Case 19-12415-MFW Doc 831 Filed 11/30/20 Page 1 of 15 Docket #0831 Date Filed: 11/30/2020

## IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

In re:	Chapter 11
--------	------------

HRI Holding Corp., et al.,

Debtors. 1

**Case No. 19-12415-MFW** 

**Jointly Administered** 

Objection Deadline: December 21, 2020

SEVENTH MONTHLY AND FINAL FEE APPLICATION OF ALVAREZ & MARSAL NORTH AMERICA, LLC FOR PAYMENT OF COMPENSATION AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES AS FINANCIAL ADVISOR TO THE OFFICIAL COMMITTEE OF UNSECURED CREDITORS FOR THE PERIOD FROM NOVEMBER 25, 2019 THROUGH NOVEMBER 13, 2020

Name of Applicant: <u>Alvarez & Marsal North America, LLC</u>

Authorized to Provide Professional Services to: Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors

Date of Retention: January 6, 2020, *nunc pro tunc* to November

25, 2019

Monthly Period for which compensation and October 1, 2020 through November 13, 2020

reimbursement is sought: ("Compensation Period")

Monthly Amount of Compensation sought as actual, \$1,448.50

reasonable and necessary:

Monthly Amount of Expense Reimbursement sought \$0.27

as actual, reasonable and necessary:

<u>Total</u> Period for which compensation and November 25, 2019 through November 13,

reimbursement is sought: 2020 ("Application Period")

Total Amount of Compensation Sought as actual, \$300,078.25

reasonable and necessary:

Total Amount of Expense Reimbursement sought as \$2,191.96

actual, reasonable and necessary:

This is a(n): 

\_\_\_\_ Monthly \_\_\_\_ Interim \_\_\_\_ Final application

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number, are: HRI Holding Corp. (4677), Houlihan's Restaurants, Inc. (8489), HDJG Corp. (3479), Red Steer, Inc. (2214), Sam Wilson's/Kansas, Inc. (5739), Darryl's of St. Louis County, Inc. (7177), Darryl's of Overland Park, Inc. (3015), Houlihan's of Ohio, Inc. (6410), HRI O'Fallon, Inc. (4539), Algonquin Houlihan's Restaurant, L.L.C. (0449), Geneva Houlihan's Restaurant, L.L.C. (3156), Hanley Station Houlihan's Restaurant, LLC (4948), Houlihan's Texas Holdings, Inc. (5485), Houlihan's Restaurants of Texas, Inc. (4948), JGIL Mill OP LLC (0741), JGIL Millburn, LLC (6071), JGIL Milburn Op LLC (N/A), JGIL, LLC (5485), JGIL Holding Corp. (N/A), JGIL Omaha, LLC (5485), HOP NJ NY, LLC (1106), HOP Farmingdale LLC (7273), HOP Cherry Hill LLC (5012), HOP Paramus LLC (5154), HOP Lawrenceville LLC (5239), HOP Brick LLC (4416), HOP Secaucus LLC (5946), HOP Heights LLC (6017), HOP Bayonne LLC (7185), HOP Fairfield LLC (8068), HOP Ramsey LLC (8657), HOP Bridgewater LLC (1005), HOP Parsippany LLC (1520), HOP Westbury LLC (2352), HOP Weehawken LLC (2571), HOP New Brunswick LLC (2637), HOP Holmdel LLC (2638), HOP Woodbridge LLC (8965), and Houlihan's of Chesterfield, Inc. (5073). The Debtors' address is 2001 Bryan Street, Suite 1550, Dallas, TX 75201.



