



## **LANDRY'S AND GOLDEN NUGGET COMPLETE INVESTIGATION AND REPORT ON PAYMENT CARD INCIDENT**

Houston, TX –January 29, 2016: Landry's, Inc. and Golden Nugget Hotels and Casinos (collectively "the Companies") value the relationship they have with their customers. Because the Companies understand the importance of protecting payment card information, they have been working tirelessly to complete the previously announced payment card investigation. The investigation began immediately after the Companies received a report of suspicious activity regarding cards that had been legitimately used at some of their locations. The Companies hired a leading cyber security firm to examine their payment card systems, implemented advance payment processing solutions, and have been working with the payment card networks and law enforcement.

Findings from the investigation show that criminal attackers were able to install a program on payment processing devices at certain of the Companies' restaurants, food and beverage outlets, spas, entertainment destinations, and managed properties. The program was designed to search for data from the magnetic stripe of payment cards that had been swiped (cardholder name, card number, expiration date and internal verification code) as the data was being routed through affected systems. Locations were affected at different times during one or both of the following periods: from May 4, 2014 through March 15, 2015 and from May 5, 2015 through December 3, 2015. In addition, the at-risk timeframe for a small percentage of locations includes the period from March 16, 2015 through May 4, 2015. The list of affected locations and respective at-risk timeframes is available at [www.landrysinc.com/protectingourcustomers](http://www.landrysinc.com/protectingourcustomers).

Enhanced security measures, including end-to-end encryption, have been implemented to prevent a similar issue from occurring in the future, and the Companies continue to support law enforcement's investigation. The Companies are also working closely with the payment card networks to identify potentially affected cards so that the card issuers can be made aware and initiate heightened monitoring of those accounts. For those customers the Companies can identify as having used their card at an affected location during that location's at-risk timeframe and for whom the Companies have a mailing address or e-mail address, the Companies will be mailing them a letter or sending them an e-mail.

Customers that used a payment card at an affected location during its at-risk window should remain vigilant to the possibility of fraud by reviewing their payment card statements for any unauthorized activity. Customers should immediately report any unauthorized charges to their card issuer because payment card rules generally provide that cardholders are not responsible for unauthorized charges reported in a timely manner. The phone number to call is usually on the back of the payment card.

Landry's and Golden Nugget regret any inconvenience or concern this may have caused. Customers with questions can call (877) 238-2151 (U.S. and Canada), Monday thru Friday from 9:00 am to 7:00 pm EST.

**About Landry's and Golden Nugget**

Landry's and Golden Nugget are multinational, diversified restaurant, hospitality, gaming, and entertainment companies based in Houston, Texas. In the aggregate, they operate, own or manage more than 500 high-end and casual dining establishments around the world, including well-known concepts, such as Landry's Seafood, Bubba Gump Shrimp Co., Rainforest Cafe, Morton's The Steakhouse, The Oceanaire, McCormick & Schmick's Seafood, Mitchell's Fish Market, Chart House, Saltgrass Steak House, Claim Jumper, and Mastro's Restaurants. They also operate a group of signature restaurants, including Vic & Anthony's, Grotto, Willie G's, and others. The gaming group includes the renowned Golden Nugget Hotel and Casino concept, with locations in Las Vegas and Laughlin, NV, Atlantic City, NJ, Biloxi, MS, and Lake Charles, LA. The entertainment and hospitality divisions include some managed locations and encompass popular destinations, including the Galveston Island Historic Pleasure Pier, Kemah Boardwalk, Aquarium Restaurants, and other exciting attractions, coupled with deluxe accommodations throughout the Houston and Galveston area, including the Westin Hotel in downtown Houston, the Kemah Boardwalk Inn and luxurious San Luis Resort, as well as the Galveston Island Convention Center, Galveston Island Hilton and Holiday Inn all located on Galveston Island.

