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FORM 10-Q

 $\mathfrak{p}_{1934}^{QUARTERLY}$  REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF

For the quarterly period ended September 30, 2017

OR

..TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Commission File Number 001-37589

ARMSTRONG FLOORING, INC.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 47-4303305

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) (I.R.S. employer Identification number)

2500 Columbia Avenue, PO Box 3025, Lancaster, Pennsylvania 17604 (Address of principal executive offices)

(717) 672-9611

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code).

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes b

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that registrant was required to submit and post such files.) Yes  $\flat$  No "

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, a smaller reporting company or an emerging growth company. See definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer," "smaller reporting company," and "emerging growth company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer " Accelerated filer "

Non-accelerated filer b Smaller reporting company "
(Do not check if a smaller reporting company) Emerging growth company "

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the Registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act."

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant is a shell company (as defined by Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes " No b

The Registrant had 25,725,206 shares of common stock, \$0.0001 par value, outstanding at October 30, 2017.

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#### CAUTIONARY STATEMENT CONCERNING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Certain statements in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q ("Form 10-Q") and the documents incorporated by reference may constitute forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Those forward-looking statements are subject to various risks and uncertainties and include all statements that are not historical statements of fact and those regarding our intent, belief or expectations, including, but not limited to, our expectations concerning our residential and commercial markets and their effect on our operating results, and our ability to increase revenues, earnings and EBITDA (as such terms are defined by documents incorporated by reference herein). Words such as "anticipate," "expect," "intend," "plan," "target," "project," "predict," "belief "will," "would," "sould," "should," "seek," "estimate" and similar expressions are intended to identify such forward-looking statements. These statements are based on management's current expectations and beliefs and are subject to a number of factors that could lead to actual results materially different from those described in the forward-looking statements. Although we believe that the assumptions underlying the forward-looking statements are reasonable, we can give no assurance that our expectations will be attained. Factors that could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition, liquidity, results of operations or future prospects or which could cause actual results to differ materially from our expectations include, but are not limited to:

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global economic conditions;
construction activity;
competition;
key customers;
availability and costs of raw materials and energy;
recent plant construction;
international operations;
intellectual property rights;
cost saving and productivity initiatives;
strategic transactions;
labor:
information systems;
claims and litigation;
defined-benefit plan obligations;
diquidity;
debt covenants;
debt;
negative tax consequences;
outsourcing;
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environmental matters; and

other risks detailed from time to time in our filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, press releases, and other communications, including those set forth under "Risk Factors" included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K and in the documents incorporated by reference.

Such forward-looking statements speak only as of the date they are made. We expressly disclaim any obligation to release publicly any updates or revisions to any forward-looking statements to reflect any change in our expectations with regard thereto or change in events, conditions or circumstances on which any statement is based.

#### PART I: FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Item 1. Financial Statements

Armstrong Flooring, Inc. and Subsidiaries

Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Income (Loss) (Unaudited)

(Dollars in millions, except per share data)

	Three Months	Nine Months			
	Ended	Ended			
	September 30,	September 30,			
	2017 2016	2017 2016			
Net sales	\$308.5 \$313.4	\$871.0 \$921.5			
Cost of goods sold	276.8 243.4	735.1 736.4			
Gross profit	31.7 70.0	135.9 185.1			
Selling, general and administrative expenses	49.3 53.8	153.2 157.0			
Intangible asset impairment	12.5 —	12.5 —			
Operating (loss) income	(30.1 ) 16.2	(29.8 ) 28.1			
Interest expense	0.8 0.6	2.0 1.3			
Other expense, net	0.1 0.3	0.1 2.1			
(Loss) income from continuing operations before income taxes	(31.0 ) 15.3	(31.9 ) 24.7			
Income tax (benefit) expense	(12.3 ) 6.0	(10.8 ) 10.9			
(Loss) income from continuing operations	(18.7) 9.3	(21.1 ) 13.8			
Gain on disposal of discontinued operations, net of tax		<b>—</b> 1.7			
Net (loss) income	(18.7) 9.3	(21.1 ) 15.5			
Other comprehensive (loss) income, net of tax:					
Foreign currency translation adjustments	2.3 0.1	5.7 (6.6 )			
Derivatives loss	(0.6) $(0.3)$	(1.5) (2.2)			
Pension and postretirement adjustments	(2.6) 1.1	(0.2) 2.0			
Total other comprehensive (loss) income	(0.9) 0.9	4.0 (6.8 )			
Total comprehensive (loss) income	\$(19.6) \$10.2	\$(17.1) \$8.7			
Basic (loss) earnings per share of common stock:					
Basic (loss) earnings per share of common stock from continuing operations	\$(0.70) \$0.33	\$(0.76) \$0.50			
Basic earnings per share of common stock from discontinued operations		- 0.06			
Basic (loss) earnings per share of common stock	\$(0.70) \$0.33	\$(0.76) \$0.56			
Diluted (loss) earnings per share of common stock:					
Diluted (loss) earnings per share of common stock from continuing operations	\$(0.70) \$0.33	\$(0.76) \$0.49			
Diluted earnings per share of common stock from discontinued operations		- 0.06			
Diluted (loss) earnings per share of common stock	\$(0.70) \$0.33	\$(0.76) \$0.55			

See accompanying notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

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Armstrong Flooring, Inc. and Subsidiaries Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets (Dollars in millions, except par value)

	September 30 2017 (Unaudited)	),December 3 2016	31,	
Assets				
Current assets:				
Cash	\$ 43.6	\$ 30.6		
Accounts and notes receivable, net	85.1	76.0		
Inventories, net	264.5	272.1		
Income tax receivable	4.3	2.4		
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	21.5	23.8		
Total current assets	419.0	404.9		
Property, plant, and equipment, less accumulated depreciation and amortization of \$392.1 and \$336.8, respectively	421.1	445.2		
Prepaid pension costs	0.1	0.2		
Intangible assets, net	62.1	42.6		
Deferred income taxes	5.8	4.5		
Other noncurrent assets	6.9	7.0		
Total assets	\$ 915.0	\$ 904.4		
Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity				
Current liabilities:				
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 156.5	\$ 163.0		
Income tax payable	0.9	0.4		
Total current liabilities	157.4	163.4		
Long-term debt	96.1	21.2		
Postretirement benefit liabilities	72.1	75.5		
Pension benefit liabilities	4.0	1.6		
Other long-term liabilities	9.7	9.1		
Noncurrent income taxes payable	0.5	1.7		
Deferred income taxes	6.2	8.4		
Total liabilities	346.0	280.9		
Stockholders' equity:				
Common stock with par value \$.0001 per share: 100,000,000 shares authorized;				
28,173,681 issued and 25,724,685 outstanding shares as of September 30, 2017 and				
27,895,671 issued and outstanding shares as of December 31, 2016				
Preferred stock with par value \$.0001 per share: 15,000,000 shares authorized; none issued	_			
Treasury stock, at cost, 2,448,996 shares as of September 30, 2017	(39.9)	_		
Additional paid-in capital	675.8	673.3		
(Accumulated deficit) retained earnings	(11.1)	10.0		
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(55.8)	(59.8	)	
Total stockholders' equity	569.0	623.5		
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 915.0	\$ 904.4		

See accompanying notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

Armstrong Flooring, Inc. and Subsidiaries Condensed Consolidated Statements of Stockholders' Equity (Unaudited) (Dollars in millions)

(_ 33333 333 333 333 333 333 333 333 333	Common Sto		Treasury S		Net AWI Invest	Additional Paid-in Capital ment	Accumulat Other Compreher (Loss) Income	(Accum	d	ated Total Equity	
December 31, 2016	27,895,671	\$ -		\$—	\$ —	\$ 673.3	\$ (59.8)	\$ 10.0		\$623.5	
Net (loss)	_	_	_	_	_			(21.1	)	(21.1	)
Repurchase of common stock	(2,455,604)	_	2,455,604	(40.0)	_	_	_	_		(40.0	)
Stock-based compensation, net	284,618	_	(6,608)	0.1	_	3.3	_	_		3.4	
Net transfers to Armstrong World Industries ("AWI")	_	_	_	_	(0.8)	_	_	_		(0.8	)
Reclassification of net parent investment to additional paid-in capital	 I		_	_	0.8	(0.8)	_	_		_	
Other comprehensive income		_	_	_	_	_	4.0	_		4.0	
September 30, 2017	25,724,685	\$ -	<del>-2</del> ,448,996	\$(39.9)	\$ —	\$ 675.8	\$ (55.8 )	\$ (11.1	)	\$569.0	)

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The restricted periods described in the preceding paragraph will be automatically extended if:

during the last 17 days of the applicable lock-up period we issue an earnings release or announce material news or a material event; or

prior to the expiration of the applicable lock-up period, we announce that we will release earnings results during the 16-day period following the last day of the applicable lock-up period;

in which case, the restrictions described in this paragraph will continue to apply until the expiration of the 18-day period beginning on the issuance of the earnings release or the announcement of the material news or material event.

Nasdaq Global Select Market Listing

The shares are listed on the Nasdaq Global Select Market under the symbol CZR.

Price Stabilization, Short Positions

Until the distribution of the shares is completed, SEC rules may limit underwriter and selling group members from bidding for and purchasing our common stock. However, the

representatives may engage in transactions that stabilize the price of the common stock, such as bids or purchases to peg, fix or maintain that price.

In connection with the offering, the underwriter may purchase and sell our common stock in the open market. These transactions may include short sales and purchases on the open market to cover positions created by short sales. Short sales involve the sale by the underwriter of a greater number of shares than they are required to purchase in the offering. Covered short sales are sales made in an amount not greater than

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the

underwriter s option to

purchase additional shares described above. The underwriter may close out any covered short position by either exercising their option to purchase additional shares or purchasing shares in the open market. In determining the source of shares to close out the covered short position, the underwriter will consider, among other things, the price of shares available for purchase in the open market as compared to the price at which they may purchase shares through the option granted to them. Naked short sales are sales in excess of such option. The underwriter must close out any naked short position by purchasing shares in the open market.

