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James Francque serves as Global Head of Transactions for Hyatt Hotels Corporation since February 2018. At Hyatt, James is a member of the Development Committee and the Asset Management Committee, and is responsible for implementing overall capital strategy on a global basis, including strategic investments, mergers and acquisitions, hotel acquisitions and dispositions and related transactional activity. James served as Senior Vice President, Capital Strategy & Head of Hyatt Residential from October 2014 to February 2018. In this role, James was responsible for providing support in implementing Hyatt's capital strategy and overseeing Hyatt's residential projects, including development, marketing and operation of Hyatt-branded whole ownership residences, and Hyatt's relationship with Hyatt's exclusive licensee in the shared ownership business. From July 2011 to October 2014 James served as Senior Vice President & Associate General Counsel in Hyatt's legal group. In this role, James led legal support to the Corporate Transactions Group and the Asset Management Group on a global basis. Prior to joining Hyatt, James was a partner at the international law firm of Jones Day, where he had a broad-based and diverse real estate practice.

James is a frequent speaker on hospitality investment matters, including at the Americas Lodging Investment Summit (ALIS), the NYU Hospitality Conference, Urban Land Institute (ULI) meetings and the Hotel Investment Conference Asia Pacific (HICAP) in Hong Kong. He is a member of the Executive Planning Committee for the NYU Hospitality Conference. James is involved with a number of charitable organizations, including Misericordia, which serves more than 600 disabled children and adults.

