

## Trump Signs “Rare Promise Of U.S. Military Backup” For Qatar As He And Special Envoy Steve Witkoff Have Hundreds Of Millions Of Dollars In Business Ties To Qatari Government

**SUMMARY:** Steve Witkoff, President Trump’s [billionaire](#) Special Envoy to the Middle East and former Chairman and CEO of titan real estate firm the Witkoff Group, reportedly held “[special government employee](#)” (SGE) status—which is typically limited to 130 days—as early as [February 2025](#) and as recently as late [September 2025](#), a span of at least 200 days. Witkoff’s tenure was expected to last even further, through [the end of 2025](#).

Witkoff’s [disclosure](#), filed months after he joined the administration in August 2025, curiously did not state his SGE status, stated he was only appointed in June 2025, and claimed he did not previously hold a government position—although Witkoff began working for Trump [before](#) he returned to office. On top of this, Witkoff reportedly [did not disclose](#) the value of all of his assets, only disclosing \$350 million, “[though his net worth is undoubtedly higher](#),” according to *Bloomberg*.

The conflicts between Witkoff’s widespread business interests and his official duties have drawn controversy and scrutiny. Most notably, Witkoff [co-founded](#) the Trump family’s crypto venture World Liberty Financial, with the Witkoff family holding an estimated [\\$800 million](#) in WLFI tokens as of September 2025, after the venture’s value [boomed](#) throughout the first months of the second Trump administration. In September 2025, Senators Elizabeth Warren (D-MA) and Elissa Slotkin (D-MI) [demanded an investigation](#) into Witkoff, who appeared to [still hold](#) a WLFI stake while he [pushed](#) the Trump administration to sell advanced AI chips to the United Arab Emirates—while WLFI was securing a \$2 billion deal with a U.A.E.-backed fund.

Now, an [Accountable.US](#) review of Steve Witkoff’s flurry of official actions concerning Qatar, another Middle East nation beyond the U.A.E, pose conflict of interest concerns about Witkoff’s and his family’s deep personal and business ties with the Qatari government:

- In September 2025, as Witkoff and Trump [met](#) with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu just weeks after Israel’s strike against Hamas officials in Qatar, Trump signed an executive order to “[guarantee](#)” Qatar’s security. The order was seen as a “[rare promise of U.S. military backup](#)” for a foreign nation. Notably, just a few months earlier in April 2025, the Trump Organization announced its first foreign deal since Trump re-entered office, a [luxury golf resort](#) just north of Doha being developed in partnership with a [Qatari government-owned company](#).
- In May 2025, the same month the Trump Administration accepted a [\\$400 million jet](#) from Qatar, the Witkoff Group received \$100 million from a financial trust “[partly owned by Qatar](#).”
- While Steve Witkoff has been central in Gaza negotiations throughout 2025, his son Alex, now CEO of the Witkoff Group, was ““[quietly soliciting billions of dollars](#)” from Qatar and other Middle Eastern nations his father was negotiating with. A spokesperson for Qatar’s sovereign wealth fund, the Qatar Investment Authority, [stated](#) the country ultimately did not buy into that particular Witkoff fund.
- In 2023, the QIA bought Witkoff’s luxurious Park Lane Hotel in Manhattan for [\\$623 million](#). Witkoff was ordered by the U.S. Justice Dept. to sell the hotel after its co-owner, and Witkoff business partner Jho Low, was prosecuted for being the “[mastermind](#)” of the \$4.5 billion 1MDB embezzlement scandal. Notably, the QIA’s purchase “[allowed Mr. Witkoff to escape financially unscathed](#),” after Witkoff Group and its partners accumulated \$615 million in debt on the property.

- From 2018 to 2023, The QIA was [chaired](#) by Qatar's now-Prime Minister Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman bin Jassim Al Thani, who [touted his close friendship with Witkoff](#)—noting that he attended Witkoff's son's [2024 wedding](#)—while dismissing claims Witkoff is a “[tool](#)” of the Qatari Government on Tucker Carlson's show in 2025. Al Thani defended his ties to Witkoff by saying, “[this friendship and relationship, it means that there's a trust between two people, and this trust will, of course, matter for the working relationship that we have, and partnership that U.S. and Qatar has.](#)”
- Witkoff has repeatedly done high-level official business with Qatari PM Al Thani, joining a [dinner](#) with him and Trump days after Israel struck Hamas targets in Qatar in September 2025, [discussing Gaza plans](#) with Al Thani in August 2025, and with Qatar crediting Witkoff for getting a Gaza ceasefire deal “[across the line](#)” earlier in the year. In September 2025, Witkoff appears to have attended a meeting at the United Nations' annual General Assembly where Trump presented Muslim-majority nations with a plan for Gaza, with Witkoff saying, “[we had a very productive session.](#)”
- In May 2024, Steve Witkoff, then Co-CEO Of Witkoff Group, was a [featured speaker](#) at the 2024 Qatar Economic Forum alongside PM Al Thani. In October 2025, Witkoff's son Alex Witkoff, now CEO of Witkoff Group is scheduled to be a [featured speaker](#) at the 2025 Qatar Real Estate Forum after appearing in [2024's forum](#), which was held “[under the patronage of](#)” Qatari PM Al Thani.

**Steve Witkoff, Trump's Billionaire Special Envoy To The Middle East And Former Chairman And CEO Of Real Estate Firm The Witkoff Group, Reportedly Held “Special Government Employee” (SGE) Status Which Would Have Allowed Him To Keep His Outside Interests—Although Witkoff Planned To Divest His Interests, His Disclosure Did Not State SGE Status.**

**Steve Witkoff, Trump's Billionaire Special Envoy To The Middle East Was Longtime Chairman And CEO Of Real Estate Firm The Witkoff Group, Is A Close Personal Friend Of President Donald Trump Who Testified On Trump's Behalf In His New York City Fraud Trial.**

**November 2024: Then-President Elect Trump Named Steve Witkoff, Longtime Chairman And CEO Of Real Estate Company Witkoff, As Special Envoy To The Middle East.** “November 12, 2024 [...] I am pleased to announce that I have appointed Steven C. Witkoff to be Special Envoy to the Middle East. Steve is a Highly Respected Leader in Business and Philanthropy, who has made every project and community he has been involved with stronger and more prosperous. [...] Steven Witkoff is Chairman & Chief Executive Officer of Witkoff, which he founded in 1997. Since founding the firm, Mr. Witkoff has leveraged his extensive real estate expertise to successfully lead the financing, repositioning, and construction of over 70 properties in major business districts in the U.S. as well as abroad and with offices in New York, Los Angeles, and Miami.” [The American Presidency Project, [11/12/24](#)]

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- **In His Financial Disclosure, Witkoff Disclosed Assets Of At Least \$350 Million, “Though His Net Worth Is Undoubtedly Higher.”** “Witkoff disclosed assets worth at least \$350 million, though his net worth is undoubtedly higher. Other holdings worth more than \$50 million include residential real estate

in Southampton, New York, a limited liability corporation whose name contains the address of the One High Line condominium and hotel project in Chelsea, and a cash account at a US bank.” [Bloomberg, [09/14/25](#)]

**Steve Witkoff Is A Wealthy New York City Real Estate Businessman Who Is Close Personal Friends With President Donald Trump.** “But that Palm Beach party, in April 2022, was also something else: an extravagant reminder of the distance that the groom’s father, Steven Witkoff, had traveled over his nearly seven decades. From his boyhood in the Bronx, Witkoff ascended to the peak of the real-estate business in New York and Florida, and along the way secured a privileged place in Donald Trump’s court.” [The Wall Street Journal, [11/17/24](#)]

- **Witkoff “Has Been One Of Trump’s Closest And Most Constant Friends” And Reportedly Traveled With Trump Throughout His 2024 Re-Election Campaign.** “Elon Musk may be Trump’s most visible new ‘bestie’ since throwing his weight and money behind the president-elect’s campaign, but Witkoff has been one of Trump’s closest and most constant friends on his climb back to power. Witkoff traveled with Trump throughout his campaign and stayed with him at Mar-a-Lago in the week leading up to election day. Witkoff was golfing with Trump on the day of an attempted assassination in September.” [The Wall Street Journal, [11/17/24](#)]

