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1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8	MARTIN J. BRILL (SBN 53220) KRIKOR J. MESHEFEJIAN (SBN 255030) LEVENE, NEALE, BENDER, YOO & BRILL L.L.P. 10250 Constellation Boulevard, Suite 1700 Los Angeles, California 90067 Telephone: (310) 229-1234 Facsimile: (310) 229-1244 Email: mjb@lnbyb.com; kjm@lnbyb.com Attorneys for Chapter 11 Debtors and Debtors in Possession UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA NORTHERN DIVISION		
<ul> <li>9</li> <li>10</li> <li>11</li> <li>12</li> <li>13</li> <li>14</li> <li>15</li> <li>16</li> <li>17</li> <li>18</li> <li>19</li> </ul>	In re: BIKRAM'S YOGA COLLEGE OF INDIA LP, a limited partnership, Debtor and Debtor in Possession. In re: BIKRAM CHOUDHURY YOGA INC., a California corporation, Debtor and Debtor in Possession. In re: BIKRAM INC., a Delaware corporation,	Lead Case No.: 9:17-bk-12045-DS Jointly administered with: 9:17-bk-12046-DS (Bikram Choudhury Yoga Inc.), 9:17-bk-12047-DS (Bikram Inc.), 9:17-bk-12048-DS (Yuz Inc.), 9:17-bk-12049-DS (International Trading Representative, LLC) Chapter 11 Cases DEBTORS' MOTION FOR ENTRY OF AN ORDER EXTENDING THE EXCLUSIVITY PERIODS FOR THE	
<ul> <li>20</li> <li>21</li> <li>22</li> <li>23</li> <li>24</li> <li>25</li> <li>26</li> <li>27</li> <li>28</li> </ul>	Debtor and Debtor in Possession. In re: YUZ INC., a California corporation, Debtor and Debtor in Possession. In re: INTERNATIONAL TRADING REPRESENTATIVE, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, Debtor and Debtor in Possession.	DEBTORS TO FILE A PLAN OF REORGANIZATION AND OBTAIN ACCEPTANCE THEREOF; MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES; DECLARATION OF A. JOHN A. BRYAN, JR. IN SUPPORT THEREOFDate: March 8, 2018 Time: 11:30 a.m. Place: Courtroom 201 United States Bankruptcy Court 1415 State Street Santa Barbara, CA 93101	

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Bikram Choudhury Yoga Inc., a California corporation ("<u>BCY</u>"), Bikram Inc., a Delaware corporation ("<u>Bikram Inc.</u>"), Yuz Inc., a California corporation ("<u>Yuz</u>"), and International Trading Representative, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("<u>ITR</u>", and collectively with Yoga College, BCY, Bikram Inc. and Yuz, the "<u>Debtors</u>"), the debtors and debtors in possession in the above-captioned, jointly administered, Chapter 11 bankruptcy cases, hereby move (the "<u>Motion</u>") for entry of an order extending the exclusivity periods for the Debtors to file a plan of reorganization and obtain acceptance thereof, respectively, to and including July 6, 2018, and to and including September 4, 2018, respectively.<sup>1</sup>

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The Debtors believe that "cause" exists to extend their exclusivity periods to file a plan and obtain acceptance thereof in these cases for the following reasons:

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Given these cases realities, the Debtors respectfully submit that the more prudent approach 9 would be to obtain the necessary financial and other commitments, prior to filing and attempting 10 to obtain approval of a plan of reorganization. 11

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### MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

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Pre-petition, most or all of the Debtors were parties to, or were otherwise involved in, a number of lawsuits which resulted in the entry of numerous judgments against some or all of the Debtors, restraining orders against some or all of the Debtors and their principals, judgment liens against the assets of some or all of the Debtors, a paralysis of business operations as a result of such litigation, the loss of revenue and assets as a result of such litigation, and a management void. The total amount of judgments asserted against the Debtors exceeds \$16 million. Additionally, there is more than approximately \$3,000,000 of additional unsecured debt that is not based on litigation claims. Irrespective of whether the Debtors agree with the judgments, the Debtors acknowledge that the judgments exist and must be addressed in order for the Debtors to be able to function and survive. In turn, in order for judgment creditors with allowed claims to ultimately realize any recovery on their claims, it is critical that the Debtors be able to reorganize.

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# II. **DISCUSSION**

# A. <u>The Court Has Authority To Extend the Debtors' Exclusivity Periods for the Filing</u> of a Plan and Obtaining Acceptance Thereof.

Pursuant to Sections 1121(b) and (c) of the Bankruptcy Code, a Chapter 11 debtor has the exclusive right to file a plan of reorganization for a period of 120 days following the filing of the petition and an additional 60 days thereafter to obtain acceptances to any plan so filed. 11 U.S.C. §§ 1121(b) & (c).

Section 1121(d) of the Bankruptcy Code allows the Court to extend or reduce these time
periods "for cause." Section 1121(d) of the Bankruptcy Code provides, in pertinent part, as
follows:

(d)(1) Subject to paragraph (2), on request of a party in interest made within the respective periods specified in subsections (b) and (c) of this section and after notice and a hearing, the court may for cause reduce or increase the 120-day period or the 180-day period referred to in this section.