A naked short position is more likely to be created if the underwriter is concerned that there may be downward pressure on the price of our common stock in the open market after pricing that could adversely affect investors who purchase in the offering. Stabilizing transactions consist of various bids for or purchases of shares of common stock made by the underwriter in the open market prior to the completion of the offering.

Similar to other purchase transactions, the underwriter s purchases to cover the syndicate short sales may have the effect of raising or maintaining the market price of our common stock

or preventing or retarding a decline in the market price of our common stock. As a result, the price of our common stock may be higher than the price that might otherwise exist in the open market. The underwriter may conduct these transactions on the Nasdaq Global Select Market, in the over-the-counter market or otherwise.

Neither we nor the underwriter makes any representation or prediction as to the direction or magnitude of any effect that the transactions described above may have on the price of our common stock. In addition, neither we nor the underwriter make any representation

that the underwriter will engage in these transactions or that these transactions, once commenced, will not be discontinued without notice.

Passive Market Making

In connection with this offering, the underwriter may engage in passive market making transactions in the common stock on the Nasdaq Global Select Market in accordance with Rule 103 of Regulation M under the Exchange Act during a period before the commencement of offers or sales of common stock and extending

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through the completion of distribution. A passive market maker must display its bid at a price not in excess of the highest independent bid of that security. However, if all independent bids are lowered below the passive market maker s bid, that bid must then be lowered when specified purchase limits are exceeded. Passive market making may cause the price of our common stock to be higher than the price that otherwise would exist in the open market in the absence of those transactions. The underwriter is not required to engage in passive market making and may end passive market

making activities at any time.

# **Electronic Distribution**

In connection with the offering, the underwriter may distribute prospectuses by electronic means, such as e-mail.

#### Other Relationships

The underwriter and its affiliates have engaged in, and may in the future engage in, investment banking and other commercial dealings in the ordinary course of business with us or our affiliates. The underwriter has received, or may in the future receive, customary fees and commissions for these transactions. The underwriter has acted in the past as initial

purchaser of offerings of our debt securities. In addition, certain affiliates of the underwriter are lenders and/or agents under our or our subsidiaries credit facilities. Certain affiliates of the underwriter may also own our debt securities from time to time and de minimis amounts of our equity.

In addition, in the ordinary course of its business activities, the underwriter and its affiliates may make or hold a broad array of investments and actively trade debt and equity securities (or related derivative securities) and financial instruments (including bank loans) for their own account and

for the accounts of their customers. Such investments and securities activities may involve securities and/or instruments of ours or our affiliates. The underwriter and its affiliates may also make investment recommendations and/or publish or express independent research views in respect of such securities or financial instruments and may hold, or recommend to clients that they acquire, long and/or short positions in such securities and instruments.

Notice to Prospective Investors in the European Economic Area

In relation to each Member State of the European Economic Area (each, a

Relevant
Member
State ), no offer
of shares may
be made to the
public in that
Relevant
Member State
other than:

A.to any legal entity which is a qualified investor as defined in the Prospectus Directive;

B. to fewer than 100 or, if the Relevant Member State has implemented the relevant provision of the 2010 PD Amending Directive, 150, natural or legal persons (other than qualified investors as defined in the Prospectus Directive), as permitted under the Prospectus Directive, subject to obtaining the prior consent

of the

underwriter; or

C.in any other circumstances falling within Article 3(2) of the Prospectus Directive, provided that no such offer of shares shall require the Company or the underwriter to publish a prospectus pursuant to Article 3 of the Prospectus Directive or supplement a prospectus pursuant to Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive.

Each person in a Relevant Member State who initially acquires any shares or to whom any offer is made will be deemed to have represented, acknowledged and agreed that it is a qualified investor within the meaning of the law in that Relevant Member State

implementing Article 2(1)(e) of the Prospectus Directive. In the case of any shares being offered to a financial intermediary as that term is used in Article 3(2) of the Prospectus Directive, each such financial intermediary will be deemed to have represented, acknowledged and agreed that the shares acquired by it in the offer have not been acquired on a non-discretionary basis on behalf of, nor have they been acquired with a view to their offer or resale to, persons in circumstances which may give rise to an offer of any shares to the public other than their offer or resale in a Relevant Member State to qualified investors as so defined or in circumstances

in which the

prior consent of the underwriter has been obtained to each such proposed offer or resale.

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The Company, the underwriter and their respective affiliates will rely upon the truth and accuracy of the foregoing representations, acknowledgements and agreements.

This prospectus has been prepared on the basis that any offer of shares in any Relevant Member State will be made pursuant to an exemption under the Prospectus Directive from the requirement to publish a prospectus for offers of shares. Accordingly any person making or intending to make an offer in that Relevant Member State of shares which are the subject of the offering

contemplated in this prospectus may only do so in circumstances in which no obligation arises for the Company or the underwriter to publish a prospectus pursuant to Article 3 of the Prospectus Directive in relation to such offer. Neither the Company nor the underwriter has authorized, nor do they authorize, the making of any offer of shares in circumstances in which an obligation arises for the Company or the underwriter to publish a prospectus for such offer.

For the purpose of the above provisions, the expression an offer to the public in relation to any shares in any Relevant

Member State

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in any form

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sufficient

information on

the terms of

the offer and

the shares to

be offered so

as to enable an

investor to

decide to

purchase or

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shares, as the

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measure

implementing

the Prospectus

Directive in

the Relevant

Member State

and the

expression

Prospectus

Directive

means

Directive

2003/71/EC

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2010 PD

Amending

Directive, to

the extent

implemented

in the Relevant

Member

States) and

includes any

relevant

implementing

measure in the

Relevant

Member State

and the expression 2010 PD Amending Directive means Directive 2010/73/EU.

Notice to Prospective Investors in the United Kingdom

In addition, in the United Kingdom, this document is being distributed only to, and is directed only at, and any offer subsequently made may only be directed at persons who are qualified investors (as defined in the Prospectus Directive) (i) who have professional experience in matters relating to investments falling within Article 19 (5) of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Financial Promotion)

Order 2005, as

amended (the Order ) and/or (ii) who are high net worth companies (or persons to whom it may otherwise be lawfully communicated) falling within Article 49(2)(a) to (d) of the Order (all such persons together being referred to as relevant persons ). This document must not be acted on or relied on in the United Kingdom by persons who are not relevant persons. In the United Kingdom, any investment or investment activity to which this document relates is only available to, and will be engaged in with, relevant persons.

Notice to Prospective Investors in Switzerland

The shares may not be

publicly offered in Switzerland and will not be listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange ( SIX ) or on any other stock exchange or regulated trading facility in Switzerland. This document has been prepared without regard to the disclosure standards for issuance prospectuses under art. 652a or art. 1156 of the Swiss Code of Obligations or the disclosure standards for listing prospectuses under art. 27 ff. of the SIX Listing Rules or the listing rules of any other stock exchange or regulated trading facility in Switzerland. Neither this document nor any other offering or marketing material relating to the shares or the

offering may

be publicly distributed or otherwise made publicly available in Switzerland.

Neither this document nor any other offering or marketing material relating to the offering, the Company, the shares have been or will be filed with or approved by any Swiss regulatory authority. In particular, this document will not be filed with, and the offer of shares will not be supervised by, the Swiss Financial Market Supervisory Authority **FINMA** (FINMA), and the offer of shares has not been and will not be authorized under the Swiss Federal Act on Collective Investment Schemes ( CISA ). The investor protection

afforded to acquirers of interests in collective investment schemes under the CISA does not extend to acquirers of shares.

Notice to Prospective Investors in the Dubai International Financial Centre

This prospectus supplement relates to an **Exempt Offer** in accordance with the Offered Securities Rules of the Dubai Financial Services Authority ( DFSA ). This prospectus supplement is intended for distribution only

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to persons of a type specified in the Offered Securities Rules of the DFSA. It must not be delivered to, or relied on by, any other person. The DFSA has no responsibility for reviewing or verifying any documents in connection with Exempt Offers. The DFSA has not approved this prospectus supplement nor taken steps to verify the information set forth herein and has no responsibility for the prospectus supplement. The shares to which this prospectus supplement relates may be illiquid and/or subject to restrictions on their resale. Prospective purchasers of the shares offered should conduct their own due

diligence on the shares. If you do not understand the contents of this prospectus supplement you should consult an authorized financial advisor.

Notice to Prospective Investors in Australia

No prospectus or other disclosure document (as defined in the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth) of Australia ( Corporations Act )) in relation to the common stock has been or will be lodged with the Australian Securities & Investments Commission ( ASIC ). This document has not been lodged with ASIC and is only directed to certain categories of exempt persons. Accordingly, if you receive this document in Australia:

(a) you confirm and warrant that you are either:

(i) a sophisticated investor under section 708(8)(a) or (b) of the Corporations Act;

(ii)a sophisticated investor under section 708(8)(c) or (d) of the Corporations Act and that you have provided an accountant s certificate to us which complies with the requirements of section 708(8)(c)(i)or (ii) of the Corporations Act and related regulations before the offer has been made;

(iii) a person associated with the

company under section 708(12) of the Corporations Act; or

#### (iv)a

professional investor within the meaning of section 708(11)(a) or (b) of the Corporations Act, and to the extent that you are unable to confirm or warrant that you are an exempt sophisticated investor, associated person or professional investor under the Corporations Act any offer made to you under this document is void and incapable of acceptance; and

(b) you warrant and agree that you will not offer any of the common stock for resale in

Australia within 12 months of that common stock being issued unless any such resale offer is exempt from the requirement to issue a disclosure document under section 708 of the Corporations Act.

Notice to Prospective Investors in Hong Kong

The shares have not been offered or sold and will not be offered or sold in Hong Kong, by means of any document, other than (a) to professional investors as defined in the Securities and **Futures** Ordinance (Cap. 571) of Hong Kong and any rules made under that Ordinance; or (b) in other circumstances which do not result in the document being a

prospectus as defined in the Companies Ordinance (Cap. 32) of Hong Kong or which do not constitute an offer to the public within the meaning of that Ordinance. No advertisement, invitation or document relating to the shares has been or may be issued or has been or may be in the possession of any person for the purposes of issue, whether in Hong Kong or elsewhere, which is directed at, or the contents of which are likely to be accessed or read by, the public of Hong Kong (except if permitted to do so under the securities laws of Hong Kong) other than with respect to shares which are or are intended to be disposed of only to persons

outside Hong
Kong or only
to professional
investors as
defined in the
Securities and
Futures
Ordinance and
any rules made
under that
Ordinance.