**Steve Witkoff Testified On Behalf Of Trump In His New York City Fraud Case.** “Nonetheless, Witkoff took the stand to testify in the New York attorney general’s \$250 million civil case against the Trump family and its namesake business. The New York City-based real estate executive with longtime ties to Trump and the Trump Organization was the first expert witness to be called by defense attorneys, who began presenting their case Monday.” [Courthouse News Service, [11/14/23](#)]

**Since The Start Of Trump’s Term, Steve Witkoff Has Held “Special Government Employee” (SGE) Status, Which Allows Private-Sector Individuals To Work In Government Giving Up Their Outside Salaries Or Investments—Witkoff’s Official Disclosure, Filed August 2025, Did Not State A Previously-Held SGE Status And Claimed He Was Only Appointed In June 2025.**

In February 2025, The *Wall Street Journal* Reported That Steve Witkoff Held “Special Government Employee” (SGE) Status, Which “Permits Private-Sector Employees To Work Inside The Government Without Having To Relinquish Their Outside Salaries Or Investments.” “They carry a three-letter designation that allows them to wear both hats: ‘SGE,’ or special government employee. It’s a status under federal ethics laws that permits private-sector employees to work inside the government without having to relinquish their outside salaries or investments. Only a sliver of cases must publicly disclose clients or potential conflicts of interest. While the rules limit work to up to 130 days in any given year, it can be extended if the administration desires. Others with the status include Steve Witkoff, who is handling peace talks between Ukraine and Russia and in the Middle East, Corey Lewandowski, now a top aide at the Department of Homeland Security, and Musk himself. Top officials such as Musk, Miller and Witkoff aren’t receiving government pay, and it wasn’t known if any SGEs are.” [The Wall Street Journal, [02/25/25](#)]

- **“Only A Sliver” Of SGEs Must Publicly Disclose Their Private-Sector Clients Or Potential Conflicts Of Interest—And SGEs Are Limited To 130 Days In A Year, Their Term Can Be Extended By The Administration.** “Only a sliver of cases must publicly disclose clients or potential conflicts of interest. While the rules limit work to up to 130 days in any given year, it can be extended if the administration desires.” [The Wall Street Journal, [02/25/25](#)]
- **The Trump Administration Has Used The SGE Status “In A Way Never Before Seen, Installing Multiple People At Top Levels Who Are Setting U.S. Policy, While Shielding Details About Their Private Sector Work From Public Disclosure.”** “The label has drawn criticism of Democratic and

Republican administrations alike, and has typically been used to allow subject matter experts to sit on advisory boards or serve in narrow, specialized roles without giving up their jobs, as regular government employees are required to do. But the Trump administration has used the status in a way never before seen, installing multiple people at top levels who are setting U.S. policy, while shielding details about their private sector work from public disclosure.” [The Wall Street Journal, [02/25/25](#)]

**In April 2025, Watchdog Group Public Citizen Identified Steve Witkoff As An SGE, With His Role Being A “White House Advisor”:**

*Identified SGEs in High-Level Roles in the Trump Administration*

SGE Name	Government Agency/Office	Recent Jobs/Business Interests
[...]		
Steve Witkoff <sup>38</sup>	White House Advisor	Founder, Witkoff Group real estate investment and development <sup>39</sup>

[Public Citizen, [04/17/25](#)]

**As Part Of His Divestment Process, Steve Witkoff Planned On “Turning Over Much Of His Corporate Holdings To His Sons.”** “Last year, Mr. Witkoff and his sons, along with Mr. Trump’s sons, founded World Liberty Financial, a crypto company. Mr. Witkoff, a real estate lawyer and investor, announced plans after he was appointed by Mr. Trump to sell his stake in his real estate company and other ventures, turning over much of his corporate holdings to his sons.” [The New York Times, [09/24/25](#)]

**Steve Witkoff’s Financial Disclosure, Signed August 2025, Did Not Mention His SGE Status And Claimed That He Held No Other Federal Government Positions Prior To His Role As “Assistant To The President And Special Envoy For Peace Missions,” Which He Claimed Began On In June 2025:**

**Filer's Information**

Witkoff, Steven C

Assistant to the President and Special Envoy for Peace Missions, Trump-Vance (2025) - White House

Date of Appointment: 06/30/2025

Other Federal Government Positions Held During the Preceding 12 Months:

None

Electronic Signature - I certify that the statements I have made in this form are true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge.

/s/ Witkoff, Steven C [electronically signed on 08/13/2025 by Witkoff, Steven C in Integrity.gov] - Filer received a 30 day filing extension.

[The White House, [08/13/25](#)]

**Witkoff’s Disclosure, Filed August 2025, Stated That His “Official Start Date Was June 30, Even Though He Began Working Before Trump Returned To Office” And Witkoff’s Disclosure Was Released “Months” After Those Of Other Trump Administration Officials.** “The document doesn’t show whether it’s been approved by ethics officials at the White House, and its release comes months after financial disclosures were made public for members of Trump’s team whose tenure started on Jan. 20, the day he was inaugurated. The disclosure says Witkoff’s official start date was June 30, even though he began working before Trump

returned to office, helping to broker a ceasefire between Israel and Hamas. He submitted the disclosure in August.” [Bloomberg, [09/14/25](#)]

- **Witkoff Disclosed That His Date Of Appointment To Be An “Assistant To The President And Special Envoy For Peace Missions” Was June 30, 2025:**

Filer's Information
Witkoff, Steven C
Assistant to the President and Special Envoy for Peace Missions, Trump-Vance (2025) - White House
Date of Appointment: 06/30/2025

[The White House, [08/13/25](#)]

**In His Financial Disclosure, Witkoff Disclosed Assets Of At Least \$350 Million, But Reportedly Did Not Report The Value Of All Of His Assets.**

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**Witkoff Disclosed \$34 Million In Distributions From One Of His Holding Companies, Witkoff Holdings LLC, With His Stake Valued At Over \$50 Million.** “Trump made \$57.7 million from World Liberty Financial token sales according to his most recent financial disclosure, which covers 2024. Witkoff didn’t indicate how much he earned from the company. He received \$34 million in distributions from one of his holding companies whose assets include various real estate developments, golf and hotel management companies and World Liberty Financial.” [Bloomberg, [09/14/25](#)]

41	Witkoff Holdings LLC	No	Over \$50,000,000	Distributions	\$34,363,535
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[The White House, [08/13/25](#)]

**Witkoff’s Disclosure Did Not Report The Value Of All Of His Assets.** “Generally, officials disclose the value of each underlying asset rather than the value of the entity that holds them. Witkoff’s filing does that for some holdings like his brokerage accounts, but not for all.” [Bloomberg, [09/14/25](#)]

**Witkoff Disclosed Debts Totaling At Least \$31 Million, “With The Bulk Of That Amount For Loans To Buy Aircraft.”** “Witkoff disclosed debts totaling at least \$31 million, with the bulk of that amount for loans to buy aircraft.” [Bloomberg, [09/14/25](#)]