### **Requested Payment Amount:**

Fees at 100% \$300,078.25 Expenses at 100% 2,191.96 Total: \$302,270.21

Prior Applications						
Date & Docket No.#	Filing Period	Requested Fees	Requested Expenses	Approved Fees	Approved Expenses	Holdback
2/5/2020 [455]	11/25/19 - 12/31/19	\$253,098.50	\$2,152.41	\$253,098.50	\$2,152.41	\$0.00
2/28/20 [514]	1/1/20 - 1/31/20	\$12,277.50	\$20.66	\$12,277.50	\$20.66	\$0.00
4/24/20 [593]	2/1/20 - 3/31/20	\$10,497.75	\$12.96	\$10,497.75	\$12.96	\$0.00
6/12/20 [644]	4/1/20 - 4/30/20	\$3,382.75	\$1.12	\$3,382.75	\$1.12	\$0.00
9/14/20 [722]	5/1/20 - 7/31/20	\$8,141.75	\$3.02	\$6,513.40	\$3.02	\$1,628.35
10/16/20 [769]	8/1/20 - 9/30/20	\$3,731.50	\$1.52	\$2,985.20	\$1.52	\$746.30
11/30/20 [•]	10/1/20 - 11/13/20	\$1,448.50	\$0.27	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<u>Sub-</u> <u>Total</u>	11/25/19 - 11/13/20	<u>\$292,578.25</u>	<u>\$2,191.96</u>	<u>\$288,755.10</u>	<u>\$2,191.69</u>	<u>\$2,374.65</u>
	Application Preparation	\$7,500.00				
TOTALS		<u>\$300,078.25</u>	<u>\$2,191.96</u>	<u>\$288,755.10</u>	<u>\$2,191.69</u>	<u>\$2,374.65</u>

Alvarez & Marsal North America, LLC ("A&M"), financial advisor to the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors (the "Committee") appointed in the cases of the above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the "Debtors"), hereby submits its seventh monthly and final fee application (the "Application") in accordance with the *Order Establishing Procedures for Interim Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses for Professionals and Official Committee Members* [Docket No. 158] (the "Interim Compensation

Order"), seeking compensation and reimbursement of expenses for the period from November 25, 2019 through November 13, 2020. In support hereof, A&M respectfully represents as follows:

#### **INTRODUCTION**

- 1. A&M submits this Application for entry of an order pursuant to section 331 of title 11 of the United States Code, 11 U.S.C §§ 101 et seq, as amended (the "Bankruptcy Code"). By this Application, A&M seeks final approval of compensation for actual and necessary professional services rendered in the amount of \$300,078.25 and reimbursement of expenses in the amount of \$2,191.96 during the Application Period. Pursuant to the Interim Compensation Order, A&M is entitled to receive payment of one-hundred percent (100%) of fees and one-hundred percent (100%) of expenses incurred from November 25, 2019 through November 13, 2020 in the aggregate amount of \$302,270.21 including (i) 100% of fees in the amount of \$300,078.25, and (ii) 100% of expenses in the amount of \$2,191.96.
- 2. A&M has served to the Notice Parties (as defined below) the monthly fee applications for the periods of (i) November 25, 2019 through December 31, 2019; (ii) January 1, 2020 through January 31, 2020; (iii) February 1, 2020 through March 31, 2020; (iv) April 1, 2020 through April 30, 2020; (v) May 1, 2020 through July 31, 2020; (vi) August 1, 2020 through September 30, 2020; and (vii) October 1, 2020 through November 13, 2020.

#### **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

3. This Court has jurisdiction over this Application pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1334. This is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2)(A) and (B). Venue of this proceeding and this Statement is proper in this District pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§1408 and 1409. The statutory predicate for the relief sought herein is section 331 of the Bankruptcy Code.

#### **BACKGROUND**

4. On November 14, 2019 (the "Petition Date"), the Debtors each filed a voluntary petition for relief under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code. The Debtors have continued in the

management of their businesses and operation of their properties pursuant to sections 1107(a) and 1108 of the Bankruptcy Code.

- 5. In accordance with the provisions of section 1102(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, on November 22, 2019, the United States Trustee appointed the Committee in the Debtors' cases.
- 6. On January 6, 2020, this Court entered an order approving the retention of A&M as financial advisor to the Committee effective November 25, 2019 [Docket No. 341].