Notice to Prospective Investors in Japan

The shares have not been and will not be registered under the Financial Instruments and Exchange Law of Japan (Law No. 25 of 1948, as amended) and, accordingly, will not be offered or sold, directly or indirectly, in Japan, or for the benefit of any Japanese Person or to others for re-offering or resale, directly or indirectly, in Japan or to any Japanese Person, except in compliance with all applicable laws, regulations and ministerial

guidelines promulgated by relevant Japanese governmental or regulatory authorities in effect at the relevant time. For the purposes of this paragraph, Japanese Person shall mean any person resident in Japan, including any corporation or other entity organized under the laws of Japan.

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Notice to Prospective Investors in Singapore

This prospectus has not been registered as a prospectus with the Monetary Authority of Singapore. Accordingly, this prospectus and any other document or material in connection with the offer or sale, or invitation for subscription or purchase, of shares may not be circulated or distributed, nor may the shares be offered or sold, or be made the subject of an invitation for subscription or purchase, whether directly or indirectly, to persons in Singapore other than (i) to an institutional investor under Section 274 of

the Securities and Futures Act, Chapter 289 of Singapore (the SFA ), (ii) to a relevant person pursuant to Section 275(1), or any person pursuant to Section 275(1A), and in accordance with the conditions specified in Section 275, of the SFA, or (iii) otherwise pursuant to, and in accordance with the conditions of, any other applicable provision of the SFA.

Where the shares are subscribed or purchased under Section 275 of the SFA by a relevant person which is:

(a) a
corporation
(which is
not an
accredited
investor (as
defined in

Section 4A of the SFA)) the sole business of which is to hold investments and the entire share capital of which is owned by one or more individuals, each of whom is an accredited investor; or a trust (where the trustee is not an accredited investor) whose sole purpose is to hold investments and each beneficiary of the trust is an individual who is an accredited investor, securities (as defined in Section 239(1) of the SFA) of that corporation or the beneficiaries rights and interest (howsoever described) in that trust shall

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not be transferred

within six months after that corporation or that trust has acquired the shares pursuant to an offer made under Section 275 of the SFA except:

(b) to an institutional investor or to a relevant person defined in Section 275(2) of the SFA, or to any person arising from an offer referred to in Section 275(1A) Section 276(4)(i)(B) of the SFA; where no consideration is or will be given for the transfer; where the transfer is by operation of law; as specified in Section 276(7) of the SFA; or as specified in Regulation 32 of the Securities and Futures (Offers of Investments) (Shares and Debentures) Regulations 2005 of Singapore.

Notice to Canadian Residents

Resale Restrictions

The distribution of our shares of common stock in Canada is being made only in the provinces of Ontario, Quebec, Alberta, British Columbia and Manitoba on a private placement basis exempt from the requirement that we prepare and file a prospectus with the securities regulatory authorities in each province where trades of the shares of common stock are made. Any resale of the shares of common stock in Canada must be made under applicable securities laws which may vary depending on the relevant jurisdiction, and which may require resales to be made under available

statutory exemptions or under a discretionary exemption granted by the applicable Canadian securities regulatory authority. Purchasers are advised to seek legal advice prior to any resale of the shares of common stock.

Representations of Purchasers

By purchasing shares of common stock in Canada and accepting delivery of a purchase confirmation, a purchaser is representing to us and the dealer from whom the purchase confirmation is received that:

> the purchaser is entitled under applicable provincial securities laws to purchase the shares of common stock without the

benefit of a prospectus qualified under those securities laws as it is an accredited investor as defined under National Instrument 45-106 Prospectus and Registration Exemptions,

the purchaser is a Canadian permitted client as defined in National Instrument 31-103 Registration Requirements, Exemptions and Ongoing Registrant Obligations, or as otherwise interpreted and applied by the Canadian Securities Administrators,

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where required by law, the purchaser is purchasing as principal and not as agent,

the purchaser has reviewed the text above under Resale Restrictions, and

the purchaser acknowledges and consents to the provision of specified information concerning the purchase of the shares of common stock to the regulatory authority that by law is entitled to collect the information, including certain personal information. For purchasers in Ontario, questions about such indirect collection of personal information should be directed to Administrative

Support Clerk, Ontario Securities Commission, Suite 1903, Box 55, 20 Queen Street West, Toronto, Ontario M5H 3S8 or to (416) 593-3684. Rights of Action Ontario Purchasers

**Under Ontario** securities legislation, certain purchasers who purchase a security offered by this document during the period of distribution will have a statutory right of action for damages, or while still the owner of the shares of common stock, for rescission against us in the event that this document contains a misrepresentation without regard to whether the purchaser relied on the misrepresentation. The right of action for damages is exercisable not

later than the

earlier of 180 days from the date the purchaser first had knowledge of the facts giving rise to the cause of action and three years from the date on which payment is made for the shares of common stock. The right of action for rescission is exercisable not later than 180 days from the date on which payment is made for the shares of common stock. If a purchaser elects to exercise the right of action for rescission, the purchaser will have no right of action for damages against us. In no case will the amount recoverable in any action exceed the price at which the shares of common stock were offered to the purchaser and

if the purchaser is shown to have purchased the securities with knowledge of the misrepresentation, we will have no liability. In the case of an action for damages, we will not be liable for all or any portion of the damages that are proven to not represent the depreciation in value of the shares of common stock as a result of the misrepresentation relied upon. These rights are in addition to, and without derogation from, any other rights or remedies available at law to an Ontario purchaser. The foregoing is a summary of the rights available to an Ontario purchaser. Ontario purchasers should refer to the complete text of the

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relevant

statutory provisions.

Enforcement of Legal Rights

All of our directors and officers as well as the experts named herein may be located outside of Canada and, as a result, it may not be possible for Canadian purchasers to effect service of process within Canada upon us or those persons. All or a substantial portion of our assets and the assets of those persons may be located outside of Canada and, as a result, it may not be possible to satisfy a judgment against us or those persons in Canada or to enforce a judgment obtained in Canadian courts against us or those persons outside of Canada.

Taxation and Eligibility for Investment

Canadian purchasers of shares of common stock should consult their own legal and tax advisors with respect to the tax consequences of an investment in the shares of common stock in their particular circumstances and about the eligibility of the investment by the purchaser under relevant Canadian legislation.

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#### LEGAL MATTERS

The validity of the shares of common stock being offered hereby will be passed upon for us by Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP, New York, New York. Cahill Gordon & Reindel LLP, New York, New York will pass upon legal matters for the underwriter.

#### **EXPERTS**

The consolidated financial statements, and the related consolidated financial statement schedule, incorporated herein by reference from the Caesars Entertainment Corporation Annual Report on Form 10-K and the effectiveness

of our internal control over financial reporting have been audited by Deloitte & Touche LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, as stated in their reports, which incorporated herein by reference. Such financial statements and financial statement schedule have been so incorporated in reliance upon the report of such firm given upon their authority as experts in accounting and auditing.

# WHERE YOU CAN FIND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

We are required to file annual and quarterly reports and other information with the SEC. You may read

and copy any

materials we

file with the

SEC at the

SEC s Public

Reference

Room at 100 F

Street, N.E.,

Room 1580,

Washington,

D.C., 20549.

Please call

1-800-SEC-0330

for further

information on

the operation

of the Public

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also be

available to

the public

from

commercial

document

retrieval

services and at

the web site

maintained by

the SEC at

http://www.sec.gov.

Certain

information

about our

company may

also be

obtained from

our website at

www.caesars.com.

Information

contained on

our website or

any other

website is not

incorporated

by reference

into and does

not constitute

part of this

prospectus.

We have filed with the SEC a registration statement on Form S-3 under the Securities Act with respect to the shares of our common stock offered by this prospectus supplement. This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, which are part of the registration statement, do not contain all of the information set forth in the registration statement or the exhibits and schedules thereto as permitted by the rules and regulations of the SEC. For further information about us and our common stock, you should refer to the registration statement.

We have not authorized anyone to give you any information or

to make any representations about us or the transactions we discuss in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus other than those contained in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. If you are given any information or representations about these matters that is not discussed in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, you must not rely on that information. This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus is not an offer to sell or a solicitation of an offer to buy securities anywhere or to anyone where or to whom we are not permitted to offer or sell

securities under applicable law.

The SEC allows us to incorporate by reference the information we file with the SEC, which means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to those documents. The information we incorporate by reference is an important part of this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, and later information that we file with the SEC will automatically update and supersede this information. In all cases, you should rely on the later information over different information included in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying

prospectus.
We
incorporate by
reference the
following
documents
which have
been filed with
the SEC:

Our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2012 filed with the SEC on March 15, 2013 and Amendment No. 1 on Form 10-K/A to our Annual Report filed on March 18, 2013;

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Portions of our Definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A filed with the SEC on March 18, 2013 that are incorporated by reference into Part III of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2012;

Our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the quarters ended March 31, 2013 and June 30, 2013, filed with the SEC on May 5, 2013 and August 5, 2013, respectively;

Our Current reports on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on February 4, 2013, February 5,

2013, February 7, 2013, February 15, 2013, February 21, 2013, February 27, 2013, March 28, 2013, April 23, 2013, April 29, 2013, May 22, 2013, July 2, 2013, July 25, 2013, September 18, 2013 and September 24, 2013; and

The description of our common stock contained in the Registration Statement on Form 8-A filed on February 2, 2012, including any amendments or reports filed for the purposes of updating such description. All documents and reports that we file with the SEC (other than any portion of such filings that are

furnished under applicable SEC rules rather than filed) pursuant Section 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act after the date of this prospectus supplement and before the later of (1) the completion of the offering of the securities described in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus and (2) the termination of the offering of securities pursuant to this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, shall be incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus from the date of filing of such documents.