## 8. Liabilities

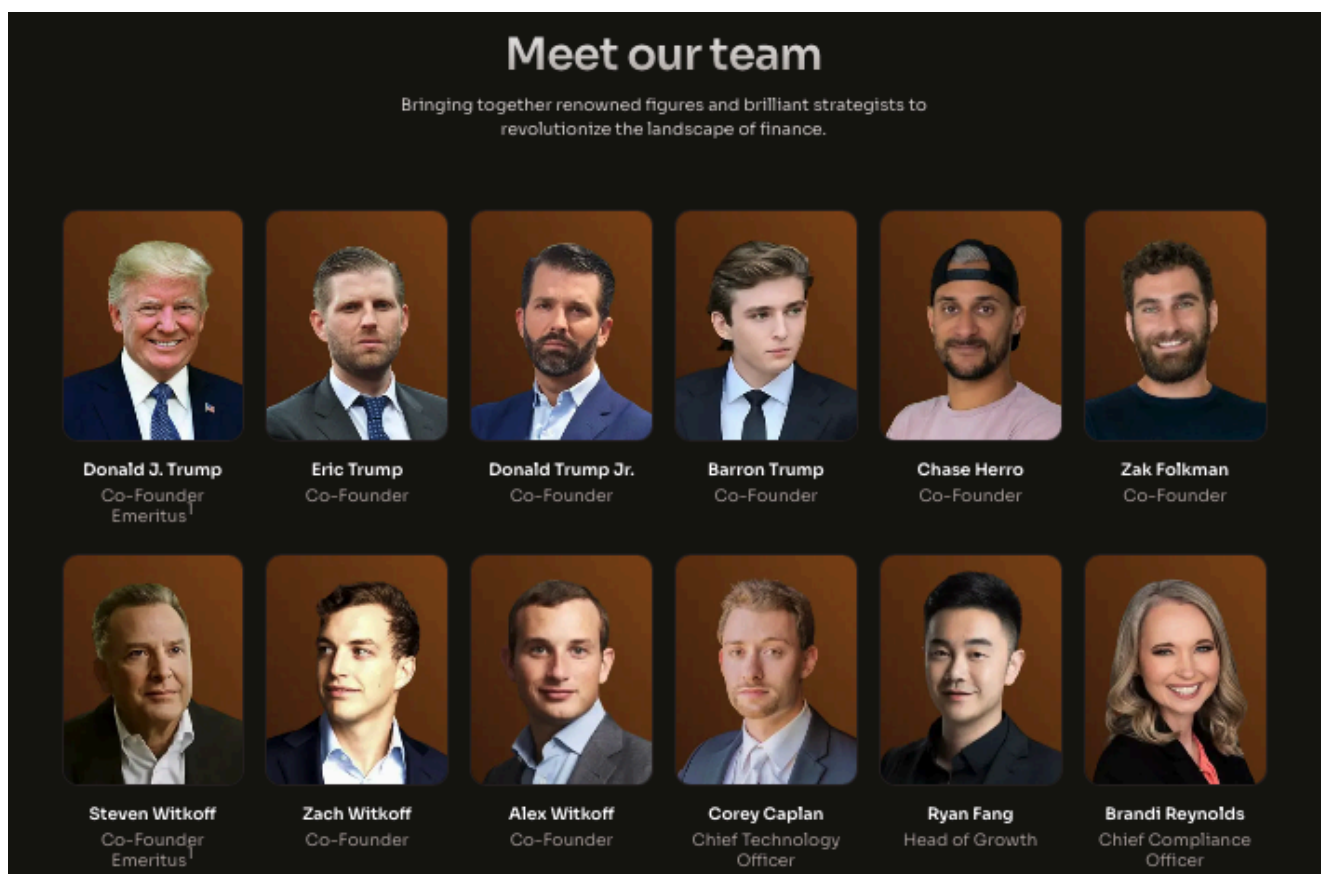
#	CREDITOR NAME	TYPE	AMOUNT	YEAR INCURRED	RATE	TERM
1	JP Morgan Chase Bank	Margin Account	\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	2021	SOFR + 1.30%	Revolving
2	JP Morgan Chase Bank	Aircraft Loan	\$25,000,001 - \$50,000,000	2025	SOFR + 185 BPS	60 Months
[...]						
#	CREDITOR NAME	TYPE	AMOUNT	YEAR INCURRED	RATE	TERM
3	M&T Bank	Aircraft Loan	\$5,000,001 - \$25,000,000	2022	SOFR+195 BPS	8.5 Years

[The White House, [08/13/25](#)]

**Witkoff Co-Founded The Trump Family's Crypto Venture World Liberty Financial, With His Family Holding An Estimated \$800 Million In WLFI Tokens As Of September 2025—That Same Month, Senators Demanded Investigations Into Witkoff, Who Appeared To Still Hold A WLFI Stake While He Pushed The Administration To Sell Advanced AI Chips to The UAE While WLFI Was Securing A \$2 Billion Deal With A UAE-Backed Fund.**

**Steve Witkoff Co-Founded The Trump Family's Cryptocurrency Venture World Liberty Financial Inc. (WLFI), Still Serving As A Co-Founder Emeritus Alongside President Trump, With Witkoff's Sons Zach And Alex Listed As Co-Founders.**

Steve Witkoff And His Sons, Zach And Alex, Co-Founded World Liberty Financial, A Cryptocurrency Venture Controlled By President Trump's Family, With Steven Witkoff And President Trump Each Listed As "Co-Founder Emeritus" As Of September 2025:



[World Liberty Financial Inc., accessed [09/22/25](#)]

- **World Liberty Financial Is A Cryptocurrency Venture Controlled By President Trump's Family.** "As World Liberty Financial raised more than half a billion dollars, President Donald Trump's family took control of the crypto venture and grabbed the lion's share of those funds, aided by governance terms that industry experts say favor insiders." [Reuters, [03/31/25](#)]
- **Steve Witkoff, Who Co-Founded World Liberty Financial With His Sons Alex And Zach, Was Entitled To Some Of World Liberty's Revenues As Of December 2024.** "Witkoff co-founded World Liberty and has a stake in a company -- WC Digital Fi, LLC -- that is entitled to some of World Liberty's revenues, according to the company's terms. [...] Witkoff's sons, Alex and Zach, are also listed as co-founders of World Liberty. They did not respond to requests for comment. Eric Trump told Reuters he is 'very involved' in World Liberty." [Reuters, [12/12/24](#)]
- **Donald Trump Was "Financial Beneficiary" Of World Liberty Financial When It Was Founded Two Months Before His Re-Election In November 2024.** "World Liberty Financial Inc , founded by the Witkoff family two months before November's U.S. election with Trump as a financial beneficiary , presents concerns over ethics and conflicts of interest, say six specialists in U.S. government ethics." [Reuters, [12/12/24](#)]

### **Witkoff's Family Held An Estimated \$800 Million In WLFI Tokens, As Of September 2025.**

**Witkoff's Family Was Estimated To Hold 3.75 Billion WLFI Tokens, Valued At Nearly \$800 Million As Of Late September 2025.** "A financial disclosure report Mr. Witkoff signed last month that also listed these holdings did not detail how much Mr. Witkoff's holdings are worth. But statements by World Liberty suggest that

the Witkoff family has been allocated 3.75 billion of the company's \$WLFI tokens, which at the current trading price would be worth nearly \$800 million." [The New York Times, [09/24/25](#)]

**September 2025: Sens. Elizabeth Warren (D-MA) And Elissa Slotkin (D-MI) Demanded Investigations Into WLFI After A New York Times Investigation Found Steve Witkoff Pushed The Trump Administration To Send Advanced AI Chips To The United Arab Emirates While WLFI Was Landing A \$2 Billion Crypto Investment From A UAE-Backed Fund.**

**September 2025: Sens. Elizabeth Warren (D-MA) And Elissa Slotkin (D-MI) Asked Inspectors General At The Commerce Dept. And The State Dept. To "Investigate Whether Trump Administration Officials Violated Ethics Rules In A Pair Of Multibillion-Dollar Deals Involving The United Arab Emirates."** "Two Democratic senators asked inspectors general at the Commerce and State Departments to investigate whether Trump administration officials violated ethics rules in a pair of multibillion-dollar deals involving the United Arab Emirates. The call from the Senate Democrats came in response to an investigation published by The New York Times last week that examined the two Trump-era transactions with Emirati royals. [...] "The pattern of these transactions is deeply troubling," Senator Elizabeth Warren, Democrat of Massachusetts, and Senator Elissa Slotkin, Democrat of Michigan, wrote in the letter to the acting inspectors general at State and Commerce, as well as the Office of Government Ethics." [The New York Times, [09/24/25](#)]

