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TAX RETURN ENGAGEMENT LETTER

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The Club at Norwich Inn & Spa, Inc.
Norwich, Connecticut

Dear Client:

Austin & Macione CPAs, LLC is pleased to provide you with the professional services described below. This letter confirms our understanding of the terms and objectives of our engagement and the nature and limitations of the services we will provide. The engagement between you and our firm will be governed by the terms of this Agreement.

Engagement Objective and Scope

We will prepare the following federal and requested state Corporation income tax returns (Form 1120-H) for the year ended December 31, 2018. It is our understanding that the Association elects to file Form 1120-H. We understand that the Association has made this election with full knowledge of its ramifications.

It is your responsibility to identify states in which you conduct business or produce income. See Client Responsibilities—State and local filing obligations (Page 3).

We will not prepare any tax returns except those identified above, without your request, and our consent to do so. We will prepare your tax returns based upon information and representations that you provide to us. We have not been engaged to and will not prepare financial statements. We will not audit or otherwise verify the data you submit to us, although we may ask you to clarify certain information.

We will prepare the above referenced tax returns solely for filing with the Internal Revenue Service (“IRS”) and state and local tax authorities as identified above. Our work is not intended to benefit or influence any third party, either to obtain credit or for any other purpose.

You agree to indemnify and hold us harmless with respect to any and all claims arising from the use of the tax returns for any purpose other than filing with the IRS and state and local tax authorities regardless of the nature of the claim, including the negligence of any party

Our engagement does not include any procedures designed to detect errors, fraud, or theft. Therefore, our engagement cannot be relied upon to disclose such matters.

This engagement is limited to the professional services outlined above.

CPA Firm Responsibilities

Unless otherwise noted, we will perform our services in accordance with the Statements on Standards for Tax Services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and U.S. Treasury Department Circular 230. It is our duty to perform services with the same standard of care that a reasonable income tax preparer would exercise in this type of engagement. It is your responsibility to safeguard your assets and maintain accurate records pertaining to transactions. We will not hold your property in trust for you, or otherwise accept fiduciary duties in the performance of the engagement.

Bookkeeping assistance

We may deem it necessary to provide you with accounting and bookkeeping assistance solely for the purpose of preparing the income tax returns. These services will be performed solely in accordance with the AICPA Code of Professional Conduct. Additional charges will apply for such services.

Prior year review

Our review of the prior year's tax return will necessarily be limited and may not find all errors. We will, however, bring to your attention any errors that we find. If you ask us to prepare amended tax returns and address any other matters arising as a result of any error, we will confirm this representation in a separate engagement letter.

Estimated tax payments

You may be required to make quarterly estimated tax payments. We will calculate these payments for the 2019 tax year based upon the information you provide to prepare your 2018 tax returns and have no obligation to update recommended payments after the engagement is completed. If you ask us to update your estimated tax payments, we will confirm this in a separate engagement letter.

Tax planning services

Our engagement does not include tax planning services. During the course of preparing the tax returns identified above, we may bring to your attention potential tax savings strategies for you to consider as a possible means of reducing your taxes in subsequent tax years. However, we have no responsibility to do so, and will take no action with respect to such recommendations, as the responsibility for implementation remains with you, the taxpayer. If you ask us to provide tax planning services, we will confirm this representation in a separate engagement letter.

Government inquiries

This engagement does not include responding to inquiries by any governmental agency or tax authority. If your tax return is selected for examination or audit, you may request our assistance in responding to such an inquiry. If you ask us to represent you, we will confirm this representation in a separate engagement letter.

Client Responsibilities

You will provide us with a trial balance and other supporting data needed to prepare your tax returns. You must provide us with accurate and complete information. Income from all sources, including those outside of the U.S., is required.

We rely upon the accuracy and completeness of both the information you provide in the trial balance and other supporting data you provide in rendering professional services to you.

Documentation

You are responsible for maintaining adequate documentation to substantiate the accuracy and completeness of your tax returns. You should retain all documents that provide evidence and support for reported income, credits, and deductions on your returns, as required under applicable tax laws and regulations. You are responsible for the adequacy of all information provided in such documents. You represent that you have such documentation and can produce it if needed, to respond to any audit or inquiry by tax authorities. You agree to hold our firm harmless from any liability, including but not limited to, additional tax, penalties, interest and professional fees resulting from the disallowance of tax deductions due to inadequate documentation.

