

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT THE TRUMP INTERNATIONAL HOTEL

If there is one symbol of Trump-era corruption, it's the Trump International Hotel. Unlike every prior president of the modern era, Trump did not divest from his company, the Trump Organization, upon taking the oath of office.¹ This decision has led to at least **2,300 separate cases of a conflict of interest or corruption.**²

It started literally hours after he took the oath of office. Trump's inauguration after-party, which was funded by taxpayers, was held — of course — at the Trump International Hotel.³ The message was loud and clear: If you want to talk to me, spend money at my company. And Washington listened. **Members of Congress and their Chiefs of Staff have stayed at the hotel at least 453 times.**⁴ When T-Mobile merged with Sprint, it spent almost \$200,000 at the Trump International to get the deal approved.⁵ Representatives of at least 22 countries have stayed at Trump-branded properties since he took the oath of office.⁶ Mohammad bin Salman of Saudi Arabia single-handedly turned around the Trump International Hotel's room-rental revenues at the start of 2018.⁷ An Iraqi sheikh spent a whopping 26 nights at the Trump International right after he pitched a tougher Iran policy to the Trump administration.⁸ Over two years, the Trump International Hotel charged \$200,000 to the Secret Service alone.⁹ Attorney General William Barr just recently booked his annual holiday party there.¹⁰ The Trump International Hotel is now **one of Trump's most lucrative properties**, taking in \$81 million last year. Of that \$81 million, **\$40.8 million wound up in the President's own wallet.**¹¹

The corruption extends to Trump hotels around the world. During the now infamous conversation between Trump and the President of Ukraine, Volodymyr Zelensky, Zelensky mentioned that he had recently stayed in a Trump hotel in New York.¹² Vice President Pence stayed at a Trump hotel during his trip to Ireland in September, apparently at the president's suggestion, according to Pence's Chief of Staff.¹³ When Trump's sons Eric and Donald Jr. took a business trip to Dubai, it cost taxpayers at least \$73,000.¹⁴ The House Oversight Committee opened an investigation into why military planes are refueled (at a higher cost to the taxpayer) at an airport near the Trump Turnberry Resort in Scotland and servicemembers sent to stay there.¹⁵ The Trump administration allows no opportunity for profit to go unseized.

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