- **"Federal Criminal Conflict Of Interest Law Prohibits Government Employees From Playing A Role 'Personally And Substantially' In Certain 'Matters Where They Have A Financial Interest.'** "Federal criminal conflict of interest law prohibits government employees from playing a role 'personally and substantially' in certain 'matters where they have a financial interest.' This requirement extends to what the law refers to as 'particular matters' that could benefit "their spouse, minor child, general partner, and certain other persons and organizations" that they own or work for." [The New York Times, [09/24/25](#)]
- **Federal Rules Prohibit "Federal Employees From Using Their Public Office, Title, Or Authority For Their Own Private Gain Or For The Private Gain Of Friends, Relatives, Or Others With Whom The Employee Is Affiliated."** "A separate rule prohibits federal employees from using their public office, title, or authority for their own private gain or for the private gain of friends, relatives, or others with whom the employee is affiliated. The broad aim of this rule is to avoid 'any actions creating the appearance that they are violating the law or the ethical standards.'" [The New York Times, [09/24/25](#)]

**One Of The Deals Was The Trump Administration Planning To Allow The UAE To Import U.S. Artificial Intelligence Chips, "Despite National Security Concerns Among White House Staff."** "One of the deals involved a plan by the United States to allow the Emirates to import American-designed artificial intelligence computer chips, despite national security concerns among White House staff." [The New York Times, [09/24/25](#)]

**One Of The Deals Involved "A Government-Backed Emirati Firm Sending \$2 Billion To" World Liberty Financial.** "The other entailed a government-backed Emirati firm sending \$2 billion to a cryptocurrency company created by the Trumps and the family of one of his advisers, Steve Witkoff. For the first six months of this year, Mr. Witkoff has formally served as a State Department employee, before transferring to a White House job." [The New York Times, [09/24/25](#)]

**A New York Times Investigation Found Steve Witkoff "Witkoff Advocated Sending Chips To The Emirates At The Same Time That His Family's Company Was Landing The Crypto Investment" From The UAE.** "Mr. Witkoff advocated sending chips to the Emirates at the same time that his family's company was landing the crypto investment, even as White House colleagues argued that the U.A.E.'s close ties to China might compromise national security, The Times found." [The New York Times, [09/24/25](#)]



**The Conflict Of Interest Rules Apply To Full-Time Employees Like Steve Witkoff.** “These rules apply to both full-time employees, such as Mr. Witkoff, as well as special government employees like Mr. Sacks. The president is exempt from these rules.” [The New York Times, [09/24/25](#)]

**The New York Times Interviewed Three Ethics Lawyers Who “Said The Questions About Potential Ethics Violations Are Particularly Relevant To Mr. Witkoff, Who Serves As Mr. Trump’s Middle East Envoy, With A Diplomatic Portfolio That Is More Expansive Than The Title Indicates.”** “Three ethics lawyers interviewed by The Times said the questions about potential ethics violations are particularly relevant to Mr. Witkoff, who serves as Mr. Trump’s Middle East envoy, with a diplomatic portfolio that is more expansive than the title indicates. He also is a longtime friend of Mr. Trump’s.” [The New York Times, [09/24/25](#)]

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**...Sens. Warren And Slotkin Said Of Witkoff And Another Trump Official, “In The History Of Our Country’s Foreign Policy, One Is Hard-Pressed To Find Two Senior Officials With Such Significant Conflicts Of Interest Involved In Decisions Regarding National Security.”**

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While Steve Witkoff Was Conducting “Delicate Cease-Fire Negotiations Between Israel And Hamas,” His Son Alex Witkoff Was “Quietly Soliciting Billions Of Dollars From Some Of The Same Governments” With Which Steve Witkoff Was Negotiating. “As Steve Witkoff, President Trump’s envoy to the Middle East, conducted delicate cease-fire negotiations between Israel and Hamas this year, his son Alex was on another mission. He was quietly soliciting billions of dollars from some of the same governments whose representatives were involved in peace talks with his father.” [The New York Times, [09/26/25](#)]

- **Alex Witkoff Is CEO Of Witkoff Group:**



**Alex Witkoff**

Chief Executive Officer

[Witkoff Group, accessed [09/30/25](#)]

**Alex Witkoff “Pitched Qatar, A Mediator In The Gaza Talks And A Key U.S. Ally In The Middle East, On A Planned Investment Fund Focused On Commercial Real Estate Projects In The United States.”** “Alex Witkoff pitched Qatar, a mediator in the Gaza talks and a key U.S. ally in the Middle East, on a planned investment fund focused on commercial real estate projects in the United States, according to a spokeswoman for Qatar’s sovereign wealth fund.” [The New York Times, [09/26/25](#)]

- **A Spokesperson For The Qatar Investment Authority “Confirmed That Alex Witkoff Had Pitched The Sovereign Wealth Fund” On His Real Estate Investment Fund.** “The spokeswoman for the Qatar Investment Authority, Melanie Dunn, confirmed that Alex Witkoff had pitched the sovereign wealth fund but said that after internal discussions it had decided not to buy in.” [The New York Times, [09/26/25](#)]

- **Alex Witkoff Was “Fielding Questions About The Fund From Potential Investors” As Recently As August 2025.** “The New York Times reviewed documents about the fund prepared by the Witkoff Group and spoke with people familiar with the pitch to investors. Alex Witkoff was fielding questions about the fund from potential investors as recently as a month ago.” [The New York Times, [09/26/25](#)]
- **A Witkoff Group Spokesperson Said The Company Was No Longer Moving Forward With The Fund When Asked By The New York Times.** “But shortly after The Times asked about the fund, Anna LaPorte, a Witkoff Group spokeswoman, said the plans, which she described as “preliminary,” had been shelved. ‘They are not moving forward with that fund,’ she said.” [The New York Times, [09/26/25](#)]

**The Real Estate Fund “Had The Potential To Yield Hundreds Of Millions Of Dollars Of Revenue For The Witkoff Group,” Which Steve Witkoff Remained A Partial Owner Of As Of September 2025.** “The real estate fund had the potential to yield hundreds of millions of dollars of revenue for the Witkoff Group, which Steve Witkoff founded in 1997. He remains a partial owner of the company, after selling a portion of his stake this year.” [The New York Times, [09/26/25](#)]

- **“Under Standard Industry Fee Structures,” The Witkoff Group Stood To Collect About \$80 Million Annually, A Total Of About \$400 Million Over The Fund’s Expected Five-Year Term.** “By this spring, Alex Witkoff was in sales mode. He approached Qatar and other major investors, asking them to put money into his planned multibillion-dollar fund. In meetings and in a fund-raising document reviewed by The Times, Alex Witkoff said the so-called Special Situations Real Estate Credit Fund would focus on investments in the Sun Belt and other regions with a shortage of affordable housing. The fund-raising document said the Witkoff Group hoped to raise \$4 billion. Under standard industry fee structures, the manager of a \$4 billion real estate fund would likely collect fees of about \$80 million annually, or roughly \$400 million over the fund’s anticipated five-year life — in addition to a cut of any profits.” [The New York Times, [09/26/25](#)]

**Alex Witkoff “Wooed Prospective Investors By Telling Them That He Had Already Secured Pledges Of Billions Of Dollars From Government-Affiliated Funds In Qatar, The United Arab Emirates And Kuwait.”** “He later wooed prospective investors by telling them that he had already secured pledges of billions of dollars from government-affiliated funds in Qatar, the United Arab Emirates and Kuwait, according to people familiar with his pitches who were not authorized to speak publicly.” [The New York Times, [09/26/25](#)]

**Alex Witkoff’s Fundraising Efforts Represented “Another Startling Example Of The Witkoff Family Apparently Trying To Profit Off Its Patriarch’s Proximity To The President.”** “The contemplated investment fund, as well as Alex Witkoff’s fund-raising outreach to Gulf nations, represents another startling example of the Witkoff family apparently trying to profit off its patriarch’s proximity to the president.” [The New York Times, [09/26/25](#)]

**In May 2025, The Same Month Trump Administration Accepted A \$400 Million Jet From Qatar, The Witkoff Group Received \$100 Million From A Financial Trust “Partly Owned By Qatar.”**

**In May 2025, The Witkoff Group Received \$100 Million From A Financial Trust “Partly Owned By Qatar” And Run By Apollo Global Management—That Same Month, Qatar Also Gave The Trump Administration A \$400 Million Jet.**

