcement of Suspicious Activity

As a precautionary measure, we recommend that you remain vigilant by reviewing your account statements and credit reports closely. If you detect any suspicious activity on an account, you should promptly notify the financial institution or company with which the account is maintained. You also should promptly report any fraudulent activity or any suspected incidence of identity theft to proper law enforcement authorities, your state attorney general, and/or the Federal Trade Commission (FTC).

Copy of Credit Report: You may obtain a free copy of your credit report from each of the three major credit reporting agencies once every 12 months by visiting http://www.annualcreditreport.com/, calling toll-free 877-322-8228, or by completing an Annual Credit Report Request Form and mailing it to Annual Credit Report Request Service, P.O. Box 105281, Atlanta, GA 30348. You can print this form at https://www.annualcreditreport.com/cra/requestformfinal.pdf. You also can contact one of the following three national credit reporting agencies:

Equifax	Experian	TransUnion	Free Annual Report
P.O. Box 105851	P.O. Box 9532	P.O. Box 1000	P.O. Box 105281
Atlanta, GA 30348	Allen, TX 75013	Chester, PA 19016	Atlanta, GA 30348
1-800-525-6285	1-888-397-3742	1-877-322-8228	1-877-322-8228
www.equifax.com	www.experian.com	www.transunion.com	annualcreditreport.com

Fraud Alert: You may want to consider placing a fraud alert on your credit report. An initial fraud alert is free and will stay on your credit file for at least 90 days. The alert informs creditors of possible fraudulent activity within your report and requests that the creditor contact you prior to establishing any accounts in your name. To place a fraud alert on your credit report, contact any of the three credit reporting agencies identified above. Additional information is available at http://www.annualcreditreport.com.

Security Freeze: In some US states, you have the right to put a security freeze on your credit file. This will prevent new credit from being opened in your name without the use of a PIN number that is issued to you when you initiate the freeze. A security freeze is designed to prevent potential creditors from accessing your credit report without your consent. As a result, using a security freeze may interfere with or delay your ability to obtain credit. You must separately place a security freeze on your credit file with each credit reporting agency. If you request a security freeze from a consumer reporting agency there may be a fee up to \$10 to place, lift or remove the security freeze. In order to place a security freeze, you may be required to provide the consumer reporting agency with information that identifies you including your full name, Social Security number, date of birth, current and previous addresses, a copy of your state-issued identification card, and a recent utility bill, bank statement or insurance statement.

**Additional Free Resources:** You can obtain information from the consumer reporting agencies, Federal Trade Commission or from your respective state Attorney General about steps you can take toward preventing identity n e

600 Pennsylvania Ave, NW Washington, DC 20580 consumer.ftc.gov, and www.ftc.gov/idtheft 1-877-438-4338

General 200 St. Paul Place Baltimore, MD 21202 oag.state.md.us 1-888-743-0023

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