(2)(A) The 120-day period specified in paragraph (1) may not be extended beyond a date that is 18 months after the date of the order for relief under this chapter.

(B) The 180-day period specified in paragraph (1) may not be extended beyond a date that is 20 months after the date of the order for relief under this chapter.

<sup>26</sup> 11 U.S.C. § 1121(d)(1) & (2).

The decision of whether to grant a request to extend or shorten the exclusivity periods lies within the sound discretion of the bankruptcy judge. *In re Gibson & Cushman Dredging Corp.*,

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101 B.R. 405, 409 (E.D.N.Y. 1989). The "cause" standard referred to in Section 1121 has been referred to as a general standard that allows the bankruptcy court "maximum flexibility to suit various types of reorganization proceedings." *In re Public Service Company of New Hampshire*, 88 B.R. 521, 534 (Bankr. D.N.H. 1988).

The Code does not define "cause" or establish formal criteria for an extension of the 5 exclusivity periods, but legislative history indicates that the term "cause" is to be viewed flexibly 6 "in order to allow the debtor to reach an agreement [with its creditors]." H.R. Rep. No. 95-595, 7 95th Cong., 1st Sess. 220, 231 (1977), U.S. Code Cong. & Admin. News 1978, pp. 5963, 6190 8 [hereinafter "House Report"]; In Re McLean Industries, Inc., 87 B.R. 830, 833 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 9 1987); In re Express One International, Inc., 194 B.R. 98, 100 (Bankr. E.D. Tex. 1996). 10 Consistent with a balanced, integrated approach to reorganizations under Chapter 11, Congress 11 contemplated that Bankruptcy Courts would apply the exclusivity provisions flexibly so as to 12 promote the orderly, consensual and successful reorganization of a debtor's affairs. See House 13 Report, supra, at 232. 14

Among the factors to be considered in finding "cause" to extend the exclusivity periods 15 are: (i) the size and complexity of the case (Grand Traverse Devel. Co. Ltd. Partnership, 147 16 B.R. 418, 420 (Bankr. W.D. Mich. 1992)); (ii) whether a debtor is attempting in good faith to 17 formulate a viable plan and the degree of progress that has been achieved by the debtor in the 18 Chapter 11 process (In re Jasick, 727 F.2d 1379 (5th Cir. 1984), reh'g denied, 731 F.2d 888 (5th 19 Cir.)); and (iii) a debtor's satisfaction of its post-petition obligations as they come due (In re 20 McLean Indus., Inc., 87 B.R. 830, 834 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 1987)). While the foregoing are some 21 of the most common factors, a court has discretion to consider others. See, e.g., Express One, 22 194 B.R. at 100. For example, the diligence of management and proper administration of the 23 case is a factor that weighs in favor of an extension of the plan exclusivity periods. See, In re 24 United Press International, 60 B.R. 265 (Bankr. D.D.C. 1986); In re Trainer's, Inc., 17 B.R. 246, 25 247 (Bankr. E.D. Pa. 1982). 26

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# B. Good Cause Exists To Grant the Debtors' Request To Extend the Exclusivity Periods For the Debtors To File A Plan of Reorganization and Obtain Acceptance Thereof.

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# The Debtors' cases present complexities which warrant an extension of the exclusivity periods.

There are five separate Debtors with complex operational and financial difficulties which 6 the Debtors are attempting to address as efficiently as possible. The Debtors' goal since the filing 7 of these cases has been to obtain requisite financing, develop and implement a new business plan, 8 restart operations, generate revenue, negotiate with creditors, and develop and implement an 9 appropriate exit strategy. The Debtors have been in active discussions with potential lenders, and 10 have made substantial progress in obtaining financing commitments. The Debtors expect to be 11 able to present a proposed financing arrangement within the next few weeks. However, at this 12 time, there are simply too many contingencies and "moving pieces" for the Debtors to be able to 13 propose, or proceed with, a plan of reorganization, since the actual terms of any plan will in 14 substantial part depend on what type of financing the Debtors are able to obtain, and the outcome 15 of the Debtors' negotiations with creditors and other parties in interest. 16

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The Debtors believe that proposing a plan and filing a disclosure statement now, without 19 more certainty with respect to the future of the Debtors' operations and financing, would not be 20 beneficial to the Debtors' bankruptcy estates. Moreover, the Debtors are making efforts to 21 negotiate with creditors. Finally, the Debtors' goal since the filing of these cases has been to 22 develop an appropriate exit strategy for the benefit of the Debtors' creditors. 23

The Debtors are attempting in good faith to resolve their disputes and

The Debtors believe that during the next approximate 120 days, the Debtors will have: (1) 24 obtained financing; (2) finalized and commenced the implementation of a strategic business plan 25 to restart business operations and generate revenue; (3) an opportunity to negotiate with judgment 26 and lien creditors. However, there are simply too many contingencies and "moving pieces" for 27 the Debtors to be able to propose, or proceed with, a plan of reorganization at this time, since the 28

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actual terms of any plan will in substantial part depend on what type of transaction the Debtors are able to negotiate and under what terms. The Debtors submit that these contingencies warrant an extension of the exclusivity periods. *See In re Express One Intern., Inc.*, 194 B.R. 98, 100 (Bank. E.D. Tex. 1996) (existing contingency is a factor to consider when determining whether to grant exclusivity).