**In May 2025, The Witkoff Group Received \$100 Million From A Financial Trust That Is “Partly Owned By Qatar” And Is Run By Private Equity Firm Apollo Global Management.** “As recently as May, the Witkoff Group received \$100 million from a financial trust that is run by the private-equity firm Apollo Global Management and partly owned by Qatar.” [The New York Times, [09/26/25](#)]

**Also In May 2025, President Trump Accepted A \$400 Million Boeing 747 From Qatar.** “President Trump received plenty of attention this month when he happily accepted a \$400m Boeing 747 from the Persian Gulf emirate of Qatar. ‘Only a FOOL would not accept this gift on behalf of our country,’ Trump posted on social media.” [The Guardian, [05/30/25](#)]

**Witkoff Was Notably In Business With The Sovereign Wealth Funds Of The U.A.E., Through Its Mubadala Investment Company, And The Qatar Investment Authority In The Ownership And Sale Of The Luxurious Manhattan Park Lane Hotel, Which Was Co-Owned By The “Mastermind” Of The \$4.5 Billion 1MDB Embezzlement Scandal.**

**Witkoff Once Partnered With Jho Low, The Alleged “Mastermind” Behind The \$4.5 Billion 1MDB Embezzlement Scandal, To Buy Manhattan’s Park Lane Hotel For \$654 Million, With Low Providing 85% Of The Purchase Price—including An Unusual \$100 Million Deposit—and With Witkoff Group Providing 15%.**

**Steve Witkoff Once Partnered With Jho Low, The Alleged “Mastermind” Behind The Embezzlement Of At Least \$4.5 Billion From The 1MDB Malaysian Development Fund.** “Witkoff once partnered with Jho Low, the disgraced Malaysian financier who was indicted in absentia in New York in 2018 for allegedly laundering billions of dollars in illegal proceeds from the Malaysian sovereign wealth fund.” [Forbes, [11/20/24](#)]

- **In 2019, Low Reached A \$700 Million Settlement With The U.S. Department Of Justice To Settle Charges Related To His Alleged Money Laundering.** “(Low has denied the charges and reached a \$700 million settlement with the Department of Justice in 2019.)” [Forbes, [11/20/24](#)]
- **Jho Low Was Allegedly “The Mastermind Behind The Embezzlement Of At Least \$4.5 Billion From The 1MDB Malaysian Development Fund,” Using The Funds To Buy Luxury Real Estate, Art, A Private Jet, And A Superyacht.** “Jho Low, the playboy Malaysian financier who was central to the multi-billion dollar 1MDB corruption scandal, has reportedly been located and his new identity discovered. Low was the mastermind behind the embezzlement of at least \$4.5 billion from the 1MDB Malaysian development fund, much of which was used to buy luxury real estate across the U.S., plus art, a private jet and a superyacht.” [Fortune, [07/18/25](#)]

**The Park Lane Hotel Has Been Called “Ground Zero For One Of The Biggest Global Fraud Scandals In History” Due To Its Ties To Jho Low.** “The Park Lane Hotel, once ground zero for one of the biggest global fraud scandals in history, is finally getting its makeover.” [Yahoo! Finance, [07/23/25](#)]

**In 2013, Low And Witkoff Partnered To Buy The Park Lane Hotel In Manhattan For \$654 Million, With Low Agreeing To Contribute 85% Of The Purchase Price And With Witkoff Agreeing To Put In The Remaining 15%.** “In 2013, Low agreed to contribute 85% of the \$654 million needed to buy the Park Lane hotel in Manhattan, with Witkoff putting in the remaining 15%.” [Forbes, [11/20/24](#)]

- **Low Also Put Up A \$100 Million Nonrefundable Deposit For The Hotel, Which Was “Twice The Sum Typically Put Up — That Convinced The Sellers To Choose The Witkoff Group Over A Rival Bidder.”** “Mr. Low had agreed to finance 85 percent of the \$654 million they were paying for the Park Lane. He also provided the \$100 million nonrefundable deposit — twice the sum typically put up — that convinced the sellers to choose the Witkoff group over a rival bidder with a slightly higher offer.” [The New York Times, [05/23/17](#)]

- **Witkoff's Partners For His 15% Stake Were New Valley L.L.C., Highgate Holdings, And Developer Harry Macklowe.** "Both Mr. Witkoff and Harry Macklowe, a longtime developer who was already building a billionaires' tower at 432 Park Avenue, lobbied unsolicited offers before the bidding even started. [...] That is what Mr. Witkoff did, and in July 2013, he won the auction of the Park Lane and signed a contract for \$654 million. Mr. Witkoff and his partners — New Valley L.L.C., Highgate Holdings and eventually, Mr. Macklowe — had 15 percent of the deal." [The New York Times, [05/23/17](#)]

**The Partnership Operated As "Symphony CP (Park Lane) LLC," With The Witkoff Group Represented Through Its Affiliate WG Partners 36 CPS LLC.** "LOW entered into a limited liability partnership with an affiliate of the Witkoff Group LLC ('Witkoff Group'), a New York-based real estate investment and management company, to operate an entity called 'Symphony CP (Park Lane) LLC' (hereinafter, 'Park Lane Partnership' or 'Partnership'). [...] An Amended Operating Agreement for the Partnership was executed on or about November 25, 2013. Pursuant to that agreement, the Partnership consisted of: (1) WG Partners 36 CPS LLC, an affiliate of the Witkoff Group (hereinafter, collectively referred to as "Witkoff"), and (2) Symphony CP Investments Holdings LLC." [U.S. Department of Justice, [07/20/16](#)]

### **In 2013, The Year Witkoff And Low Bought The Park Lane Hotel, An Abu Dhabi Wealth Fund Called The Mubadala Investment Company Bought 45% Of Low's 85% Stake For \$135 Million.**

**After Witkoff Group And Jho Low Bought The Park Lane Hotel In 2013, The Mubadala Investment Company, An Abu Dhabi Wealth Fund, Acquired 45% Of Low's 85% Stake For \$135 Million Later That Year.** "2013 [...] The Witkoff Group and a trust owned by Jho Low buy the property for \$654m; later that year, Mubadala Investment Company acquires 45% of Jho Low's 85% stake" [PERE, [10/11/23](#)]

- **"Abu Dhabi Wealth Fund Mubadala Bought A 30% Stake In The Project From Low For \$135 Million."** "Soon after, Abu Dhabi wealth fund Mubadala bought a 30% stake in the project from Low for \$135 million." [Forbes, [11/20/24](#)]

### **In 2017, The U.S. Justice Department Forced A Sale Of The Hotel, Alleging Low's Stake Was Paid For By 1MDB Funds—The DOJ Initially Sought To Seize The Hotel But Reached A Deal With Witkoff To Sell It.**

**In 2017, The U.S. Justice Department Forced A Sale Of The Hotel, Alleging That Low's Stake Was Paid For By 1MDB Funds, But Witkoff's \$1 Billion Asking Price Was Not Met.** "That year, the US Department of Justice alleged that the fugitive Low – on the run for his purported role in the embezzlement scandal involving 1MDB, Malaysia's sovereign wealth fund – had bought the property with 1MDB funds and forced a sale. [...] 2017 [...] Hotel is forced into a sale by the US Department of Justice, but Witkoff's \$1bn asking price is not met" [PERE, [10/11/23](#)]

**The Justice Department Originally Sought To Seize The Park Lane Hotel, But Reached An Agreement With Witkoff And Other Owners To Sell The Hotel.** "The US Justice Department had sought to seize the hotel as part of its investigation of Low but ultimately came to an agreement with the owners, led by developer Steven Witkoff, to sell the hotel and hold Low's share of the proceeds in escrow." [Bloomberg, [08/28/23](#)]

### **In 2018, Abu Dhabi's Mubadala Wealth Fund Paid The Justice Department \$140 Million For Low's Stake In The Hotel After Low Forfeited It.**