#### **SERVICES RENDERED AND EXPENSES INCURRED**

- 7. The Debtors' chapter 11 cases have presented numerous large and complex issues that had to be addressed to preserve and maximize value for unsecured creditors. The Retention Order authorizes A&M to render financial advisory services to the Committee.
- 8. The total number of hours expended by A&M professionals in performing professional services for the Committee during the Application Period was 430.2 hours, including 2.1 hours rendered on behalf of the Committee for the Compensation Period. Pursuant to the Retention Order, A&M is entitled to compensation for its services provided to the Committee of \$300,078.25, including \$1,448.50 during the Compensation Period, plus reimbursement of necessary out of pocket expenses.
- 9. A&M also expended costs in the sum of \$2,191.96 during the Application Period, including \$0.27 during the Compensation Period.
- 10. The following exhibits are attached hereto for the Compensation Period: (i) Exhibit "A" is a summary of time detail by professional; (ii) Exhibit "B" is a summary of time by project category; (iii) Exhibit "C" is the itemized daily time records by project category; (iv) Exhibit "D" is a summary of expenses by category; and (v) Exhibit "E" is the itemized expense detail by professional.
- 11. The following exhibits are attached hereto for the Application Period: (i) Exhibit "F" is a summary of time detail by professional; (ii) Exhibit "G" is a summary of time by project

category; and (iii) Exhibit "H" is a summary of expenses by category. Detailed time descriptions for each professional, organized by project category and by date, and detailed expense descriptions, organized by category and by date, during periods preceding the Compensation Period can be found in the previously filed monthly fee applications.

#### STATEMENT FROM ALVAREZ & MARSAL NORTH AMERICA, LLC

- 12. At all relevant times, A&M has been a disinterested person, as that term is defined at § 101(14) of the Bankruptcy Code, as modified by § 1103(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, and has not represented or held any interest adverse to any interest of the Committee.
- 13. A&M has received no payment and no promises for payment from any source (other than the Debtors) for services rendered or to be rendered in any capacity whatsoever in conjunction with the matters covered by this Application. No agreement or understanding exists between A&M and any other entity (other than shareholders or employees of A&M) for the sharing of compensation received or to be received for services rendered in, or in conjunction with, these cases.
- 14. All services for which A&M requests compensation were performed at the direction or instruction of the Committee and on behalf of the Committee. The professional services and related expenses for which A&M requests allowance of compensation and reimbursement of expenses were rendered and incurred in conjunction with these cases in the discharge of A&M's professional responsibilities as financial advisor to the Committee in the Debtors' chapter 11 cases.
- 15. A&M respectfully submits that, in accordance with §328 of the Bankruptcy Code, A&M is entitled to the compensation requested in this Application. A&M further submits that the services provided were necessary and beneficial to the Committee, the Debtors' estates, creditors and other parties in interest, and as such the compensation being sought for its services is fair and reasonable pursuant to §330 of the Bankruptcy Code.

5

16. In accordance with the Interim Compensation Procedures, notice of this Application has been or will be provided to (a) counsel to the Debtors, Landis Rath & Cobb LLP, 919 Market Street, Suite 1800, Wilmington, Delaware 19801 (Attn: Kimberly A. Brown, Esq. and Matthew R. Pierce, Esq.); (b) the United States Trustee for the District of Delaware, 844 King Street, Suite 2207, Lockbox 35, Wilmington, DE 19801, Attn: Jane Leamy, Esq. (jane.m.leamy@usdoj.gov); (c) the Plan Administrator, A.M. Saccullo Legal, LLC, 27 Crimson King Drive, Bear, DE 19701 (Attn: Anthony M. Saccullo, Esq.); and (d) any party that has requested notice pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 2002 (each a "Notice Party," and, collectively the "Notice Parties"). A&M submits that, considering the relief requested, no other or further notice need be provided.

#### NO PRIOR REQUEST

17. No prior application for the relief requested herein has been made to this or any other court.

WHEREFORE, A&M respectfully requests that the Court enter an order: (i) approving

and allowing on a final basis the compensation and reimbursement of actual and necessary costs

and expenses requested herein; (ii) approving the payment of the 100% of allowed fees and

expenses and (iii) providing such further relief as may be just and proper.