The fact that the Debtors are engaged in the aforementioned considerations, analysis, and efforts, demonstrates that the Debtors are engaged in taking steps towards the formulation of a viable plan. The Debtors believe it would be premature to file a plan now, but believe that the Debtors should be afforded the opportunity to have the "first-shot" at presenting a plan, as debtors in possession and fiduciaries of these estates. As a result, this factor weighs in favor of extending the Debtors' plan exclusivity periods.

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# 3. <u>The Debtors will be able to get current with their post-petition obligations.</u>

The Debtors have properly administered their cases, and are compliant with all requirements and obligations of chapter 11 debtors in possession. The Debtors will be able to get current with any outstanding post-petition financial obligations once they obtain financing. The Debtors are requesting an extension in good faith for the purpose of designating an appropriate exit strategy once an accurate purview of these cases as a whole is established.

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# The Debtors have properly administered their complex bankruptcy cases.

As discussed above, the Debtors have properly administered their Chapter 11 cases in that 19 the Debtors have complied with all of the material requirements of the Bankruptcy Code, the 20 Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, and the Office of the United States Trustee. Under these 21 22 circumstances, an extension of the exclusivity periods for filing and obtaining confirmation of a plan of reorganization can be granted with the confidence that the Debtors are in full compliance 23 with the requirements that are conditions to the Debtors maintaining their exclusive rights to file 24 a plan of reorganization and gain acceptance thereof. As a result, this factor weighs in favor of 25 extending the Debtors' plan exclusivity periods. 26

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# <u>The Debtors have not made a prior request to extend their plan exclusivity</u> <u>periods</u>.

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# The Debtors request an extension for the purpose of conducting a thorough, organized, and productive reorganization process.

The Debtors' request herein is being made in good faith and not for the purpose of 10 pressuring creditors into acceding to certain plan terms. On the contrary, the Debtors make this 11 request based upon the complexities of their cases, and the need for additional time to address 12 these complexities in as efficient a manner as possible. A comprehensive, less-contentious plan 13 and disclosure statement are more likely to be produced after the Debtors have sufficient time to 14 implement a business plan with financing. The Debtors' goal is to maximize distributions to all 15 creditors pursuant to a plan but the Debtors do not believe that this goal will be attained if the 16 Debtors are required to file multiple plans without an accurate picture of the overall landscape of 17 these cases, or compete against other plans without first being afforded an opportunity to present 18 their plan exclusively. The Debtors are not aware of any creditor whose claim or interest would 19 be adversely affected or impaired by the granting of the relief requested herein. Therefore, this 20 factor weighs in favor of extending the Debtors' plan exclusivity periods. 21

Thus, based on all of the foregoing, the Debtors submit that good cause exists for granting
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# **DECLARATION OF A. JOHN A. BRYAN, JR.**

I, A. John A. Bryan Jr., hereby declare as follows:

1. I have personal knowledge of the facts set forth below and, if called to testify, would and could competently testify thereto. Capitalized terms not otherwise defined have the same meaning ascribed to such terms in the Application above. This Declaration is based upon my review of pertinent portions of the Debtors' books and records, and the information I have obtained in my position as Chief Executive Officer and Chief Restructuring Officer of the Debtors.

9 2. I am the principal and Chief Executive Officer of The Watley Group, LLC
10 ("<u>Watley</u>"). Watley is a management consulting firm that specializes in investment banking
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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on this 15th day of February, 2018, at Los Angeles, California.

A. John A. Bryan Jr., Declarant

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1	PROOF OF SERVICE OF DOCUMENT			
2	I am over the age of 18 and not a party to this bankruptcy case or adversary proceeding. My business address is: 10250 Constellation Boulevard, Suite 1700, Los Angeles, CA 90067			
3	A true and correct copy of the foregoing document entitled: <b>DEBTORS' MOTION FOR ENTRY OF AN</b> <b>ORDER EXTENDING THE EXCLUSIVITY PERIODS FOR THE DEBTORS TO FILE A PLAN OF</b>			
4	REORGANIZATION AND OBTAIN ACCEPTANCE THEREOF; MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND			
5	AUTHORITIES; DECLARATION OF A. JOHN A. BRYAN, JR. IN SUPPORT THEREOF will be served or was served (a) on the judge in chambers in the form and manner required by LBR 5005-2(d); and (b) in the manner stated below:			
6	1. TO BE SERVED BY THE COURT VIA NOTICE OF ELECTRONIC FILING (NEF): Pursuant to			
7 8	controlling General Orders and LBR, the foregoing document will be served by the court via NEF and hyperlink to the document. On <b>February 15, 2018</b> , I checked the CM/ECF docket for this bankruptcy case or adversary proceeding and determined that the following persons are on the Electronic Mail			
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23	Hon. Peter H. Carroll United States Bankruptcy Court			
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25	I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is			
26	true and correct.			
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