**In 2018, Mubadala, The Abu Dhabi Wealth Fund, Transferred About \$140 Million To The U.S. Government To Pay For Low's Stake In The Park Lane Hotel.** "The \$1 billion asking price proved too high,



however, and Low's stake was seized after a forfeiture lawsuit was filed in 2018. Around \$140 million was transferred to the US government by Mubadala to pay for the stake." [PERE, [10/11/23](#)]

**Mubadala Was Able To Buy The \$140 Million Stake After Low Agreed To Forfeit His Claims On The Park Lane Hotel, With The U.S. Justice Department Seizing His Stake.** "Abu Dhabi's Mubadala Investment Co. bought a \$140 million stake in the hotel in 2019, a deal made possible after Low agreed to drop his claims to the property in a US forfeiture lawsuit. The Justice Department had seized his stake based on allegations that he had paid for it with money stolen from 1MDB." [Bloomberg, [08/28/23](#)]

**In 2019, The Witkoff Group And The Mubadala Fund Refinanced The Park Lane Hotel With A \$615 Million Loan From Deutsche Bank And JP Morgan.**

**In 2019, Witkoff Group And Mubadala Investment Company, An Abu Dhabi Wealth Fund, Refinanced The Park Lane Hotel With A \$615 Million Loan From Deutsche Bank And JPMorgan.** "2019 [...] Witkoff and Mubadala refinance the asset with \$615m loan from Deutsche Bank and JPMorgan" [PERE, [10/11/23](#)]

**In 2023, The Qatar Investment Authority Bought The Park Lane Hotel For \$623 Million, Which "Allowed Mr. Witkoff To Escape Financially Unscathed," After Witkoff Group And Mubadala Accumulated \$615 Million In Debt On The Property.**

**In 2023, The Qatar Investment Authority Bought The Park Lane Hotel For \$623 Million.** "2023 [...] Qatar Investment Authority buys the property for \$623m" [PERE, [10/11/23](#)]

- **The Qatar Investment Authority Made The Purchase Through An Entity Named The "Central Acquisition Company."** "That is when the Qatar Investment Authority entered the picture, through the aptly named Central Acquisition Company. The authority purchased the Park Lane for \$622.9 million, buying out Mr. Witkoff." [The New York Times, [11/25/24](#)]

**The Qatar Investment Authority's \$623 Million Purchase Of The Park Lane Hotel "Allowed Mr. Witkoff To Escape Financially Unscathed," After Witkoff Group And Mubadala Accumulated \$615 Million In Debt On The Property.** "'Steve Witkoff was still looking to get out of his investment in the Park Lane Hotel, which had become an albatross. In 2019, he and the building's co-owner — Abu Dhabi's sovereign wealth fund, Mubadala — had borrowed hundreds of millions of dollars more to upgrade the building. That brought their total debt on the Park Lane to \$615 million. In 2023, the year before those loans came due, the Qatar Investment Authority agreed to buy the Park Lane for \$623 million. (Apollo lent Qatar much of the money for the acquisition.) That allowed Mr. Witkoff to escape financially unscathed.'" [The New York Times, [09/26/25](#)]

**The \$623 Purchase "Involved \$400 Million Of Debt Sourced From New York-Based Private Equity Firm Apollo Global Management through its Athene Annuity and Life Company."** "The Qatari sovereign wealth fund acquired the property for around \$623 million in August from fellow Middle Eastern sovereign fund Mubadala Investment Company and the Witkoff Group. The deal involved \$400 million of debt sourced from New York-based private equity firm Apollo Global Management through its Athene Annuity and Life Company." [PERE, [10/11/23](#)]

**The Qatar Investment Authority, Which Bought Witkoff's Park Lane Hotel For Over \$620 Million, Was Chaired By Qatar's Now-Prime Minister Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman bin Jassim Al Thani, Who In 2025 Noted His Close Friendship With Witkoff While Dismissing Claims Witkoff Is A "Tool" Of The Qatari Government.**

## **Qatar's Now-Prime Minister Sheikh Mohammed Bin Abdulrahman Bin Jassim Al Thani Al Thani Was Chairman Of The Qatar Investment Authority, The Country's Sovereign Wealth Fund, From 2018 To 2023.**

**November 2018: Qatar's Now-Prime Minister Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman bin Jassim Al Thani Was Appointed As Chairman Of The Qatar Investment Authority, Which Is Qatar's Sovereign Wealth Fund.** "His Excellency Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman bin Jassim Al Thani was appointed Prime Minister on 7 March 2023 and Minister of Foreign Affairs in January 2016. [...] On 4 November 2018, His Excellency was appointed Chairman of Qatar Investment Authority. His Excellency is also a member of the Supreme Council for Economic Affairs and Investment." [Qatar Government Communications Office, accessed [09/23/25](#)]

**From 2018 To 2023, Al Thani Was Chairman of The Qatar Investment Authority, Which Is Qatar's Sovereign Wealth Fund.** "His Excellency Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al Thani served as Deputy Prime Minister from 2017 to 2023 and Chairman of Qatar Investment Authority from 2018 to 2023." [Qatar Ministry of Foreign Affairs, accessed [09/23/25](#)]

- **The Qatar Investment Authority Is Qatar's Sovereign Wealth Fund.** "Qatar Investment Authority (QIA) is the sovereign wealth fund of the State of Qatar. QIA was established in 2005 to protect and grow Qatar's financial assets and to diversify the economy." [Qatar Investment Authority, accessed [09/23/25](#)]
- **The Qatar Investment Authority Bought Witkoff's Park Lane Hotel For \$623 Million.** "First, Abu Dhabi's sovereign wealth fund expanded its stake in the troubled hotel, Park Lane, which sits at the southern edge of Central Park. Then, in an even more crucial move, the Qatar Investment Authority last year dispatched \$623 million as a leveraged buyout of Mr. Witkoff and his partners." [The New York Times, [11/25/24](#)]

## **March 2025: On Tucker Carlson's Show, Prime Minister Al Thani Vocally Defended Witkoff From Claims That He Was A "Tool" Of Qatar's Government, Saying He Was "Friends" With Witkoff, Has "Known Him For A Long Time," And Attended Witkoff's Son's Wedding.**

**March 2025: Tucker Carlson Posted An Interview With Qatari Prime Minister Al Thani, With Steve Witkoff Being One Chapter Of The Conversation:**



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There's enormous pressure on the United States to participate in a brand new war against Iran. The government of Qatar thinks that's unwise, so of course they're being slandered relentlessly in American media. Qatar's prime minister, Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al Thani, explains.

(0:00) How the Left Used the World Cup to Attack Qatar

(3:03) Cultural Imperialism

(4:35) Attacks on the Nuclear Family Worldwide

(9:23) Why Does Corporate Media Hate Qatar?

(12:41) Qatar's Hamas Office

(17:29) Is Qatar an Enemy of the United States?

(19:47) Steve Witkoff

[X Post by @TuckerCarlson, [03/07/25](#)]

**Carlson Told Al Thani That Witkoff "Was Attacked In Some US Media For His Connect—He Had Done Business In Your Country—And He Was Attacked As A Tool Of Your Government."** "[Tucker Carlson:] So the President's envoy in this region, and to Ukraine, and globally at this point, is Steve Witkoff, his friend. And Witkoff, for the record, I think has done a good job, but was attacked in some US media for his connect—he had done business in your country—and he was attacked as a tool of your government." [X Post by @TuckerCarlson, [03/07/25 \(00:20:46\)](#)]

**Al Thani Defended Witkoff, Saying, "Steve Is A Respected Businessman," And "I've Known Him For A Long Time. I Attended His Son's Wedding. I Have A Personal Relationship."** "[Qatar Prime Minister Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al Thani:] Well, sometimes when you read the reports about Qatar, you feel that this is a power that controls everyone, and everyone is a tool in the hand of Qatar. Look, this is all a joke. Steve is a respected businessman. He has done business, we didn't do anything wrong with him. We have done business. I've known him for a long time. I attended his son's wedding. I have a personal relationship, and all this happened before even the election." [X Post by @TuckerCarlson, [03/07/25 \(00:21:09\)](#)]