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## **NOTICE OF DATA BREACH**

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Landry's, Inc. and Golden Nugget Hotels and Casinos (collectively "the Companies") value the relationship we have with our customers. Because we understand the importance of protecting payment card information, we have been working tirelessly to complete the previously announced payment card investigation.

#### **What Happened**

The investigation began immediately after we received a report in early December of suspicious activity regarding cards that had been legitimately used in some of our locations. We hired a leading cyber security firm to examine our payment card systems, implemented advanced payment processing solutions, and have been working with the payment card networks and law enforcement. Findings from the investigation show that criminal attackers were able to install a program on payment card processing devices at certain of our restaurants, food and beverage outlets, spas, entertainment destinations, and managed properties.

#### **What Information Was Involved**

The program was designed to search for data from the magnetic stripe of payment cards that had been swiped (cardholder name, card number, expiration date and internal verification code) as the data was being routed through affected systems. Locations were affected at different times during one or both of the following periods: from May 4, 2014 through March 15, 2015 and from May 5, 2015 through December 3, 2015. In addition, the at-risk timeframe for a small percentage of locations includes the period from March 16, 2015 through May 4, 2015. To view all of our restaurants, hotels, casinos, entertainment destinations, and managed properties, click here. For a list of only the affected locations and respective at-risk timeframes, click here.

#### **What We Are Doing**

Enhanced security measures, including end-to-end encryption, have been implemented to prevent a similar issue from occurring in the future, and we continue to support law enforcement's investigation. We are also working closely with the payment card networks to identify potentially affected cards so that the card issuers can be made aware and initiate heightened monitoring of those accounts. For those customers we can identify as having used their card at an affected location during that location's at-risk window and for whom we have a mailing address or e-mail address, we will be mailing them a letter or sending them an e-mail.

#### **What You Can Do**

If you used a card at an affected location during its at-risk window, we recommend that you remain vigilant to the possibility of fraud by reviewing your payment card statements for any unauthorized activity. You should immediately report any unauthorized charges to your card issuer because payment card rules generally provide that cardholders are not responsible for unauthorized charges reported in a timely manner. The phone number to call is usually on the back of your payment card. Please see the section that follows this notice for additional steps you may take to protect your information.

#### **For More Information**

Landry's and Golden Nugget regret any inconvenience or concern this may have caused. If you have any questions, please call (877) 238-2151 (U.S. and Canada), Monday thru Friday from 9:00 am to 7:00 pm EST.

### **MORE INFORMATION ON WAYS TO PROTECT YOURSELF**

We recommend that you remain vigilant by reviewing your account statements and credit reports for any unauthorized activity. You may obtain a copy of your credit report, free of charge, once every 12 months from each of the three nationwide credit reporting companies. To order your annual free credit report, please visit [www.annualcreditreport.com](http://www.annualcreditreport.com) or call toll free at 1-877-322-8228. Contact information for the three nationwide credit reporting companies is as follows:

Equifax, PO Box 740256, Atlanta, GA 30374, [www.equifax.com](http://www.equifax.com), 1-800-525-6285

Experian, PO Box 9554, Allen, TX 75013, [www.experian.com](http://www.experian.com), 1-888-397-3742

TransUnion, PO Box 2000, Chester, PA 19022-2000, [www.transunion.com](http://www.transunion.com), 1-800-916-8800

If you believe you are the victim of identity theft or have reason to believe your personal information has been misused, you should immediately contact

the Federal Trade Commission and/or the Attorney General's office in your state. Contact information for the Federal Trade Commission is as follows:

Federal Trade Commission, Consumer Response Center, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20580, 1-877-IDTHEFT (438-4338), [www.ftc.gov/idtheft](http://www.ftc.gov/idtheft)

You can obtain information from these sources about steps an individual can take to avoid identity theft as well as information about fraud alerts and security freezes. You should also contact your local law enforcement authorities and file a police report. Obtain a copy of the police report in case you are asked to provide copies to creditors to correct your records.