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## Companies rush to cut Trump ties as impeachment debate advances

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The Trump Building at 40 Wall Street in Manhattan. Image credit: 40 Wall Street

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As the United States House of Representatives debates a second impeachment of President Donald Trump, more corporations are publicly cutting ties with the Trump Organization.

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Real estate brokerages Cushman & Wakefield and JLL are the latest to distance themselves from Mr. Trump, who is being accused of "incitement of insurrection" culminating in a deadly uprising at the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6 ([see story](#)). Meanwhile, home-sharing platform Airbnb is cancelling all reservations in Washington D.C. next week amid concerns of more violence surrounding the Jan. 20 inauguration of Joseph R. Biden, the president-elect.

Fallout continues ahead of Inauguration

[Bloomberg](#) reports that Chicago-based Cushman & Wakefield will no longer do business with the Trump Organization. The brokerage has had a longtime relationship with the company and had handled leasing at several Trump properties, including 40 Wall Street.

This follows the news, first reported by a [Washington Post reporter](#), that JLL will no longer be involved in the sale of the Trump International Hotel in Washington, D.C.



*The Trump International Hotel in Washington, D.C. is for sale. Image credit: Trump Hotels*

On Jan. 13, New York Mayor Bill de Blasio confirmed the city is taking steps to terminate all existing contracts with the Trump Organization, including the agreement to operate the Ferry Point Golf Course in the Bronx.

With a week before Inauguration Day, Airbnb made the move to block and cancel all reservations in the D.C. metropolitan area ahead of the transfer of power. Guests will be refunded in full, and the platform will also be reimbursed for their expected earnings from the canceled bookings.

With the help of media reports and law enforcement, Airbnb also took additional steps ban users that have associations with known hate groups or participated in the Jan. 6 riot.

"Airbnb's work continues to be informed by inputs from our local host community as well as Washington, D.C. officials, Metro Police and members of Congress throughout this week," the company said in a [statement](#). "In particular, Mayor [Muriel] Bowser, Governor [Larry] Hogan and Governor [Ralph] Northam have been clear that visitors should not travel to the D.C. metro area for the Inauguration.

"Additionally, we are aware of reports emerging yesterday afternoon regarding armed militias and known hate groups that are attempting to travel and disrupt the Inauguration."

Earlier this week, the PGA of America voted to take the 2022 PGA Championship event away from the Trump National golf course in Bedminster, N.J.. This marks the second time in five years that the PGA has removed an event from a Trump course.

Hospitality group Marriott International, owner of luxury brands Ritz-Carlton and St. Regis, is among the corporation suspending donations to Republican lawmakers who voted against certifying Joe Biden and Kamala Harris as president and vice president of the United States ([see story](#)).

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