Upon request, we will

provide to each person to whom a prospectus is delivered a copy of any or all of the reports or documents that have been incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus but not delivered with the prospectus. You may request a copy of these filings or a copy of any or all of the documents referred to above which have been incorporated in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus by reference, at no cost, by writing or telephoning us at the following address:

Caesars Entertainment Corporation

One Caesars Palace Drive

Las Vegas, NV 89109

Attention: Corporate Secretary

Telephone: (702) 407-6000

You should not assume that the information in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus or any documents incorporated by reference is accurate as of any date other than the date of the applicable document. Any statement contained in a document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus will be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes of this prospectus supplement and the accompanying

prospectus to the extent that a statement contained in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus or any other subsequently filed document that is deemed to be incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus modifies or supersedes the statement. Any statement so modified or superseded will not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus.

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#### **PROSPECTUS**

Caesars Entertainment Corporation

> Common Stock

This prospectus relates to the offer and sale of shares of our common stock by Caesars Entertainment Corporation. We may offer and sell pursuant to one or more prospectus supplements, from time to time, shares of our common stock, in one or more underwritten or other public offerings and at prices and on terms that will be determined at the time of the offering, up to a maximum aggregate offering price

of \$500,000,000. This prospectus describes the general terms of these securities and the general manner in which these securities will be offered. We will provide the amounts, prices and specific terms of these securities in supplements to this prospectus. The prospectus supplements will also describe the specific manner in which these securities will be offered and may also supplement, update or amend information contained in this prospectus. You should read this prospectus and any applicable prospectus supplement before you invest.

We may offer the shares as

we may determine through public or private transactions or through other means described in the section entitled Plan of Distribution at a fixed price, or prices, at prevailing market prices, or prices related to prevailing market prices, at prices different than prevailing market prices or at privately negotiated prices. The prices at which we may sell the shares may be determined by the prevailing market price for the shares at the time of sale, may be different than such prevailing market prices or may be determined through negotiated transactions with third parties.

The securities may be sold

directly to you, through agents, through underwriters and dealers or through a combination of any of these methods of sale. If agents, underwriters or dealers are used to sell the securities, we will name them and describe their compensation in a prospectus supplement.

Our common stock is listed on the **NASDAQ** Global Select Market under the symbol CZR. On March 14, 2012, the last reported sale price of our common stock on the **NASDAQ** Global Select Market was \$12.88.

Investing in our common stock involves risks. You should read the section

entitled <u>Risk</u>
<u>Factors</u>
beginning on
page 3 for a
discussion of
certain risks
that you
should
consider
before
investing in
our common
stock.

Neither the Securities and **Exchange** Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or determined if this prospectus is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

Prospectus dated March 26, 2012.

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the	
information	
contained in	
or	
incorporated	l
by reference	
in this	
prospectus o	
the applicable	
prospectus	
supplement.	
We have not	
authorized	

any other person to provide you with different information. If anyone provides you with different or inconsistent information, you should not rely on it. We are not making an offer to sell these securities in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted. You should assume that the information appearing in this prospectus, the applicable prospectus supplement or in any documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus or the applicable prospectus supplement is accurate only as of the date of the applicable document. Our business, financial condition,

results of operations and prospects may have changed since that date.

We have proprietary rights to a number of trademarks used in this prospectus that are important to our business, including, without limitation, Caesars Entertainment, Caesars Palace, Harrah s, **Total** Rewards, **World Series** of Poker, Horseshoe, **Paris Las** Vegas, Flamingo Las Vegas and Bally s Las Vegas. We have omitted the  $^{\mbox{\tiny $\mathbb{R}$}}$  and trademark designations for such trademarks named in this prospectus.

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# ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS

This prospectus is part of a registration statement on Form S-3 that we filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC) using a shelf registration process. Under the shelf registration process, we may offer and sell pursuant to one or more prospectus supplements, from time to time, shares of our common stock, in one or more underwritten or other public offerings and at prices and on terms that will be determined at the time of the offering, up to a maximum aggregate offering price of \$500,000,000.

This prospectus describes the general terms of these securities and the general manner in which these securities will be offered. We will provide the amounts, prices and specific terms of these securities in supplements to this prospectus. The prospectus supplements will also describe the specific manner in which these securities will be offered and may also supplement, update or amend information contained in this prospectus. Information filed with the SEC subsequent to the date of this prospectus and prior to the termination of the particular offering referred to in the applicable prospectus

supplement will automatically be deemed to update and supersede inconsistent information contained in this prospectus. You should read this prospectus and any applicable prospectus supplement, together with the additional information described under the section entitled Where You Can Find Additional Information, before you invest.

The securities may be sold directly to you, through agents, or through underwriters and dealers. If agents, underwriters or dealers are used to sell the securities, we will name them and describe their compensation in a prospectus supplement. We may offer the shares as

we may determine through public or private transactions or through other means described in the section entitled Plan of Distribution at prevailing market prices, at prices different than prevailing market prices or at privately negotiated prices. The prices at which we may sell the shares may be determined by the prevailing market price for the shares at the time of sale, may be different than such prevailing market prices or may be determined through negotiated transactions with third parties.

The prospectus supplement may also contain information about any material U.S. federal income

tax considerations relating to the securities covered by the prospectus supplement.

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# PROSPECTUS SUMMARY

The following summary contains information about Caesars Entertainment Corporation and its common stock. It does not contain all of theinformation that may be important to you in making a decision to participate in the offering. For a more complete understanding of Caesars Entertainment Corporation, we urge you to read this prospectus and the applicable prospectus supplement carefully, including the sections entitled Risk Factors, Cautionary Statements Concerning **Forward** Looking Statements and Where

You Can Find Additional Information. In connection with the

reclassification of our common

stock in 2010,

we changed

our name from

Harrah s

Entertainment,

Inc. to

Caesars

Entertainment

Corporation,

and the name

of our

operating

company,

Harrah s

**Operating** 

Company, Inc.,

to Caesars

Entertainment

**Operating** 

Company, Inc.

Unless

otherwise

noted or

indicated by

the context,

the term

Caesars

refers to

Caesars

Entertainment

Corporation,

we, us

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refer

to Caesars and

its

consolidated

subsidiaries,

and CEOC

refers to

Caesars

Entertainment

**Operating** 

Company, Inc.

# Our Company

We are the world s most diversified casino-entertainment provider and the most geographically diverse U.S. casino-entertainment company. Our business is primarily conducted through a wholly-owned subsidiary, CEOC, although certain material properties are not owned by CEOC. As of December 31, 2011, we owned, operated or managed, through various subsidiaries, 52 casinos in 12 U.S. states and seven countries. The majority of these casinos operate in the **United States** and England. Our casino entertainment facilities operate primarily under the Harrah s, Caesars, and

Horseshoe brand names in the United States. Our casino entertainment facilities include 33 land-based casinos, 12 riverboat or dockside casinos, three managed casinos on Indian lands in the United States, one managed casino in Canada, one casino combined with a greyhound racetrack, one casino combined with thoroughbred racetrack, and one casino combined with a harness racetrack. Our land-based casinos include one in Uruguay, nine in England, one in Scotland, two in Egypt, and one in South Africa. As of December 31, 2011, our facilities had an aggregate of approximately

three million

square feet of gaming space and approximately 43,000 hotel rooms. Our industry-leading customer loyalty program, Total Rewards, has over 40 million members. We use the Total Rewards System to market promotions and to generate customer play across our network of properties. In addition, we own an online gaming business, providing for real money casino, bingo and poker in the United Kingdom, alliances with online gaming providers in Italy and France, social games on Facebook and other social media websites, and mobile application platforms. We also own and operate the

World Series

of Poker tournament and brand.

We were incorporated on November 2, 1989 in Delaware and operated under predecessor companies prior to such date.

On January 28, 2008, Caesars was acquired by affiliates of Apollo Global Management, LLC ( Apollo ) and affiliates of TPG Capital, LP (together with such affiliates, TPG and, together with Apollo, the Sponsors ) in an all-cash transaction, hereinafter referred to as the

the Acquisition, valued at approximately \$30.7 billion, including the assumption of \$12.4 billion of debt, and the incurrence of approximately \$1.0 billion of acquisition

costs.
Subsequent to the Acquisition, our stock was no longer publicly traded.

Effective
February 8,
2012, as the
result of our
public offering
(the Public
Offering), our
common stock
trades on the
NASDAQ
Global Select
Market under
the symbol
CZR.

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# The Sponsors

# **Apollo**

Founded in 1990, Apollo is a leading global alternative asset manager with offices in New York, Los Angeles, London, Frankfurt, Luxembourg, Singapore, Hong Kong and Mumbai. As of December 31, 2011, Apollo had assets under management of approximately \$75.2 billion in its private equity, capital markets and real estate businesses.

#### **TPG**

TPG is a leading global private investment firm founded in 1992 with \$49 billion of assets under management and offices in San Francisco,

Beijing, Fort Worth, Hong Kong, London, Luxembourg, Melbourne, Moscow, Mumbai, New York, Paris, Shanghai, Singapore and Tokyo. TPG has extensive experience with global public and private investments executed through leveraged buyouts, recapitalizations, spinouts, growth investments, joint ventures and restructurings.

# Additional Information

For a description of our business, financial condition, results of operations and other important information regarding Caesars, we refer you to our filings with the SEC incorporated by reference in this

prospectus.
For
instructions on
how to find
copies of these
documents,
see Where
You Can Find
Additional
Information.

Our principal executive offices are located at One Caesars Palace Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89109, and our telephone number is (702) 407-6000. The address of our internet site is www.caesars.com. This internet address is provided for informational purposes only and is not intended to be a hyperlink. Accordingly, no information in this internet address is included or incorporated by reference herein.

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# RISK FACTORS

Investing in our common stock involves risk. You should carefully consider the risk factors set forth below, as well as the other information contained in this prospectus or the applicable prospectus supplement, or incorporated by reference in this prospectus or the applicable prospectus supplement. In addition to those listed below and elsewhere in this prospectus or the applicable prospectus supplement, you should also consider the risks, uncertainties and assumptions discussed under the caption Item 1A. Risk

**Factors** included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011, which is incorporated by reference in this prospectus or the applicable prospectus supplement. Any of these risks could materially and adversely affect our business, financial condition or results of operations. In such a case, you may lose all or a part of your original investment. These risk factors may be amended, supplemented or superseded from time to time by other reports we file with the SEC in the future and any prospectus supplement related to a particular offering.

Risks Related to this Offering

An active trading market for our common stock may not develop.

Prior to the Public Offering, which closed February 13, 2012, there was not a public market for our common stock. We cannot predict the extent to which investor interest in us will lead to the development of an active trading market or how liquid that market might become. Our shares may be less liquid than the shares of other newly public companies and there may be imbalances between supply and demand for our shares. As a result our share price may experience significant volatility and may not necessarily reflect the

value of our expected performance. If an active trading market does not develop, you may have difficulty selling any of our common stock that you buy.

Future sales or the possibility of future sales of a substantial amount of our common stock may depress the price of shares of our common stock.

Future sales or the availability for sale of substantial amounts of our common stock in the public market could adversely affect the prevailing market price of our common stock and could impair our ability to raise capital through future sales of equity securities.

There are 125,297,197

shares of our common stock outstanding as of March 9, 2012. All of the outstanding shares of our common stock are eligible for resale under Rule 144 or Rule 701 of the Securities Act, subject to volume limitations, applicable holding period requirements and the lockup agreements described below or other contractual restrictions. The Sponsors have the ability to cause us to register the resale of its shares, and our management members who hold shares will have the ability to include their shares in such registration.

In connection with the Public Offering, we have agreed not to offer or sell, dispose of or hedge, directly or indirectly any

common stock without the permission of Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC and Citigroup Global Markets Inc. for a period of 180 days from the pricing of the Public Offering, subject to certain exceptions and automatic extension in certain circumstances; provided that, after 30 days from the pricing of the Public Offering, we will be permitted to issue and sell common stock to retire existing indebtedness and/or for debt for equity exchange transactions. In addition, our named executive officers and certain holders of our outstanding common stock and options to purchase our common stock,

including the

Sponsors, have agreed not to offer or sell, dispose of or hedge, directly or indirectly, any common stock without the permission of Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC and Citigroup Global Markets Inc. for a period of 180 days and 270 days, respectively, from the pricing of the **Public** Offering, subject to certain exceptions and automatic extension in certain circumstances. Certain of our stockholders have agreed not to offer or sell, dispose of or hedge, directly or indirectly 50% of their shares that are being registered for resale pursuant to a shelf registration without the permission of Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC and Citigroup

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Global

Markets Inc. for a period of 180 days from the pricing of the Public Offering, subject to certain exceptions and automatic extension in certain circumstances.

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We may elect to sell additional shares of our common stock in one or more future primary offerings pursuant to this prospectus. We may issue shares of common stock or other securities from time to time as consideration for future acquisitions and investments or for any other reason that our board of directors, or Board, deems advisable. If any such acquisition or investment is significant, the number of shares of our common stock, or the number or aggregate principal amount, as the case may be, of other securities that we may issue may in turn be substantial. We may also

grant registration rights covering those shares of common stock or other securities in connection with any such acquisitions and investments. As of March 9, 2012, options to purchase 8,076,890 shares of common stock are outstanding under our Management Equity Incentive Plan, assuming no changes to the plan, and warrants to purchase 382,129 shares of our common stock are outstanding. We intend to file with the SEC a registration statement on Form S-8 covering the shares issuable under awards we have already granted under our Management Equity Incentive Plan

and the shares

reserved for

issuance under

our 2012

Performance

Incentive Plan.

Assuming

effectiveness

of the

registration

statement on

Form S-8,

such shares

will be freely

tradable

though they

will be subject

to the lock-up

arrangements

and the

transfer

restrictions

pursuant to the

Management

Investor

Rights

Agreement

described in

Item 13.

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Relationships

and Related

Party

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and Director

Independence Management

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our Annual

Report on

Form 10-K for

the year ended

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2011, which is

incorporated

by reference in

this

prospectus.

We cannot predict the size

of future issuances of our common stock or other securities or the effect, if any, that future issuances and sales of our common stock or other securities, including future sales by the Sponsors, will have on the market price of our common stock. Sales of substantial amounts of common stock (including shares of common stock issued in connection with an acquisition), or the perception that such sales could occur, may adversely affect prevailing market prices for our common stock.

The price and trading volume of our common stock may fluctuate significantly, and you could lose all or part of your

#### investment.

Even if an active trading market develops, the market price of our common stock may be highly volatile and could be subject to wide fluctuations. In addition, the trading volume of our common stock may fluctuate and cause significant price variations to occur. Volatility in the market price of our common stock may prevent you from being able to sell your shares at or above the price you paid for your shares of common stock. The market price for our common stock could fluctuate significantly for various reasons, including:

our operating and financial

performance and prospects;

our quarterly or annual earnings or those of other companies in our industry;

conditions that impact demand for our products and services;

the public s reaction to our press releases, other public announcements and filings with the SEC;

changes in earnings estimates or recommendations by securities analysts who track our common stock;

market and industry perception of our success, or lack thereof, in pursuing our growth strategy;

strategic actions by us or our competitors, such as acquisitions or restructurings;

changes in government and environmental regulation, including gaming taxes;

changes in accounting standards, policies, guidance, interpretations or principles;

arrival and departure of key personnel;

the small percentage of shares to be publicly traded after the Public Offering;

changes in our capital structure;

sales of common stock by us or members

of our management team;

the expiration of contractual lockup agreements; and

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changes in general market, economic and political conditions in the United States and global economies or financial markets, including those resulting from natural disasters, terrorist attacks, acts of war and responses to such events. In addition, in recent years, the stock market has experienced significant price and volume fluctuations. This volatility has had a significant impact on the market price of securities issued by many companies, including companies in the gaming, lodging, hospitality and entertainment industries. The

changes frequently appear to occur without regard to the operating performance of the affected companies. Hence, the price of our common stock could fluctuate based upon factors that have little or nothing to do with us, and these fluctuations could materially reduce our share price.

Apollo and TPG control us, and their interests may conflict with or differ from your interests as a stockholder.

Hamlet Holdings LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ( Hamlet Holdings ), the members of which are comprised of an equal number of individuals affiliated with each of the

Sponsors, beneficially owns 69.9% of our common stock pursuant to an irrevocable proxy providing Hamlet Holdings with sole voting and sole dispositive power over those shares. The members of Hamlet Holdings have the power to elect all of our directors. Hamlet Holdings has the ability to vote on any transaction that requires the approval of our Board or our stockholders, including the approval of significant corporate transactions such as mergers and the sale of substantially all of our assets.

The interests of the members of Hamlet Holdings could conflict with or differ

from the interests of holders of our common stock. The Sponsors are in the business of making or advising on investments in companies it holds, and may from time to time in the future acquire interests in or provide advice to businesses that directly or indirectly compete with certain portions of our business or are suppliers or customers of ours. One or both of the Sponsors may also pursue acquisitions that may be complementary to our business, and, as a result, those acquisition opportunities may not be available to us.

The concentration of ownership held by the Sponsors and their co-investors could delay, defer or

prevent a change of control of us or impede a merger, takeover or other business combination which another stockholder may otherwise view favorably. In addition, a sale of a substantial number of shares of stock in the future by funds affiliated with the Sponsors or their co-investors could cause our stock price to decline.

So long as affiliates of the **Sponsors** continue to own a significant amount of the outstanding shares of our common stock, they will continue to be able to strongly influence or effectively control our decisions.

In addition, we have an executive committee that serves at the

discretion of

our Board and

is authorized

to take such

actions as it

reasonably

determines

appropriate.

Currently, the

executive

committee

may act by a

majority of its

members,

provided that

at least one

member

designated by

Apollo

Members (as

defined under

Item 13.

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and Director

Independence Hamlet

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our Annual

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December 31,

2011, which is

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prospectus)

and one

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designated by

**TPG Members** 

(as defined

under Item 13.

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and Director

Independence Hamlet

**Holdings** 

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our Annual

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December 31,

2011, which is

incorporated

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prospectus)

must approve

any action of

the executive

committee.

See Item 10.

Directors,

Executive

Officers and

Corporate

Governance Committees

of Our Board

of

Directors Executive

Committee in

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2011, which is

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prospectus, for

a further

discussion.

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Our stockholders are subject to extensive governmental regulation and if a stockholder is found unsuitable by the gaming authority, that stockholder would not be able to beneficially own our common stock directly or indirectly.

In many jurisdictions, gaming laws can require any of our stockholders to file an application, be investigated, and qualify or have his, her or its suitability determined by gaming authorities. Gaming authorities have very broad discretion in determining whether an applicant should be deemed

suitable. Subject to certain administrative proceeding requirements, the gaming regulators have the authority to deny any application or limit, condition, restrict, revoke or suspend any license, registration, finding of suitability or approval, or fine any person licensed, registered or found suitable or approved, for any cause deemed reasonable by the gaming authorities. For additional information on the criteria used in making determinations regarding suitability, see Exhibit 99.3 (Gaming and Regulatory Overview) to our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31,

2011, which is incorporated

by reference in this prospectus.

For example, under Nevada gaming laws, each person who acquires, directly or indirectly, beneficial ownership of any voting security, or beneficial or record ownership of any non-voting security or any debt security, in a public corporation which is registered with the Nevada Gaming Commission, or the Gaming Commission, may be required to be found suitable if the Gaming Commission has reason to believe that his or her acquisition of that ownership, or his or her continued ownership in general, would be inconsistent with the declared public policy of Nevada, in

the sole discretion of the Gaming Commission. Any person required by the Gaming Commission to be found suitable shall apply for a finding of suitability within 30 days after the Gaming Commission s request that he or she should do so and, together with his or her application for suitability, deposit with the Nevada Gaming Control Board, or the Control Board, a sum of money which, in the sole discretion of the Control Board, will be adequate to pay the anticipated costs and charges incurred in the investigation and processing of that application for suitability, and deposit such additional sums as are required by the Control Board

to pay final costs and charges. Additionally, under Ohio law, an institutional investor, which is broadly defined and includes any corporation, that holds any amount of our stock will be required to apply for and obtain a waiver of suitability determination.

Furthermore, any person required by a gaming authority to be found suitable, who is found unsuitable by the gaming authority, may not hold directly or indirectly the beneficial ownership of any voting security or the beneficial or record ownership of any nonvoting security or any debt security of any public corporation which is registered with the gaming

authority beyond the time prescribed by the gaming authority. A violation of the foregoing may constitute a criminal offense. A finding of unsuitability by a particular gaming authority impacts that person sability to associate or affiliate with gaming licensees in that particular jurisdiction and could impact the person s ability to associate or affiliate with gaming licensees in other jurisdictions.

Many jurisdictions also require any person who acquires beneficial ownership of more than a certain percentage of voting securities of a gaming company and, in some jurisdictions, non-voting

securities, typically 5%, to report the acquisition to gaming authorities, and gaming authorities may require such holders to apply for qualification or a finding of suitability, subject to limited exceptions for institutional investors that hold a company s voting securities for investment purposes only.

Some jurisdictions may also limit the number of gaming licenses in which a person may hold an ownership or a controlling interest. In Indiana, for example, a person may not have an ownership interest in more than two Indiana riverboat owner s licenses.

Because we have not paid

dividends since the Acquisition and do not anticipate paying dividends on our common stock in the foreseeable future, you should not expect to receive dividends on shares of our common stock.

We have no present plans to pay cash dividends to our stockholders and, for the foreseeable future, intend to retain all of our earnings for use in our business. The declaration of any future dividends by us is within the discretion of our Board and will be dependent on our earnings, financial condition and capital requirements, as well as any other factors deemed relevant by our Board.

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We are a controlled company within the meaning of the NASDAQ rules and, as a result, qualify for, and rely on, exemptions from certain corporate governance requirements.

Hamlet Holdings controls a majority of our voting common stock. As a result, we are a controlled company within the meaning of the New York Stock Exchange or **NASDAQ** corporate governance standards. Under the **NASDAQ** rules, a company of which more than 50% of the voting power is held by an individual, group or another

company is a controlled company and may elect not to comply with certain NASDAQ corporate governance requirements, including:

the requirement that a majority of the Board consists of independent directors;

the requirement that we have a nominating/corporate governance committee that is composed entirely of independent directors;

the requirement that we have a compensation committee that is composed entirely of independent directors; and

the requirement for an annual performance evaluation of the nominating/corporate governance and compensation

committees.

As a result of

these

exemptions,

we do not

have a

majority of

independent

directors nor

do our

nominating/corporate

governance

and

compensation

committees

consist

entirely of

independent

directors and

we are not

required to

have an annual

performance

evaluation of

the

nominating/corporate

governance

and

compensation

committees.

See Item 13.

Certain

Relationships

and Related

Transactions,

and Director

Independence

in our Annual

Report on

Form 10-K for

the year ended

December 31,

2011, which is

incorporated

by reference in

this

prospectus.

Accordingly,

you will not

have the same

protections

afforded to stockholders of companies that are subject to all of the NASDAQ corporate governance requirements.

Our bylaws and certificate of incorporation contain provisions that could discourage another company from acquiring us and may prevent attempts by our stockholdersto replace or remove our current management.

Provisions of our bylaws and our certificate of incorporation may delay or prevent a merger or acquisition that stockholders may consider favorable, including transactions in which you might otherwise receive a premium for

your shares. In addition, these provisions may frustrate or prevent any attempts by our stockholders to replace or remove our current management by making it more difficult for stockholders to replace or remove our directors. These provisions include:

> establishing a classified board of directors;

> establishing limitations on the removal of directors;

permitting only an affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the Board to fix the number of directors;

prohibiting cumulative voting in the election of directors;

empowering
only the
Board to fill
any vacancy
on the
Board,
whether
such
vacancy
occurs as a
result of an
increase in
the number
of directors
or otherwise;

authorizing
the issuance
of blank
check
preferred
stock without
any need for
action by
stockholders;

eliminating the ability of stockholders to call special meetings of stockholders;

prohibiting stockholders from acting by written consent if less than 50.1% of our outstanding

common stock is controlled by the Sponsors;

prohibiting amendments to the bylaws without the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the Board or the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the total voting power of the outstanding shares entitled to vote;

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prohibiting amendments to the certificate of incorporation relating to stockholder meetings, amendments to the bylaws or certificate of incorporation, or the election or classification of the Board without the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the shares entitled to vote on any matter; and

establishing advance notice requirements for nominations for election to the Board or for proposing matters that can be acted on by stockholders at stockholder meetings. Our issuance of shares of preferred stock

could delay or prevent a change of control of us. Our Board has the authority to cause us to issue, without any further vote or action by the stockholders, shares of preferred stock, par value \$0.01 per share, in one or more series, to designate the number of shares constituting any series, and to fix the rights, preferences, privileges and restrictions thereof, including dividend rights, voting rights, rights and terms of redemption, redemption price or prices and liquidation preferences of such series. The issuance of shares of preferred stock may have the effect of delaying, deferring or preventing a change in control of our

company without further action by the stockholders, even where stockholders are offered a premium for their shares.

Together, these charter and statutory provisions could make the removal of management more difficult and may discourage transactions that otherwise could involve payment of a premium over prevailing market prices for our common stock. Furthermore, the existence of the foregoing provisions, as well as the significant common stock controlled by Hamlet Holdings, could limit the price that investors might be willing to pay in the future for shares of our common stock. They could also

deter potential acquirers of our company, thereby reducing the likelihood that you could receive a premium for your common stock in an acquisition.

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CAUTIONARY STATEMENTS CONCERNING FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENTS

This prospectus contains forward looking statements within the meaning of the federal securities laws, which involve risks and uncertainties. You can identify forward looking statements because they contain words such as believes, project, might, expects, may, will, should, seeks, approximately, intends, plans, estimates, or anticipates or similar expressions that concern our strategy, plans or intentions. All statements we make relating

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to our

estimated and projected earnings, margins, costs, expenditures, cash flows, growth rates and financial results are forward looking statements. In addition, we, through our senior management, from time to time make forward looking public statements concerning our expected future operations and performance and other developments. These forward looking statements are subject to risks and uncertainties that may change at any time, and, therefore, our actual results may differ materially from those that we expected. We derive many of our forward looking

statements from our operating budgets and

forecasts, which are based upon many detailed assumptions. While we believe that our assumptions are reasonable, we caution that it is very difficult to predict the impact of known factors, and it is impossible for us to anticipate all factors that could affect our actual results.

We disclose important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from our expectations under Risk Factors herein and under Item 1A. Risk Factors in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011, which is incorporated by reference in this prospectus, and elsewhere in this prospectus,

including, without limitation, in conjunction with the forward looking statements included in this prospectus. All subsequent written and oral forward looking statements attributable to us, or persons acting on our behalf, are expressly qualified in their entirety by the cautionary statements. Some of the factors that we believe could materially affect our results include:

> the impact of our substantial indebtedness;

the impact, if any, of unfunded pension benefits under multi-employer pension plans;

the effects of local and national economic, credit and capital market conditions on the economy in general, and on the gaming industry in particular;

construction factors, including delays, increased costs of labor and materials, availability of labor and materials, zoning issues, environmental restrictions, soil and water conditions, weather and other hazards, site access matters and building permit issues;

the effects of environmental and structural building conditions relating to our properties;

our ability to timely and

cost-effectively integrate companies that we acquire into our operations;

our ability to realize the expense reductions from our cost savings programs;

access to available and reasonable financing on a timely basis;

changes in laws, including increased tax rates, smoking bans, regulations or accounting standards, third-party relations and approvals, and decisions, disciplines and fines of courts, regulators and governmental bodies;

litigation outcomes and judicial and governmental body actions,

including gaming legislative action, referenda, regulatory disciplinary actions and fines and taxation;

the ability of our customer-tracking, customer loyalty and yield-management programs to continue to increase customer loyalty and same-store or hotel sales;

our ability to recoup costs of capital investments through higher revenues;

acts of war or terrorist incidents, severe weather conditions, uprisings or natural disasters;

access to insurance on reasonable terms for our assets;

abnormal gaming holds (gaming hold is the amount of money that is retained by the casino from wagers by customers);

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the potential difficulties in employee retention and recruitment as a result of our substantial indebtedness, the ongoing downturn in the gaming industry, or any other factor;

the effects of competition, including locations of competitors and operating and market competition; and

the other factors set forth under **Risk Factors** herein and under Item 1A. Risk Factors in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011, which is incorporated by reference in this prospectus.

We caution you that the foregoing list of important factors may not contain all of the material factors that are important to you. In addition, in light of these risks and uncertainties, the matters referred to in the forward looking statements contained in this prospectus, which speak only as of the date of this prospectus, may not in fact occur. We undertake no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward looking statement as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except as otherwise required by law.

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# USE OF PROCEEDS

We will describe the use of proceeds with respect to a particular offering in the applicable prospectus supplement, which may include the use for general corporate purposes, including development projects and maintenance capital expenditures, and for the retirement of indebtedness.

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# DESCRIPTION OF CAPITAL STOCK

Our authorized capital stock consists of 1,250,000,000 shares of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, and 125,000,000 shares of preferred stock, par value \$0.01 per share, the rights and preferences of which may be designated by the board of directors.

All of our existing common stock is validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable. As of March 9, 2012, there were 230 holders of record of our common stock. The discussion below describes the most important terms of our

capital stock, certificate of incorporation and bylaws. Because it is only a summary, it does not contain all the information that may be important to you. For a complete description refer to our certificate of incorporation and bylaws, copies of which have been filed as exhibits to our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011, which is incorporated by reference in this prospectus, and to the applicable provisions of the Delaware General Corporation Law.

#### Common Stock

Voting
Rights. The
holders of
Caesars
common stock
are entitled to
one vote per

share on all matters submitted for action by the stockholders.

Dividend Rights. Subject to any preferential rights of any then outstanding preferred stock, all shares of Caesars common stock are entitled to share equally in any dividends our Board may declare from legally available sources.

Liquidation Rights. Upon liquidation or dissolution of Caesars, whether voluntary or involuntary, after payment in full of the amounts required to be paid to holders of any then outstanding preferred stock, all shares of Caesars common stock are entitled to share equally in the assets

available for distribution to stockholders after payment of all of Caesars prior obligations.

Other Matters. The holders of Caesars common stock have no preemptive or conversion rights, and Caesars common stock is not subject to further calls or assessments by Caesars. There are no redemption or sinking fund provisions applicable to the common stock except those described below under Certain

Redemption
Provisions.
Except as
described
below under
Certain
Anti-Takeover,
Limited
Liability and
Indemnification
Provisions, a
majority vote

stockholders is generally required to take action

of common

under our certificate of incorporation and bylaws. The rights, preferences and privileges of holders of our common stock are subject to the terms of any series of preferred stock that may be issued in the future.

## Preferred Stock

Our Board, without further stockholder approval, will be able to issue, from time to time, up to an aggregate of 125,000,000 shares of preferred stock in one or more series and to fix or alter the designations, preferences, rights and any qualifications, limitations or restrictions of the shares of each such series thereof, including the dividend rights, dividend rates, conversion rights, voting

rights, terms of redemption (including sinking fund provisions), redemption prices or prices, liquidation preferences and the number of shares constituting any series or designations of such series. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the rights of each holder of preferred stock will be subject at all times to compliance with all gaming and other statutes, laws, rules and regulations applicable to us or such holder at that time. Upon closing of the **Public** Offering, there were no shares of preferred stock outstanding. Our Board may authorize the issuance of preferred stock with voting or conversion rights that could adversely affect the

voting power or other rights of the holders of common stock. The issuance of preferred stock, while providing flexibility in connection with possible future financings and acquisitions and other corporate purposes could, under certain circumstances, have the effect of delaying, deferring or preventing a change in control of us might harm the market price of our common stock. See Certain Anti-Takeover, Limited Liability and Indemnification

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Provisions.

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# Certain Redemption Provisions

Caesars certificate of incorporation contains provisions establishing the right to redeem the securities of disqualified holders if necessary to avoid any regulatory sanctions, to prevent the loss or to secure the reinstatement of any license or franchise, or if such holder is determined by any gaming regulatory agency to be unsuitable, has an application for a license or permit denied or rejected, or has a previously issued license or permit rescinded, suspended, revoked or not renewed. The certificate of incorporation will also

contain provisions defining the redemption price and the rights of a disqualified security holder.

# Registration Rights

The Sponsors each have demand registration rights with respect to the Caesars stock they currently own and both Sponsors and the co-investors can participate in any demand registration initiated by either Sponsor. To the extent the number of securities offered in any such offering has to be limited based upon the opinion of the underwriter or underwriters of such offering, the securities to be offered shall include (i) first, securities to be allocated pro rata among the Sponsors and

their co-investors and (ii) second, only if all the securities referred to in clause (i) have been included, securities that Caesars proposes to include in such demand registration.

The Sponsors and their co-investors also have piggyback registration rights for any other offering not covered by a demand registration, provided that the co-investors can only participate if a Sponsor is participating in such offering as a selling stockholder. To the extent the number of securities offered in any such offering has to be limited based upon the opinion of the underwriter or underwriters of such offering, the

securities to be offered shall include (i) first, all of the securities proposed to be sold in such offering by Caesars or any person exercising a contractual right to a demand registration, (ii) second, only if all the securities referred to in clause (i) have been included, securities to be allocated pro rata among the Sponsors and their co-investors, and (iii) third, only if all of the securities referred to in clause (ii) have been included, any other securities eligible for inclusion in such registration.

Caesars management stockholders also have piggyback registration rights in connection with any registered

offering of Caesars stock. To the extent the number of securities offered in any such offering has to be limited based upon the opinion of the underwriter or underwriters of such offering, the securities to be offered shall include (i) first, all of the securities proposed to be sold in such offering by Caesars or any person exercising a contractual right to a demand registration, (ii) second, only if all the securities referred to in clause (i) have been included, securities to be allocated pro rata among the Sponsors and their co-investors, and (iii) third, only if all of the securities referred to in clause (ii) have been included, the securities held by

management together with any other securities eligible for inclusion in such registration.

Certain Anti-Takeover, Limited Liability and Indemnification Provisions

We are governed by the Delaware General Corporation Law. Caesars certificate of incorporation and bylaws contain provisions that could make more difficult the acquisition of us by means of a tender offer, a proxy contest or otherwise, or to remove or place our current management.

Requirements for Advance Notification of Stockholder Nominations and Proposals. Caesars bylaws establish advance notice procedures

with respect to stockholder proposals and the nomination of candidates for election as directors, other than nominations made by or at the direction of the Board or one of its committees.

Delaware Anti-Takeover Law. Caesars is a Delaware corporation subject to Section 203 of the Delaware General Corporation Law. Under Section 203, certain business combinations between a Delaware corporation whose stock generally is publicly traded and an interested stockholder are prohibited for a three-year period following the date that such stockholder became an interested stockholder, unless:

the corporation has elected in its certificate of incorporation not to be governed by Section 203, which we have elected;

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the business combination or the transaction which resulted in the stockholder becoming an interested stockholder was approved by the board of directors of the corporation before such stockholder became an interested stockholder;

upon consummation of the transaction that made such stockholder an interested stockholder, the interested stockholder owned at least 85% of the voting stock of the corporation outstanding at the commencement of the transaction excluding voting stock owned by directors who

are also officers or held in employee benefit plans in which the employees do not have a confidential right to tender stock held by the plan in a tender or exchange offer; or

the business combination is approved by the board of directors of the corporation and authorized at a meeting by two-thirds of the voting stock which the interested stockholder did not own. The three-year prohibition also does not apply to some business combinations proposed by an interested stockholder following the announcement or notification of an extraordinary transaction involving the corporation and a person

who had not been an interested stockholder during the previous three years or who became an interested stockholder with the approval of a majority of the corporation s directors. The term business combination is defined generally to include mergers or consolidations between a Delaware corporation and an interested stockholder, transactions with an interested stockholder involving the assets or stock of the corporation or majority-owned subsidiaries, and transactions which increase an interested stockholder s percentage ownership of stock. The term interested stockholder is defined

generally as

those stockholders who become beneficial owners of 15% or more of a Delaware corporation s voting stock, together with the affiliates or associates of that stockholder.

Classified Board and Cumulative Voting. Our certificate of incorporation and bylaws provide for a classified board of directors, pursuant to which the board of directors is divided into three classes whose members serve three-year staggered terms. Our certificate of incorporation also prohibits cumulative voting by stockholders in connection with the election of directors, which would otherwise allow less than

a majority of

stockholders to elect director candidates.

Removal of Directors. Our certificate of incorporation and bylaws provide that a director may be removed from office at any time, but only for cause and only by affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the shares entitled to vote generally in the election of directors.

Number of Directors and Vacancies. Our bylaws permit the number of directors to be fixed only by an affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the members of the board, and any vacancy on our board of directors, including a vacancy resulting from enlargement of our board of directors, may only be filled

by vote of a majority of our directors then in office, whether such vacancy occurs as a result of an increase in the number of directors or otherwise.

**Blank** Check Preferred Stock. Our certificate of incorporation authorizes the issuance of blank check preferred stock that could be issued by our board of directors to increase the number of outstanding shares or establish a stockholders rights plan making a takeover more difficult and expensive.

Amendments
to Certificate
of
Incorporation
and Bylaws.
Our
certification of
incorporation
provides that
any
amendment to
its bylaws will

require the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the shares entitled to vote on any matter or the board of directors. Our certificate of incorporation also provides that any amendment to the certificate of incorporation relating to stockholder meetings, amendments to our bylaws or certificate of incorporation and the election or classification of our board of directors will require the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the shares entitled to vote

Special
Meetings of
Stockholders.
Our bylaws
provide that,
except as
otherwise
required by
law, special
meetings of
stockholders
can only be
called by our

on any matter.

board of directors.

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Actions by Written Consent. Our bylaws prohibit stockholders from acting by written consent if less than 50.1% of our outstanding common stock is owned by the Sponsors.

Limitation of Officer and Director Liability and Indemnification Arrangements. Caesars certificate of incorporation limits the liability of our officers and directors to the maximum extent permitted by Delaware law. Delaware law provides that directors will not be personally liable for monetary damages for breach of their fiduciary duties as directors, except liability for:

any breach of their duty of loyalty to the corporation or its stockholders;

acts or omissions not in good faith or which involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law;

unlawful
payments of
dividends or
unlawful
stock
repurchases
or
redemptions;
or

any transaction from which the director derived an improper personal benefit. This charter provision has no effect on any non-monetary remedies that may be available to

Caesars or its stockholders, nor does it relieve Caesars or its officers or directors from compliance with federal or state securities laws. The certificate also generally provides that Caesars shall indemnify, to the fullest extent permitted by law, any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit, investigation, administrative hearing or any other proceeding by reason of the fact that he is or was a director or officer of Caesars, or is or was serving at our request as a director, officer, employee or agent of another entity, against expenses incurred by

him in connection with such proceeding. An officer or director shall not be entitled to indemnification by Caesars if:

> the officer or director did not act in good faith and in a manner reasonably believed to be in, or not opposed to, Caesars best interests; or

with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, the officer or director had reasonable cause to believe his conduct was unlawful. These charter and bylaw provisions and provisions of Delaware law may have the effect of delaying, deterring or preventing a change of control of

Caesars.

Amendments to Certificate of Incorporation or Bylaws

Our certification of incorporation provides that any amendment to its bylaws will require the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the shares entitled to vote on any matter. Our certificate of incorporation also provides that any amendment to the certificate of incorporation relating to stockholder meetings, amendments to our bylaws or certificate of incorporation and the election or classification of our board of directors will require the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the shares entitled to vote on any matter.

Transfer Agent and Registrar

The transfer agent and registrar for our common stock is Computershare Trust Company, N.A., Canton, Massachusetts.

# Listing

Our common stock is listed on the NASDAQ Global Select Market under the symbol CZR.

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# PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

We currently intend to offer and sell pursuant to one or more prospectus supplements, from time to time, our common stock offered by this prospectus, in one or more underwritten or other public offerings and at prices and on terms that will be determined at the time of the offering. We may sell our common stock:

through underwriters;

through dealers;

through agents;

directly to purchasers; or

through a combination of any of these methods of sale. We may directly solicit offers to purchase our common stock, or agents may be designated to solicit such offers. We will, in the applicable prospectus supplement relating to such offering,

relating to such offering, name any agent that could be viewed as an underwriter under the Securities Act, and describe

and describe
any
commissions
that we must
pay. Any such
agent will be
acting on a
best efforts
basis for the

period of its appointment or, if indicate

or, if indicated in the

applicable prospectus

supplement, on a firm

commitment basis. This

prospectus

may be used in connection

with any offering of our common stock through any of these methods or other methods described in the applicable prospectus supplement.

The distribution of the common stock may be effected from time to time in one or more transactions:

at a fixed price, or prices, which may be changed from time to time;

at market prices prevailing at the time of sale;

at prices related to such prevailing market prices; or

at privately negotiated prices.

We may also issue our common stock to holders of certain of our outstanding debt, including but not limited to, debt under our credit facilities, notes issued by CEOC and/or debt under our commercial mortgage-backed securities financing as consideration for the retirement of such debt.

Each prospectus supplement will describe the method of distribution of our common stock and any applicable restrictions. The prospectus supplement will describe the terms of the offering of our common stock, including the following:

> the name of the agent or any underwriters;

the public offering or purchase price;

any discounts and commissions to be allowed or paid to the agent or underwriters;

all other items constituting underwriting compensation;

any discounts and commissions to be allowed or paid to dealers; and

the exchange on which the securities will be listed. If any underwriters or agents are utilized in the sale of our common stock in respect of which this prospectus is delivered, we will enter into an underwriting agreement or other agreement with them at

the time of sale to them, and we will set forth in the prospectus supplement relating to such offering the names of the underwriters or agents and the terms of the related agreement with them.

If a dealer is utilized in the sale of our common stock in respect of which this prospectus is delivered, we will sell such common stock to the dealer, as principal. The dealer may then resell such common stock to the public at varying prices to be determined by such dealer at the time of resale.

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Agents, underwriters, dealers and other persons may be entitled under agreements which they may enter into with us to indemnification by us against certain civil liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act.

If so indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement, we will authorize underwriters or other persons acting as our agents to solicit offers by certain institutions to purchase our common stock from us pursuant to delayed delivery contracts providing for payment and delivery on the date stated in the prospectus supplement. Each contract

will be for an amount not less than, and the aggregate amount of our common stock old pursuant to such contracts shall not be less nor more than, the respective amounts stated in the prospectus supplement. Institutions with whom the contracts, when authorized, may be made include commercial and savings banks, insurance companies, pension funds, investment companies, educational and charitable institutions and other institutions, but shall in all cases be subject to our approval. Delayed delivery contracts will not be subject to any conditions except that:

the purchase by an institution of our common stock covered under that contract shall not at the time of delivery be prohibited under the laws of the jurisdiction to which that institution is subject; and

if our common stock is also being sold to underwriters acting as principals for their own account, the underwriters shall have purchased such common stock not sold for delayed delivery. The underwriters and other persons acting as our agents will not have any responsibility in respect of the validity or performance of delayed delivery contracts. Certain agents,

underwriters

and dealers, and their associates and affiliates may be customers of, have borrowing relationships with, engage in other transactions with, and/or perform services, including investment banking services, for us or one or more of our respective affiliates in the ordinary course of business.

In order to facilitate the offering of our common stock, any underwriters may engage in transactions that stabilize, maintain or otherwise affect the price of our common stock the prices of which may be used to determine payments on such common stock. Specifically, any underwriters may overallot

in connection with the offering, creating a short position for their own accounts. In addition, to cover overallotments or to stabilize the price of our common stock, the underwriters may bid for, and purchase, our common stock in the open market. Finally, in any offering of our common stock through a syndicate of underwriters, the underwriting syndicate may reclaim selling concessions allowed to an underwriter or a dealer for distributing our common stock in the offering if the syndicate repurchases previously distributed common stock in transactions to cover syndicate short positions, in stabilization transactions or otherwise. Any of these

activities may stabilize or maintain the market price of our common stock above independent market levels. Any such underwriters are not required to engage in these activities and may end any of these activities at any time.

Under Rule 15c6-1 of the Exchange Act, trades in the secondary market generally are required to settle in three business days, unless the parties to any such trade expressly agree otherwise. The applicable prospectus supplement may provide that the original issue date for a holder s securities may be more than three scheduled business days after the trade date for such

holder s securities. Accordingly, in such a case, if such holder wishes to trade securities on any date prior to the third business day before the original issue date for such holder s securities, such holder will be required, by virtue of the fact that such holder s securities initially are expected to settle in more than three scheduled business days after the trade date for such holder s securities, to make alternative settlement arrangements to prevent a failed settlement.

Our common stock is listed on the NASDAQ Global Select Market under the symbol CZR. However, we can give no assurances as

to the development of liquidity or trading market for the shares.

In compliance with the guidelines of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, or FINRA, the aggregate maximum discount, commission or agency fees or other items constituting underwriting compensation to be received by any FINRA member or independent broker-dealer will not exceed 8% of the proceeds from any offering pursuant to this prospectus and any applicable prospectus supplement.

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## LEGAL MATTERS

The validity of the shares of common stock being offered hereby will be passed upon for us by Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP, New York, New York. If legal matters in connection with offerings made pursuant to this prospectus are passed upon by counsel for underwriters, dealers or agents, if any, such counsel will be named in the applicable prospectus supplement.

#### **EXPERTS**

The consolidated financial statements, and the related consolidated financial statement schedule, incorporated herein by

reference from the Caesars Entertainment Corporation Annual Report on Form 10-K and the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting have been audited by Deloitte & Touche LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, as stated in their reports, which are incorporated herein by reference. Such financial statements and financial statement schedule have been so incorporated in reliance upon the report of such firm given upon their authority as experts in accounting and auditing.

WHERE
YOU CAN
FIND
ADDITIONAL
INFORMATION

We are

required to file

annual and

quarterly

reports and

other

information

with the SEC.

You may read

and copy any

materials we

file with the

SEC at the

SEC s Public

Reference

Room at 100 F

Street, N.E.,

Room 1580,

Washington,

D.C., 20549.

Please call

1-800-SEC-0330

for further

information on

the operation

of the Public

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Room. Our

filings will

also be

available to

the public

from

commercial

document

retrieval

services and at

the web site

maintained by

the SEC at

http://www.sec.gov.

Certain

information

about our

company may

also be

obtained from

our website at

www.caesars.com.

Information

contained on

our website or any other website is not incorporated by reference into and does not constitute part of this prospectus.

We have filed with the SEC a registration statement under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, referred to as the Securities Act, with respect to the shares of our common stock offered by this prospectus. This prospectus, filed as part of the registration statement, does not contain all of the information set forth in the registration statement or the exhibits and schedules thereto as permitted by the rules and regulations of the SEC. For further information about us and our common stock, you should refer to

the registration statement. This prospectus summarizes provisions that we consider material of certain contracts and other documents to which we refer you. Because the summaries may not contain all of the information that you may find important, you should review the full text of those documents.

We have not authorized anyone to give you any information or to make any representations about us or the transactions we discuss in this prospectus other than those contained in this prospectus. If you are given any information or representations about these matters that is not discussed in this prospectus,

you must not rely on that information. This prospectus is not an offer to sell or a solicitation of an offer to buy securities anywhere or to anyone where or to whom we are not permitted to offer or sell securities under applicable law.

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## INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE

The SEC allows us to incorporate by reference the information we file with the SEC, which means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to those documents. The information we incorporate by reference is an important part of this prospectus, and later information that we file with the SEC will automatically update and supersede this information. In all cases, you should rely on the later information over different information included in this prospectus or the applicable prospectus

supplement. We incorporate by reference the following documents which have been filed with the SEC:

Our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2011, filed with the SEC on March 14, 2012.

Our Current Reports on Form 8-K, filed on January 9, 2012, February 2, 2012 (other than the information furnished therein under Item 7.01), February 7, 2012 (other than the information furnished therein under Item 7.01), February 8, 2012 (other than the information furnished therein under Item 7.01), February 10, 2012 (other than the information furnished therein under Item 7.01), February 13, 2012 (other than the information furnished therein under Item 7.01), February 15, 2012, February 22, 2012 (other than the information furnished therein under Item 7.01), February 29,

2012 (other than the information furnished therein under Item 2.02) and March 2, 2012.

All documents and reports that we file with the SEC (other than any portion of such filings that are furnished under applicable SEC rules rather than filed) pursuant Section 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act after the date of this prospectus and before the later of (1) the completion of the offering of the securities described in this prospectus and (2) the termination of the offering of securities pursuant to this prospectus, shall be incorporated by reference in

Upon request, we will provide to

this prospectus from the date of filing of such documents.

each person to whom a prospectus is delivered a copy of any or all of the reports or documents that have been incorporated by reference in this prospectus but not delivered with the prospectus. You may request a copy of these filings or a copy of any or all of the documents referred to above which have been incorporated in this prospectus by reference, at no cost, by writing or telephoning us at the following address:

Caesars Entertainment Corporation

One Caesars Palace Drive

Las Vegas, NV 89109

Attention: Corporate

#### Secretary

Telephone: (702) 407-6000

You should not assume that the information in this prospectus, the prospectus supplement or any documents incorporated by reference is accurate as of any date other than the date of the applicable document. Any statement contained in a document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference into this prospectus will be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes of this prospectus to the extent that a statement contained in this prospectus or any other subsequently filed document that is deemed to be incorporated by reference

into this prospectus modifies or supersedes the statement. Any statement so modified or superseded will not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this prospectus.

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> 10,000,000 Shares

Caesars Entertainment Corporation

> Common Stock

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**Credit Suisse** 

September 25, 2013