- **Al Thani Attended Alex Witkoff's Wedding In Early 2024, Held At The Breakers Palm Beach Resort In Florida.** "Early in 2024, the prime minister of Qatar, Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al-Thani flew to Florida to attend Alex Witkoff's wedding at the Breakers Palm Beach Resort." [The New York Times, [09/26/25](#)]

**Al Thani Said, "This Friendship And Relationship, It Means That There's A Trust Between Two People, And This Trust Will, Of Course, Matters For The Working Relationship That We Have, And Partnership That US And Qatar Has."** "[Qatar Prime Minister Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al Thani:] This friendship and relationship, it means that there's a trust between two people, and this trust will, of course, matters for the working relationship that we have, and partnership that US and Qatar has. It benefited the deal at the end of the day. The man traveled all the way, he stayed here. He spent a few days in Doha. He participated with us in the negotiation. He pushed when it was required. He did a great job. We, as partners, we achieved the deal at the end of the day. The deal wouldn't be achieved without with Qatar single-handedly or with the United States single-handedly." [X Post by @TuckerCarlson, [03/07/25 \(00:21:09\)](#)]

**Al Thani Said, "Steve Is A Great Man, Straight Shooter. It Doesn't Matter For Him As It Doesn't Matter For Us. We Are Friends. Yes, This Is Something I Feel Proud Of."** "[Qatar Prime Minister Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al Thani:] But just if you look at this and look at the ones who attacked someone like Steve Witkoff, who achieved and succeeded reaching this deal because of his relation with Qatar, is to make sure

that the next time, he calculated his steps. But Steve is a great man, straight shooter. It doesn't matter for him as it doesn't matter for us. We are friends. Yes, this is something I feel proud of, that I have many friends in the United States, and those friends might become in certain positions, whether in this administration or in the future administration. It doesn't mean that those friends will be a tool in our hand or Qatar hand." [X Post by @TuckerCarlson, [03/07/25 \(00:22:34\)](#)]

## **Witkoff Has Repeatedly Done High-Level Official Business With Qatari PM Al Thani, Joining A Dinner With Him And Trump Days After Israel Struck Hamas Targets In Qatar In September 2025, Discussing Gaza Plans With Al Thani In August 2025, With Qatar Serving As A "Main Mediator" In The Conflict.**

### **September 2025: Steve Witkoff Joined A Dinner With President Trump And Qatari Prime Minister Sheikh Mohammed Bin Abdulrahman Al-Thani, Days After Israel Struck Hamas Leaders In Doha, Qatar.**

**September 2025: Steve Witkoff Joined A Dinner With President Trump And Qatari Prime Minister Sheikh Mohammed Bin Abdulrahman Al-Thani, Days After Israel Conducted A Strike On Hamas Leaders In Doha, Qatar.** "US President Donald Trump held dinner with the Qatari prime minister in New York on Friday, days after US ally Israel attacked Hamas leaders in Doha. [...] Trump and Qatari Prime Minister Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman al-Thani were joined for the meal by a top Trump adviser, US special envoy Steve Witkoff." [The Times of Israel, [09/13/25](#)]

## **Trump and Witkoff dine with Qatari PM in NY, days after Israeli strike on Hamas in Doha**

Qatar says it was a 'great dinner,' with no further details; Doha says Vance, Rubio praised Qatar's mediation efforts in earlier meeting, called Doha a 'reliable strategic ally'

[The Times of Israel, [09/13/25](#)]

**Qatar "Has Been A Main Mediator In Long-Running Negotiations For A Ceasefire" In The Gaza Conflict, And "For A Post-Conflict Plan For The Territory."** "Washington counts Qatar as a strong Gulf ally. Doha has been a main mediator in long-running negotiations for a ceasefire between Israel and the Palestinian terror group Hamas in Gaza, for the release of Israeli hostages held in Gaza, and for a post-conflict plan for the territory." [The Times of Israel, [09/13/25](#)]

**Later In September 2025, President Trump "Facilitated A Phone Call From The Oval Office Today In Which Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu Apologized" To Qatar PM Al Thani For Striking Hamas Targets In Doha.** "President Donald Trump facilitated a phone call from the Oval Office today in which Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu apologized to his Qatari counterpart for the missile strikes earlier this month that targeted Hamas officials while they were engaged in peace talks in Doha. Netanyahu expressed regret about the strikes and, specifically, 'that, in targeting Hamas leadership during hostage negotiations, Israel violated Qatari sovereignty,' according to a White House readout of the phone call." [Politico, [09/29/25](#)]

- **Netanyahu And Al Thani Also Agreed To “A Trilateral Mechanism With The U.S. To Help Improve Communications And Their Broader Relationship.”** “Netanyahu and Qatari Prime Minister Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al Thani also agreed to a trilateral mechanism with the U.S. to help improve communications and their broader relationship, the White House said.” [Politico, [09/29/25](#)]

## **August 2025: Witkoff Met With Qatar’s Prime Minister Al Thani To Discuss A Plan To End The War In Gaza.**

**August 2025: Steve Witkoff Met With Qatari Prime Minister Sheikh Mohammed Bin Abdul Rahman Al-Thani “To Discuss A Plan To End The War In Gaza And Release All Remaining Hostages Held By Hamas.”** “White House special envoy Steve Witkoff is meeting Saturday in Ibiza, Spain, with Qatari Prime Minister Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdul Rahman al-Thani to discuss a plan to end the war in Gaza and release all remaining hostages held by Hamas, according to two sources familiar with the meeting.” [Axios, [08/09/25](#)]

White House envoy Witkoff  
meets Qatari prime minister to  
discuss plan to end Gaza war

[Axios, [08/09/25](#)]

## **The Qataris Gave Witkoff Credit For The Gaza Ceasefire Deal Earlier In 2025, With Prime Minister Al Thani’s Adviser Claiming Witkoff Got The Deal “Across The Line,” Along With President Trump.**

**When Israel Agreed To A Cease-Fire In Gaza Earlier In 2025, The Qataris, “Who Were Central To Mediating The Negotiations,” Credited Steve Witkoff.** “Yet it is the Qataris with whom Steve Witkoff appears especially close. When Israel agreed to a cease-fire in Gaza early this year, the Qataris, who were central to mediating the negotiations, credited him.” [The New York Times, [09/26/25](#)]

**An Adviser To Qatari Prime Minister Al Thani Claimed Witkoff Got The Cease-Fire Deal “Across The Line,” Along With President Trump.** “Along with Mr. Trump, Mr. Witkoff got the deal ‘across the line,’ said Majed al-Ansari, an adviser to the Qatari prime minister.” [The New York Times, [09/26/25](#)]

## **September 2025: Steve Witkoff Appears To Have Attended A Meeting Where President Trump Presented Qatar And Other Muslim-Majority Nations With A “21-Point Plan Peace Plan For The Middle East And Gaza,” With Witkoff Reporting, “We Had A Very Productive Session.”**

**September 2025: Steve Witkoff Reported That President Trump Presented Leaders Of Several Muslim-Majority Countries, Including Qatar And The UAE, With A “21-Point Plan Peace Plan For The Middle East And Gaza” In A Meeting “On The Sidelines” Of The United Nations’ Annual General Assembly Meeting.** “U.S. President Donald Trump has presented leaders from several Muslim-majority countries with a 21-point plan peace plan for the Middle East and Gaza, U.S. special envoy Steve Witkoff said on Wednesday, adding that he is confident of ‘some sort of breakthrough’ in the coming days. Trump on Tuesday met leaders and officials from Saudi Arabia, the UAE, Qatar, Egypt, Jordan, Turkey, Indonesia and Pakistan to discuss the nearly two-year-long war in Gaza between Israel and Palestinian militants Hamas. The meeting was held at the U.N. on the sidelines of the annual General Assembly.” [Reuters, [09/24/25](#)]



**Witkoff Said, “We Had A Very Productive Session. We Presented What We Call The Trump 21-Point Plan For Peace In The Mideast And Gaza,” Adding, “We’re Hopeful, And I Might Say, Even Confident That In The Coming Days We’ll Be Able To Announce Some Sort Of Breakthrough.”** “We had a very productive session. We presented what we call the Trump 21-point plan for peace in the Mideast and Gaza. I think it addresses Israeli concerns and, as well, the concerns of all the neighbors in the region,’ Witkoff told the Concordia summit in New York. ‘We’re hopeful, and I might say, even confident that in the coming days we’ll be able to announce some sort of breakthrough,’ he said.” [Reuters, [09/24/25](#)]