Dated: November 30, 2020

ALVAREZ & MARSAL NORTH AMERICA, LLC

By: /s/ Mark Greenberg

Mark Greenberg 600 Madison Ave New York, NY 10022

Telephone: 212.328.8562

mgreenberg@alvarezandmarsal.com

### Exhibit A

### HRI Holding Corp., et al. Summary of Time Detail by Professional October 1, 2020 through November 13, 2020

Professional	Position	<b>Billing Rate</b>	Hours	Fees
Greenberg, Mark	Managing Director	\$925	0.8	\$740.00
Waschitz, Seth	Director	\$725	0.5	362.50
Levy, Spencer	Associate	\$525	0.8	420.00
		=	2.1	\$1,522.50
Less: Voluntary Reduction				(\$74.00)
Grand Total				\$1,448.50

Exhibit B

### HRI Holding Corp., et al. Summary of Time Detail by Project Category October 1, 2020 through November 13, 2020

Project Category		Hours	Fees
Fee Application		1.9	\$1,337.50
Plan of Reorganization / Disclosure Statement		0.2	\$185.00
	Total	<u>2.1</u>	\$1,522.50
Less: Voluntary Reduction			(\$74.00)
Grand Total			\$1,448.50

### Exhibit C

### HRI Holding Corp., et al. Time Detail by Project Category October 1, 2020 through November 13, 2020

Professional	Date	Hours	Time Description
Fee Application			
Greenberg, Mark	Oct-13	0.2	Supervise fee application development
Waschitz, Seth	Oct-16	0.3	Review fee application
Levy, Spencer	Oct-16	0.8	Prepare monthly fee application
Greenberg, Mark	Oct-16	0.4	Review monthly fee application
Waschitz, Seth	Oct-30	0.2	Correspond with Debtors re: escrow amounts
Subtotal		1.9	
Plan of Reorganizat	tion / Disclosure St	atement	
Greenberg, Mark	Oct-16	0.2	Correspond with UCC counsel re: Plan confirmation
Subtotal		0.2	
Grand Total		2.1	

## Exhibit D

### HRI Holding Corp., et al. Expense Summary by Category October 1, 2020 through November 13, 2020

Expense Category		Total
Miscellaneous		\$0.27
	Total	\$0.27

Exhibit E

#### HRI Holding Corp., et al. Expense Detail by Professional October 1, 2020 through November 13, 2020

Category / Professional	Date	Expenses (\$)	Description
Miscellaneous			
Greenberg, Mark	Oct-31	\$0.27	Wireless usage charges
			-
		0.27	
			<u>-</u>
Grand Total		\$0.27	
			=

Exhibit F

### HRI Holding Corp., et al. Summary of Time Detail by Professional November 25, 2019 through November 13, 2020

Professional	Position	<b>Billing Rate</b>	Hours	Fees
Greenberg, Mark	Managing Director	\$925	83.6	\$77,330.00
Newman, Richard	Managing Director	\$925	30.9	28,582.50
Tibus, Jonathan	Managing Director	\$925	24.6	22,755.00
Ivy, Jason	Managing Director	\$925	25.0	23,125.00
Casburn, Robert	Senior Director	\$800	30.3	24,240.00
Waschtiz, Seth	Director	\$725	75.4	54,665.00
Burdis, Andrew	Senior Associate	\$550	31.5	17,325.00
Levy, Spencer	Associate	\$525	65.4	34,335.00
Sohr, Kevin	Analyst	\$400	10.1	4,040.00
Sullivan, Michael	Analyst	\$400	52.4	20,960.00
Ortiz, Ramon	Analyst	\$400	1.0	400.00
		=	430.2	\$307,757.50
Less: Voluntary Reduction	on			(\$15,179.25)
C IT I				фара <b>==</b> 0 а =