Personal expenses

You are responsible for ensuring that personal expenses, if any, are segregated from business expenses and that expenses such as meals, travel, entertainment, vehicle use, gifts, and related expenses are supported by necessary records required by the IRS and other tax authorities. At your request, we are available to provide you with answers to your questions on the types of supporting records required.

State and local filing obligations

You are responsible for determining your tax filing obligations with any state or local tax authorities, including, but not limited to, income, franchise, sales, use, property or unclaimed property taxes. You agree that we have no responsibility to research these obligations or to inform you of them. If upon review of the information you have provided to us, along with information that comes to our attention, we believe you may have additional filing obligations, we will notify you of this responsibility and ask you to contact us. If you ask us to prepare these returns, we will confirm this representation in a separate engagement letter.

U.S. filing obligations related to foreign financial assets

As part of your filing obligations, you are required to report the maximum value of specified foreign financial assets, which include financial accounts with foreign institutions and certain other foreign non-account investment assets that exceed certain thresholds. You are responsible for informing us of all foreign assets, so we may properly advise you regarding your filing obligations.

Foreign filing obligations

You are responsible for complying with the tax filing requirements of any other country. You acknowledge and agree that we have no responsibility to raise these issues with you and that foreign filing obligations are not within the scope of this engagement.

Other income, losses and expenses

If you realized income, loss or expense from a business or supplemental income or loss, the reporting requirements of federal and state income tax authorities apply to such income, loss or expense. You are responsible for complying with all applicable laws and regulations pertaining to such operations, including the classification of workers as employees or independent contractors and related payroll tax and withholding requirements.

Ultimate responsibility

You have final responsibility for your income tax returns. We will provide you with a copy of your income tax returns and accompanying schedules and statements for review prior to filing with the IRS and state and local tax authorities (as applicable). You agree to review and examine them carefully for accuracy and completeness.

You will be required to verify and sign a completed Form 8879-C, *IRS e-file Signature Authorization for Form 1120*, and any similar state and local equivalent authorization form before your returns can be filed electronically.

In the event that you do not wish to have your income tax returns filed electronically, please contact our firm. Additional procedures will apply. You will be responsible for reviewing the paper returns for accuracy, signing them, and filing them timely with the tax authorities.

Timing of the Engagement

We expect to begin our services upon receipt of your trial balance, and other supporting data.

If your return is electronically filed, our services will conclude upon the earlier of:

- the filing and acceptance of your 2018 tax returns by the appropriate tax authorities,
- the delivery to you of your 2018 paper filed tax returns for review and filing with the appropriate tax authorities,
- written notification by either party that the engagement is terminated, or
- one year from the execution date of this Agreement.

Extensions of Time to File Tax Returns

The original filing due dates for your tax returns are April 15, 2019 for federal and state. **Due to the high volume of tax returns prepared by our firm, the information needed to complete the tax returns must be received no later than April 1, 2019 so that the returns may be completed by the original filing due dates.**

It may become necessary to apply for an extension of the filing deadline if there are unresolved tax issues or delays in processing, or if we do not receive all of the necessary information from you on a timely basis. Applying for an extension of time to file may extend the time available for a government agency to undertake an audit of your return or may extend the statute of limitations to file a legal action. All taxes owed are due by the original filing due date.

We are available to discuss this matter with you at your request.

Penalties and Interest Charges

Federal, state, and local tax authorities impose various penalties and interest charges for non-compliance with tax laws and regulations, including failure to file or late filing of returns, and underpayment of taxes. You, as the taxpayer, remain responsible for the payment of all tax, penalties, and interest charges imposed by tax authorities.

We rely on the accuracy and completeness of the information you provide to us in connection with the preparation of your tax returns. Failure to disclose or inadequate disclosure of income or tax positions may result in the imposition of penalties and interest charges.

Professional Fees

Our professional fee for the services outlined above is based upon the complexity of the work to be performed, and our professional time, as well as out-of-pocket expenses. In addition, this fee depends upon the timely delivery, availability, quality, and completeness of the information you provide to us. You agree that you will deliver all records requested and respond to all inquiries made by our staff to complete this engagement on a timely basis. Upon agreement, we will bill \$400 for this engagement. You agree to pay all fees and expenses incurred whether or not we prepare the income tax returns.

We appreciate the opportunity to be of service to you. Please date and execute the enclosed copy of this Agreement and return it to us to acknowledge your acceptance.

Very truly yours,

Austin + Macione CPAs LLC

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ACCEPTED: *Jim Rose* DATE: 4/7/19

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Comments or additional requests:
