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May 25, 2018

To Whom It May Concern:

I had the pleasure of working with Italy's Finest over the course of the last 4 months. They came highly recommended from a friend in the industry. I knew from the first conversation that I had with Filippo, Elena and Margherita, that I had found a partner to work with me on our Global Leadership Summit.

Our event was an extremely complex event, with many layers and for the most senior group of people within our firm. Italy's Finest was a true extension of my team. They were not a vendor, but instead a partner, who had as much vested in the event as I did. The pre-planning was extremely intense and required working around the clock. There was never a time when Italy's Finest was not available to me over the phone or by email. I never had to be concerned that someone would be unreachable. The team truly worked together as I have never seen in my 10 years in the industry. Where one left off, the other could pick up — they all knew every aspect of the program.

I only had a 24 hour window to do my site visit and they certainly made the most of my time. We were able to find all lunch, dinner and dine-around locations because they did all the due diligence before I arrived. There was not a minute of my time wasted. It was then that I knew that I had found a true GEM!

Even though I had no doubt in Italy's Finest, there is always still that concern when you go onsite that things could go wrong. Italy's Finest has crossed every T and dotted every I. They had contingency plans and were staffed completely appropriately. They had the most professional staff with them at each and every step of the way. There was nothing they were not prepared for. There were times when I just threw random tasks at them and they were always able to come through 100%. For example, we had shipped candy from the US to be put out at the tables at the end of the first day of the conference. We learned that evening that it had not cleared customs. By the time I got back to my room that night, after the dinner — there were 3 large shopping bags of the best candy that Italy had to offer in my room and ready to be put out that morning.

The team at Italy's Finest went above and beyond even what my expectations were, and that is no easy task. I could not think of a better group of people to help to plan an event in Italy. To be honest – to plan an event anywhere, they have what it takes! I couldn't have been happier with all of the service. I truly could not have planned the event in Milan, if it were not for them! I cannot thank them enough for all their support and tireless nights – the event was an EXTREME success because of them.

Sincerely.

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May 24, 2019

To whom it may concern,

This letter shall serve as a personal reference for Italy's Finest s.r.l. I was first introduced to Filippo Gargani and his highly professional team at Italy's Finest s.r.l. in 2014 when they were hired to oversee all the travel logistics and the entertainment options for a major client event our firm holds annually in Milan and Rome. Our corporate event team was impressed with Italy's Finest s.r.l.'s diligence to every detail during the planning and their uncanny ability to deliver fun and original packages that helped make this event one our clients want to return to year after year.

When my family and I decided to visit Italy's Piedmont region for a few days in the winter of 2015, I didn't hesitate to ask Italy's Finest s.r.l. to help us plan the perfect tour – one that seamlessly blended my wife's interests with mine and our children. Filippo Gargani and his team spent many hours *listening* to us – what we enjoyed doing – how we liked to travel, and from that information, they created a fun-filled vacation that packed in cultural and religious sites, with a once-in-a-lifetime authentic truffle hunt and wonderful meals. There was even flexibility built into the schedule, so when we serendipitously stumbled upon the bakery where a favorite biscuit of mine was produced, our guide was quick to contact the owners and facilitated a delightful introduction to the family and their special operation. That was a memory none of us will ever forget. In addition, all the accommodations they set up for us were first rate. As I had come to expect from the team at Italy's Finest, every moment of our journey was carefully planned and perfectly executed. We had a terrific time.

Additionally, Italy's Finest also planned a special cruise for me, my wife, and fellow colleagues at my firm the following summer while we were in Lake Como. Filippo's team took all the stress around planning away and, in its place, we received a truly memorable experience.

I highly recommend Italy's Finest s.r.l., to anyone who demands the best in destination corporate event planning and personal travel planning in Italy.

Sincerely,

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## Morgan Stanley

23rd October 2019

To Whom It May Concern:

I have known Filippo Gargani and his company Italy's Finest personally for many years. My family and I spend a lot of time in Tuscany. Friends and colleagues often ask for advice when contemplating trips or occasions in Italy; I have no hesitation in recommending Filippo and his team for a truly bespoke memorable experience. Filippo and his team take the time to get to know their clients, their interests and preferences. Their wealth of knowledge and contacts give them a distinct advantage in providing unique and tailored events.

I have received glowing feedback from referrals on how Italy's Finest made their time spent in Italy such a wonderful experience, with so many fond memories. I shall continue to refer their services for those seeking an exceptional level of personal service.

Kind regards

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