

**Resort Cayman Holdings, Ltd. v Partnerships & Invs.
LLC**

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Supreme Court, New York County

Docket Number: 651185/2020

Judge: Joel M. Cohen

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**SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
NEW YORK COUNTY**

PRESENT: HON. JOEL M. COHEN **PART** **IAS MOTION 3EFM**

Justice

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RESORT CAYMAN HOLDINGS, LTD., BOTH ON ITS OWN
BEHALF AND AS ATTORNEY-IN-FACT TO
PARTNERSHIPS & INVESTMENTS LLC,

Plaintiffs,

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MOTION DATE 03/03/2020

MOTION SEQ. NO. 003

- v -

PARTNERSHIPS & INVESTMENTS LLC, NICOLAS
KOGAN, AMERICAS LEADING FINANCE, LLC (NOMINAL
DEFENDANT), CENTERBRIDGE PARTNERS, L.P., CP
CARCO GP, LTD., CP CARCO INTERMEDIATE, LTD., CP
CARCO, LP

Defendants.

**DECISION + ORDER ON
MOTION**

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The following e-filed documents, listed by NYSCEF document number (Motion 003) 95, 96, 97, 98, 221,
222, 223, 224

were read on this motion to SEAL.

In Motion 003, Defendants-Counterclaim Plaintiffs Partnerships & Investments, LLC (“PI”), Americas Leading Finance, LLC (“ALF”), and Nicolás A. Kogan (together, “Defendants”) move to permanently and temporarily redact approximately 30 paragraphs and various footnotes contained in their Answer and Counterclaims (NYSCEF Doc. 99). By the parties’ May 6, 2020 stipulation (NYSCEF Doc. 221), Defendants limited their request to permanently seal to only portions of Counterclaim Paragraphs 66, 67, 86, and Footnotes 6 and 7 (NYSCEF Docs. 222-224 [proposed consolidated complaint, red-line, and counterclaims]).

Having reviewed the submissions, Motion 003 is granted.

Pursuant to § 216.1 (a) of the Uniform Rules for Trial Courts, this Court may seal or redact a filing “upon a written finding of good cause, which shall specify the grounds thereof.” “[T]he court shall consider the interests of the interests of the public as well as of the parties” in

determining whether there is good cause (22 NYCRR § 216.1 [a]), and it must balance the risk of privacy concerns stemming from public access to the information against the “compelling public interest in exposure of this information,” if any (*see MBIA Ins. Corp. v Countrywide Home Loans, Inc.*, 2013 WL 450030, *9 [Sup Ct, NY County Jan. 3, 2013]; *see Mosallem v Berenson*, 76 AD3d 345, 348-350 [1st Dept 2010] [noting that “there is a broad presumption that the public is entitled to access to . . . court records”]). The moving party has the burden to set forth compelling circumstances to justify restricting public access and must demonstrate “a sound basis or legitimate need to take judicial action” (*Danco Labs., Ltd. v Chemical Works of Gedeon Richter*, 274 AD2d 1, 6 [1st Dept 2000]).

Defendants have carried their burden to redact Paragraphs 66, 67, and 86 as well as Footnotes 6 and 7. The proposed redactions are narrowly tailored to prevent disclosure of confidential financial information and the public’s interest in the particularized information in those paragraphs and footnotes is minimal.

Motion 003 is also granted to the extent that it seeks to temporarily redact numerous other paragraphs and footnotes on the ground that they “*may* contain the Counterclaim Defendants’ confidential information” (*see* NYSCEF Doc. 96 [Motion 003 mem.]). While those statements alone are insufficient to warrant permanently redacting that information for good cause under 22 NYCRR 216.1 (a), Plaintiffs-Counterclaim Defendants (the “Plaintiffs”) have moved to permanently seal those paragraphs and footnotes in Motion 009.¹ Accordingly, those

¹ Specifically, Plaintiffs seek, in Motion 009, to permanently redact Paragraphs 56, 58, 59, 93, 118, and 122 of the Counterclaims; Paragraphs 75, 94, and 121 to Exhibit 1 to the Affirmation of Michael B. Carlinsky (the “Carlinsky Affirmation”). Plaintiffs further seek, in Motion 009, to redact portions of the Motion to Consolidate, including Paragraphs 56, 58, 59, 93, 118, 121, 122, 123, 124, and Footnote 9 to Exhibit A, Paragraphs 75 and 94 of Exhibit 2 to the Carlinsky Affirmation, Paragraphs 56, 58, 59, 93, 118, 121, 122, 123, 124, and Footnote 10 of Exhibit B, and Paragraphs 75 and 94 of Exhibit 3 to the Carlinsky Affirmation (*see* NYSCEF Doc. 233).

paragraphs and footnotes may remain provisionally sealed/redacted until resolution of Motion 014, which is pending but has not yet been fully submitted.

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that Motion 003 is **granted**; it is further

ORDERED that Paragraphs 66, 67, 86, and Footnotes 6 and 7 (NYSCEF Docs. 222-224) shall be filed in redacted form as set forth in this Decision and Order; it is further

ORDERED that, upon service of a copy of this Order upon the Clerk of the Court, the Clerk shall permit Paragraphs 66, 67, 86, and Footnotes 6 and 7 (NYSCEF Docs. 222-224) to be and remain filed in redacted form wherever they shall appear in connection with this action. Until further Order of the Court, the Clerk of the Court shall deny access to those unredacted documents to anyone other than the staff of the Clerk or the Court, counsel of record for any party to this case, and any party, provided that the Clerk of the Court shall not seal or redact any documents not referenced in this Order, or as otherwise described below, or as set forth in another Order of this Court; it is further

ORDERED that future submissions, made by any party, which contain the subject matter that the Court has authorized to be permanently filed in redacted form by this Order may be filed in redacted form on NYSCEF, provided that an unredacted copy of any redacted document is contemporaneously filed under seal; it is further

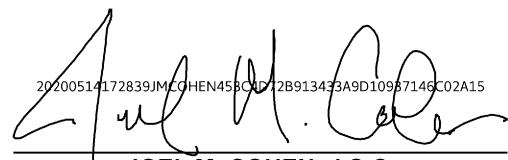
ORDERED that the Paragraphs and Footnotes for which temporary sealing/redacting is requested (Paragraphs 56, 58, 59, 93, 118, and 122 of the Counterclaims; Paragraphs 75, 94, and 121 to Exhibit 1 to the Carlinsky Affirmation; the redacted portion of the Motion to Consolidate, including Paragraphs 56, 58, 59, 93, 118, 121, 122, 123, 124, and Footnote 9 to Exhibit A, Paragraphs 75 and 94 of Exhibit 2 to the Carlinsky Affirmation, Paragraphs 56, 58, 59, 93, 118,

121, 122, 123, 124, and Footnote 10 of Exhibit B, and Paragraphs 75 and 94 of Exhibit 3 to the Carlinsky Affirmation) may remain provisionally sealed/redacted until the Court has resolved Motion 009, Plaintiffs' motion to permanently redact that information (*see supra* Footnote 1 of this Decision and Order); and it is further

ORDERED that nothing in this Order shall be construed as authorizing the sealing or redactions of any documents or evidence to be offered at trial.

This constitutes the Decision and Order of the Court.

5/14/2020
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JOEL M. COHEN, J.S.C.

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CASE DISPOSED

NON-FINAL DISPOSITION

GRANTED

DENIED

GRANTED IN PART

OTHER

APPLICATION:

SETTLE ORDER

SUBMIT ORDER

CHECK IF APPROPRIATE:

INCLUDES TRANSFER/REASSIGN

FIDUCIARY APPOINTMENT

REFERENCE