

TRUMP HOTELS & CASINO RESORTS INC  
 Form 3  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 HARBERT DISTRESSED INVESTMENT MASTER FUND LTD

2. Date of Event Requiring Statement  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
 12/16/2004

3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 TRUMP HOTELS & CASINO RESORTS INC [DJTCQ]

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 C/O INTERNATIONAL FUND SERVICES, THIRD FL BISHOP SQUARE REDMONDS HILL  
 (Street)

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_X\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 \_\_\_ Officer \_\_\_ Other  
 (give title below) (specify below)

DUBLIN IRELAND, L2 00000  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 \_\_\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 \_\_\_X\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	3,269,185 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	^
Common Stock	3,269,185 <sup>(2)</sup>	I	By Harbert Distressed Investment Master Fund, Ltd.
Common Stock	73,435 <sup>(3)</sup>	I	By Alpha US Sub Fund VI, LLC

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HARBERT DISTRESSED INVESTMENT MASTER FUND LTD C/O INTERNATIONAL FUND SERVICES THIRD FL BISHOP SQUARE REDMONDS HILL DUBLIN IRELAND, L2 00000	^	^ X	^	^
HMC DISTRESSED INVESTMENT OFFSHORE MANAGER LLC 555 MADISON AVENUE 16TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10022	^	^ X	^	^
HMC INVESTORS LLC ONE RIVERCHASE PARKWAY SOUTH BIRMINGHAM, AL 35244	^	^ X	^	^
FALCONE PHILIP 555 MADISON AVE 16TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10022	^	^ X	^	^
HARBERT RAYMOND J ONE RIVERCHASE PARKWAY SOUTH BIRMINGHAM, AL 35244	^	^ X	^	^
LUCE MICHAEL D ONE RIVERCHASE PARKWAY SOUTH BIRMINGHAM, AL 35244	^	^ X	^	^

## Signatures

Harbert Distressed Investment Master Fund, Ltd. By: HMC Distressed Investment Offshore Manager, LLC By: HMC Investors, LLC, Managing Member By: /s/ Joel B. Piassick	12/17/2004
__Signature of Reporting Person	Date
HMC Distressed Investment Offshore Manager LLC By: HMC Investors, LLC, Managing Member By: /s/ Joel Piassick	12/17/2004
__Signature of Reporting Person	Date
HMC Investors, LLC By: /s/ Joel Piassick	12/17/2004

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	<u>      </u> **Signature of Reporting Person	Date
By: /s/ Philip Falcone		12/17/2004
	<u>      </u> **Signature of Reporting Person	Date
By: /s/ Raymond J. Harbert		12/17/2004
	<u>      </u> **Signature of Reporting Person	Date
By: /s/ Michael D. Luce		12/17/2004
	<u>      </u> **Signature of Reporting Person	Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) These securities are owned by Harbert Distressed Investment Master Fund, Ltd., which is a Reporting Person.  
These securities may be deemed to be beneficially owned by HMC Distressed Investment Offshore Manager, L.L.C. ("HMC Management"), the investment manager of Harbert Distressed Investment Master Fund, Ltd., HMC Investors, L.L.C., its managing member ("HMC Investors"), Philip Falcone, a member of HMC Management and the portfolio manager of Harbert Distressed Investment Master Fund, Ltd., Raymond J. Harbert, a member of HMC Investors, and Michael D. Luce, a member of HMC Investors. Each such Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of the reported securities except to the extent of his or its pecuniary interest therein, and this report shall not be deemed an admission that such Reporting Person is the beneficial owner of the securities for purposes of Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or for any other purpose.
- (2) These securities may be deemed to be beneficially owned by HMC Investors, Philip Falcone, who is the portfolio manager of Alpha US Sub Fund VI, LLC, Raymond J. Harbert and Michael D. Luce. Each such Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of the reported securities except to the extent of his or its pecuniary interest therein, and this report shall not be deemed an admission that such Reporting Person is the beneficial owner of the securities for purposes of Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or for any other purpose.
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