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JIM PETRUS
Chief Operating Officer
Trump International Hotels Management LLC

Jim Petrus is chief operating officer for Trump International Hotels Management LLC, the operating arm of Trump® Hotel Collection. His appointment in 2006 propels an already illustrious career that has included more than 30 years of management-level hospitality industry experience. In his current role, he is responsible for oversight of the development and operation of the new, compelling luxury hotel brand for the 21st century.

Prior to joining the Trump Organization, Petrus held senior level positions with Starwood Hotels and Resorts in both operations and brand operations as senior vice president of operations.

Petrus' association with Starwood began in 1998, when the company acquired Westin Hotels and Resorts, where Petrus was serving as area managing director covering Southern California since joining Westin in 1993.

Earlier in his career, Petrus distinguished himself with a series of general manager positions within Hyatt Hotels and Resorts. The opening general manager of the Grand Hyatt Wailea Resort and Spa, the resort, in its first year of operation, earned the coveted AAA Five Diamond Award.

A graduate of Michigan State University's School of Hotel, Restaurant and Institutional Management, Petrus transitioned directly into management, immediately landing a position at the prestigious Williamsburg Inn, which earned the Mobil Five Star Award during his tenure.

Petrus' leadership abilities extend to his professional and civic affiliations. He has held several leadership positions in both the industry and communities he has been affiliated with, including president of the Scottsdale Visitors and Convention Bureau, chairman of the Wailea Destination Association, and the board of directors of the Los Angeles Convention Bureau and Maui Visitors Bureau, as well as chairman of the Century City Chamber of Commerce.

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