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Date: October 25, 2023

Subject: Hersha Hospitality Trust – Anticipated Cash Settlement
Option Symbol: HT
Date: ???

On November 8, 2023, Shareholders of Hersha Hospitality Trust (HT) will vote concerning the proposed merger with 1776 Portfolio REIT Merger Sub, LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of 1776 Portfolio Investment, LLC. If the merger is approved and consummated, each existing HT Common Share will be converted into the right to receive \$10.00 net cash per share, subject to adjustment as described in the HT Proxy Statement dated October 3, 2023 (“Proxy”).

Note: As described in the Proxy, the merger consideration will be subject to decrease in the amount of any additional dividends or other distributions beyond certain permitted dividends. OCC will not adjust the HT deliverable to include any ordinary distributions.

Exercise Consideration – HT options will not be adjusted to include any ordinary distributions. Call option holders who wish to receive any ordinary distributions paid prior to consummation of the merger should exercise their options in sufficient time to become shareholders of record. In all cases, it is the sole responsibility of persons holding call options seeking to receive the underlying securities to determine when to exercise their options.

Contract Adjustment

Date: Effective the opening of the business day after the merger is consummated.
Contract adjustment is expected to occur in the fourth quarter of 2023.

New Deliverable
Per Contract: \$1,000.00 Cash (\$10.00 x 100), subject to adjustment as described in the Proxy.

Settlement in HT options will take place through OCC’s cash settlement system. Settlement will be accomplished by payment of the difference between the extended strike amount and the cash deliverable.

Acceleration of Expirations

Pursuant to OCC Rule 807, equity stock option contracts whose deliverables are adjusted to call for cash-only delivery will be subject to **an acceleration of the expiration dates for outstanding option series** (See OCC Information Memo 23988).

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