

TRUMP HOTELS & CASINO RESORTS INC  
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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  
 (Check all applicable)  
 Director  10% Owner  
 Officer  Other  
 (give title below) (specify below)

5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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

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

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

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

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

|   |            |
|---|------------|
| Harbert Distressed Investment Master Fund, Ltd. By: HMC Distressed Investment Offshore<br>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<br>Member By: /s/ Joel Piassick   | 12/17/2004 |
| __Signature of Reporting Person   | Date       |
| HMC Investors, LLC By: /s/ Joel Piassick  | 12/17/2004 |