\$292,578.25 **Grand Total** 

### Exhibit G

### HRI Holding Corp., et al. Summary of Time Detail by Project Category November 25, 2019 through November 13, 2020

Project Category	Hours
Asset Sales	48.2
Case Administration	3.8
Cash Budget	91.5
Claims / Liabilities Subject to Compromise	3.5
Contracts	2.4
Court Attendance / Participation	5.2
Employee Matters	141.1
Fee Application	30.9
Financial & Operational Matters	13.0
Financing Matters (DIP, Exit, Other)	5.3
Firm Retention	6.4
General Correspondence with Debtor & Debtors' Professionals	4.7
General Correspondence with UCC & UCC Counsel	18.6
Insurance Matters	0.9
Miscellaneous Motions	5.4
Monthly Operating Report	0.4
Plan of Reorganization / Disclosure Statement	14.1
SOFAs & SOALs	23.0
Travel	7.2
Valuation	4.6
Total	430.2

## Exhibit H

### HRI Holding Corp., et al. Summary of Expenses by Category November 25, 2019 through November 13, 2020

Expense Category		Total
Airfare		\$1,010.47
Lodging		214.85
Meals		121.27
Miscellaneous		217.12
Transportation		628.25
	Total	\$2,191.96

# IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

In re:

HRI HOLDING CORP., et al.,1

Post-Confirmation Debtors.

Chapter 11

Case No. 19-12415 (MFW)

(Jointly Administered)

Hearing Date: December 28, 2020 at 2:00 pm (ET) Objection Deadline: December 21, 2020 at 4:00 pm (ET)

NOTICE OF SEVENTH MONTHLY AND FINAL FEE APPLICATION OF ALVAREZ & MARSAL NORTH AMERICA, LLC FOR PAYMENT OF COMPENSATION AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES AS FINANCIAL ADVISOR TO THE OFFICIAL COMMITTEE OF UNSECURED CREDITORS FOR THE PERIOD FROM NOVEMBER 25, 2019 THROUGH NOVEMBER 13, 2020

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that, on November 30, 2020, Alvarez & Marsal North America, LLC ("A&M") filed with the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (the "Court") the Seventh Monthly and Final Fee Application of Alvarez & Marsal North America, LLC for Payment of Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses as Financial Advisor to the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors for the Period From November 25, 2019 Through November 13, 2020 (the "Application").

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that objections, if any, to the Application or the relief requested therein must be filed on or before **December 21, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. (ET)** (the "Objection Deadline") with the Clerk of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, 824 Market Street, Wilmington, Delaware, 19801. At the same time, you

The Debtors in these cases are: HRI Holding Corp., Houlihan's Restaurants, Inc., HDJG Corp., Red Steer, Inc., Sam Wilson's/Kansas, Inc., Darryl's of St. Louis County, Inc., Darryl's of Overland Park, Inc., Houlihan's of Ohio, Inc., HRI O'Fallon, Inc., Algonquin Houlihan's Restaurant, L.L.C., Geneva Houlihan's Restaurant, L.L.C., Hanley Station Houlihan's Restaurant, LLC, Houlihan's Texas Holdings, Inc., Houlihan's Restaurants of Texas, Inc., JGIL Mill OP LLC, JGIL Millburn, LLC, JGIL Milburn Op LLC, JGIL, LLC, JGIL Holding Corp., JGIL Omaha, LLC, HOP NJ NY, LLC, HOP Farmingdale LLC, HOP Cherry Hill LLC, HOP Paramus LLC, HOP Lawrenceville LLC, HOP Brick LLC, HOP Secaucus LLC, HOP Heights LLC, HOP Bayonne LLC, HOP Fairfield LLC, HOP Ramsey LLC, HOP Bridgewater LLC, HOP Parsippany LLC, HOP Westbury LLC, HOP Weehawken LLC, HOP New Brunswick LLC, HOP Holmdel LLC, HOP Woodbridge LLC, and Houlihan's of Chesterfield, Inc.