**Witkoff Attended The U.N. General Assembly Meeting In September 2025:**



White House Chief of Staff Susie Wiles, White House Special Envoy Steve Witkoff, U.S. Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent, U.S. Secretary of State Marco Rubio and U.S Ambassador to United Nations Michael Waltz listen to U.S. President Donald Trump's (not pictured) speech at the 80th United Nations General Assembly, in New York City, New York, U.S., September 23, 2025. REUTERS/Al Drago

[Reuters Connect, [09/23/25](#)]

**Steve Witkoff, Then Co-CEO Of Witkoff Group, Was A Featured Speaker At The 2024 Qatar Economic Forum Alongside PM Al Thani And His Son Alex Witkoff, Now CEO Of Witkoff Group Is Scheduled To Be A Featured Speaker At The 2025 Qatar Real Estate Forum After Appearing In 2024’s Forum, Which Was Held “Under The Patronage Of” Qatari Prime Minister Al Thani.**

**In May 2024, Steve Witkoff, Then Co-CEO Of Witkoff Group, Was A Featured Speaker At The 2024 Qatar Economic Forum, Alongside Qatari Prime Minister Al Thani.**

**May 2024: Steve Witkoff Was A Speaker At The 2024 Qatar Economic Forum, Alongside Qatar Prime Minister Al Thani:**

# 2024 Speakers

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Mohammed bin  
Abdulrahman Al-Thani**  
Prime Minister &  
Minister of Foreign  
Affairs  
State of Qatar



**Steven Witkoff**  
Founder, Chairman &  
Co-CEO  
Witkoff

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[Qatar Economic Forum, accessed [09/30/25](#)]

- **The Forum Was Held In May 2024.** [Qatar Economic Forum, accessed [09/30/25](#)]

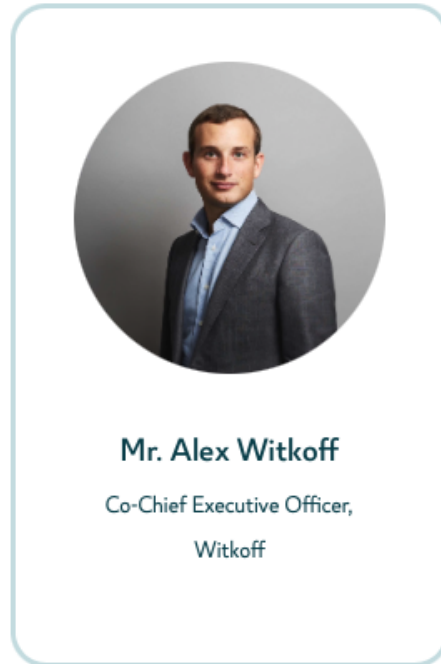
**In October 2024, Alex Witkoff, Then Co-CEO Of Witkoff Group, Was A Featured Speaker At The 2024 Qatar Real Estate Forum, Which Was Held “Under The Patronage Of” Qatari Prime Minister Al Thani.**

**Alex Witkoff, Then Co-CEO Of Witkoff Group, Was Also A Featured Speaker In The 2024 Qatar Real Estate Forum:**





[Qatar Real Estate Forum, accessed [09/23/25](#)]



[Qatar Real Estate Forum, accessed [09/23/25](#)]

**The 2024 Qatar Real Estate Forum Was Held “Under The Patronage Of” Prime Minister Al Thani.** “2nd Qatar Real Estate Forum 2024 [...] Under the patronage of His Excellency Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman bin Jassim Al Thani, Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, the second edition of the Qatar Real Estate Forum will be held this year under the theme ‘Future Real Estate and Cityscape 2024.’” [Qatar Real Estate Forum, accessed [09/23/25](#)]

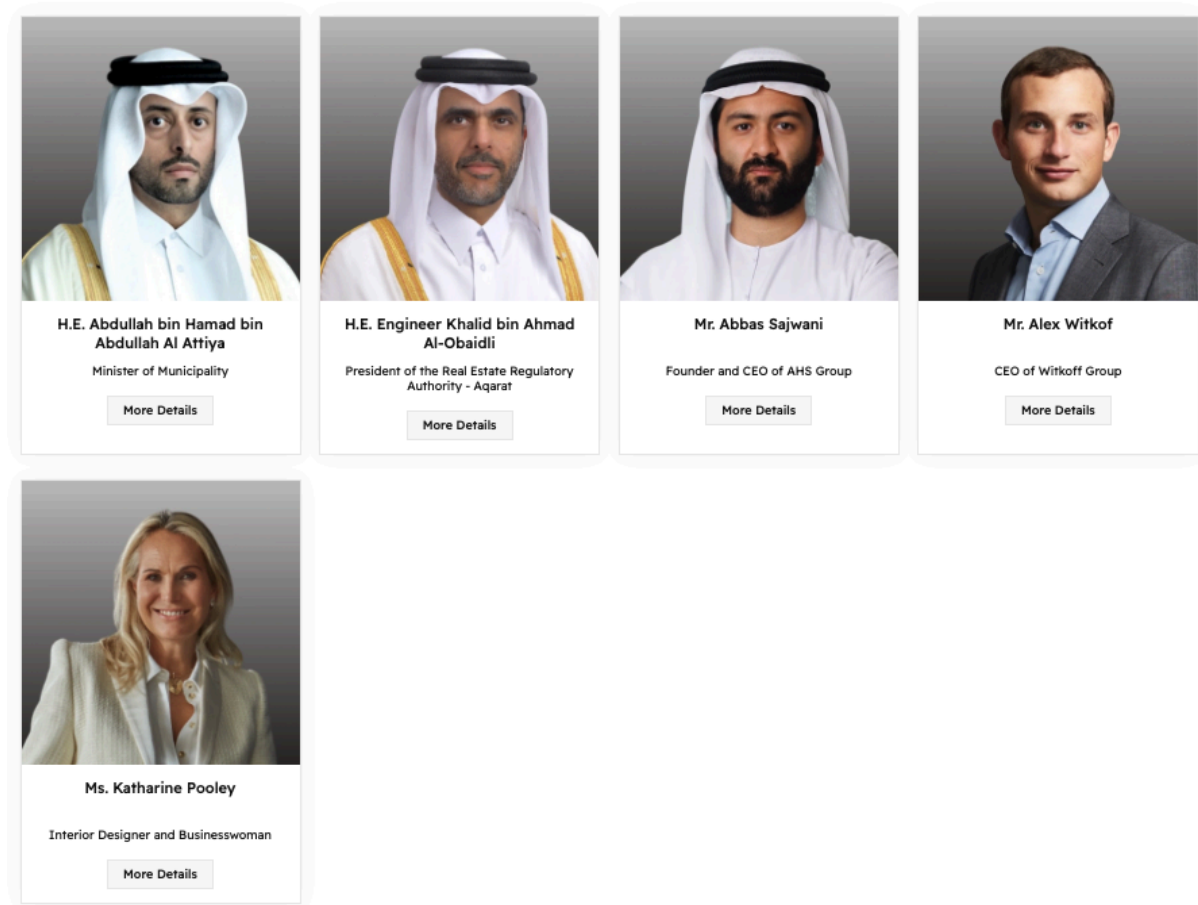
**In October 2025, Steve Witkoff’s Son Alex Witkoff, Now CEO Of Witkoff Group, Is Scheduled To Be One Of Five Featured Speakers, Alongside Two Qatari Officials, At The Qatar Real Estate Forum In October 2025.**

In October 2025, Steve Witkoff’s Son Alex Witkoff, Who Is Now CEO Of The Witkoff Group, Was Scheduled To Be One Of Five Featured Speakers At The Qatar Real Estate Forum, Held By Qatar’s Real Estate Regulatory Authority-Aqarat:

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