Case 19-12415-MFW Doc 831-1 Filed 11/30/20 Page 2 of 3

must serve a copy of the response upon the undersigned counsel to the Committee so as to be

received on or before the Objection Deadline.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that if any objections to the Application are

filed, a hearing on the Application will be held before the Honorable Mary F. Walrath at the

Bankruptcy Court, 824 Market Street, 5th Floor, Courtroom 4, Wilmington, Delaware, 19801, on

December 28, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. (ET).

[Remainder of Page Intentionally Left Blank]

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT IF YOU FAIL TO PROPERLY FILE AND SERVE A RESPONSE ON OR BEFORE THE OBJECTION DEADLINE, THE COURT MAY GRANT THE RELIEF REQUESTED IN THE APPLICATION WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE OR HEARING.

Dated: November 30, 2020

Wilmington, Delaware

### KLEHR HARRISON HARVEY BRANZBURG LLP

By: /s/ Sally E. Veghte

Richard M. Beck (DE Bar No. 3370) Sally E. Veghte (DE Bar No. 4762) 919 N. Market Street, Suite 1000 Wilmington, Delaware 19801

Tel: (302) 426-1189 Fax: (302) 426-9193 rbeck@klehr.com sveghte@klehr.com

- and -

#### **KELLEY DRYE & WARREN LLP**

Eric R. Wilson (admitted *pro hac vice*)
Jason R. Adams (admitted *pro hac vice*)
Maeghan J. McLoughlin (admitted *pro hac vice*)
101 Park Avenue
New York, New York 10178
Tel: (212) 808-7800

Fax: (212) 808-7897 ewilson@kelleydrye.com jadams@kelleydrye.com mmcloughlin@kelleydrye.com

Counsel to the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors of HRI Holding Corp., et al.

# IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

In re:	) Chapter 11
HRI HOLDING CORP., et al.,1	) Case No. 19-12415 (MFW)
Debtors.	) (Jointly Administered) )

#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Sally E. Veghte, hereby certify that on November 30, 2020, I caused a true and correct copy of the Seventh Monthly and Final Fee Application of Alvarez & Marsal North America, LLC for Payment of Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses as Financial Advisor to the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors for the Period from November 25, 2019 Through November 13, 2020 to be served on the attached Service List via first class mail.

/s/ Sally E. Veghte
Sally E. Veghte (DE Bar No. 4762)

The Debtors in these cases are: HRI Holding Corp., Houlihan's Restaurants, Inc., HDJG Corp., Red Steer, Inc., Sam Wilson's/Kansas, Inc., Darryl's of St. Louis County, Inc., Darryl's of Overland Park, Inc., Houlihan's of Ohio, Inc., HRI O'Fallon, Inc., Algonquin Houlihan's Restaurant, L.L.C., Geneva Houlihan's Restaurant, L.L.C., Hanley Station Houlihan's Restaurant, LLC, Houlihan's Texas Holdings, Inc., Houlihan's Restaurants of Texas, Inc., JGIL Mill OP LLC, JGIL Millburn, LLC, JGIL Milburn Op LLC, JGIL, LLC, JGIL Holding Corp., JGIL Omaha, LLC, HOP NJ NY, LLC, HOP Farmingdale LLC, HOP Cherry Hill LLC, HOP Paramus LLC, HOP Lawrenceville LLC, HOP Brick LLC, HOP Secaucus LLC, HOP Heights LLC, HOP Bayonne LLC, HOP Fairfield LLC, HOP Ramsey LLC, HOP Bridgewater LLC, HOP Parsippany LLC, HOP Westbury LLC, HOP Weehawken LLC, HOP New Brunswick LLC, HOP Holmdel LLC, HOP Woodbridge LLC, and Houlihan's of Chesterfield, Inc.

### **Service List**

Landis Rath & Cobb LLP Kimberly A. Brown Matthew R. Pierce 919 Market Street, Suite 1800 Wilmington, DE 19801

Office of the United States Trustee Attn: Jane Leamy 844 King Street, Suite 2207 Lockbox 35 Wilmington, DE 19801