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Washington, D.C. 20549

# Amendment No. 1

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# FORM S-1 REGISTRATION STATEMENT

**UNDER** 

THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

# CAESARS ENTERTAINMENT CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**DELAWARE** (State or other jurisdiction of

7993 (Primary Standard Industrial 62-1411755 (I.R.S. Employer

Incorporation or organization)

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The information in this prospectus is not complete and may be changed. We may not sell these securities until the registration statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission is effective. This prospectus is not an offer to sell these securities and it is not soliciting an offer to buy these securities in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted.

**Subject to Completion** 

Preliminary Prospectus dated December 28, 2011

#### PRELIMINARY PROSPECTUS

# **Shares**

# **Caesars Entertainment Corporation**

#### Common Stock

**\$** per share

This is the initial public offering of our common stock. We are selling an aggregate of

shares in this offering.

Prior to this offering, there has been no public market for our common stock. The initial public offering price of our common stock is expected to be between \$ and \$ per share. We intend to apply to list our common stock on a national securities exchange under the symbol CZR. The listing is subject to approval of our application.

We have granted to the underwriters a 30-day option to purchase up to underwriting discounts and commissions.

additional shares from us at the initial public offering price less

Investing in our common stock involves risks. You should read the section entitled <u>Risk Factors</u> beginning on page 19 for a discussion of certain risks that you should consider before investing in our common stock.

		Underwriting Discounts and			
	Price to Public	Commissions	Proceeds to Us		
Per Share	\$	\$	\$		
Total	\$	\$	\$		

Delivery of the shares of common stock will be made on or about

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** 

, 2011.

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You should rely only on the information contained in this prospectus or to which we have referred you. 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 is accurate only as of the date on the front cover of this prospectus. 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, Bally s Las Vegas and Flamingo Las Vegas. We have omitted the <sup>®</sup> and trademark designations for such trademarks named in this prospectus.

#### **Dealer Prospectus Delivery Obligation**

Until , 2011, all dealers that effect transactions in these securities, whether or not participating in this offering, may be required to deliver a prospectus. This is in addition to the dealer s obligation to deliver a prospectus when acting as an underwriter and with respect to unsold allotments or subscriptions.

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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 the information 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 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 and our 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. As of September 30, 2011, we owned, operated or managed, through various subsidiaries, 52 casinos in 12 U.S. states and seven countries. The vast majority of these casinos operate in the United States and England, primarily under the Caesars, Harrah s and Horseshoe brand names in the United States. As of September 30, 2011, our facilities had an aggregate of approximately three million square feet of gaming space and approximately 42,000 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, play for fun offerings in other jurisdictions, 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 derive the majority of our revenues and Property EBITDA (as defined under Summary Historical Consolidated Financial Data of Caesars Entertainment Corporation) from gaming sources. However, we also generate significant revenues and Property EBITDA from other sources, such as sales of lodging, food, beverages, and entertainment.

We have grown rapidly over the years through growth in our core operating business and through a series of strategic acquisitions that have strengthened our scale, geographic diversity and market leading position. In 1998, we completed our acquisition of Showboat, Inc., and in 1999 we purchased Rio Hotel & Casino, Inc. In 2000, we completed the purchase of Players International. During the next five years, we acquired Harveys Casino Resorts (2001), Horseshoe Gaming Holding Corp. (2004), the rights to the World Series of Poker (2004) and the Imperial Palace Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas (2005). We also acquired Caesars Entertainment, Inc. in 2005 for \$9.3 billion, which was, at the time, the largest acquisition in the history of the gaming industry. In 2010, we acquired Planet Hollywood Resort and Casino, or Planet Hollywood, in Las Vegas. Additionally, we have expanded internationally, completing the acquisitions of London Clubs International plc, or London Clubs, in 2006 and Macau Orient Golf, located on a 175 acre site on the Cotai strip in Macau, in 2007.

We revolutionized the approach our industry takes with respect to marketing by introducing our Total Rewards loyalty program in 1997. Continual improvements have been made throughout the years enabling our system to remain the most effective in the industry and enabling us to grow and sustain revenues more efficiently than our largest competitors and generate cross-market play, which we define as play by a guest in one of our

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properties outside the home market of their primary gaming property. In support of our Total Rewards loyalty program, we created the Winner s Information Network, or WINet, the industry s first sophisticated nationwide customer database. In combination, these systems supported the first technology-based customer relationship management strategy implemented in the gaming industry and have enabled our management teams to enhance overall operating results and outperform our competition.

We have established a rich history of industry leading growth and expansion since we commenced casino operations in 1937 and became a publicly listed company in 1971. We were the first gaming company to be listed on the New York Stock Exchange, or NYSE. In 1980, we were acquired by Holiday Inns, Inc. and were delisted from the NYSE. In 1995, we again became a stand-alone company and resumed trading on the NYSE.

On December 19, 2006, we entered into a definitive merger agreement with Hamlet Holdings LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (Hamlet Holdings), and Hamlet Merger Inc., a Delaware corporation and a wholly owned subsidiary of Hamlet Holdings (Merger Sub). Hamlet Holdings and Merger Sub were formed and are controlled by affiliates of Apollo Global Management, LLC (Apollo) and affiliates of TPG Capital, L.P. (TPG) which we refer to as the Sponsors. Pursuant to the merger agreement, on January 28, 2008, Merger Sub merged with and into us, which we refer to as the Acquisition. Upon completion of the Acquisition, Hamlet Holdings, funds affiliated with and controlled by the Sponsors, certain co-investors and certain members of management became the owners of all of the outstanding Caesars equity interests. Following this offering, funds affiliated with and controlled by the Sponsors and their co-investors will hold % of Caesars outstanding common stock, all of which will be subject to an irrevocable proxy that gives Hamlet Holdings, the members of which are comprised of an equal number of individuals affiliated with each of the Sponsors, sole voting and sole dispositive power with respect such shares.

#### **Our Industry**

Based on 2010 reported gaming revenues, we estimate the size of the global casino gaming industry in major gaming markets worldwide to be approximately \$120 billion. Revenues in the United States are split among commercial casinos (including racetrack casinos) and tribal casinos at approximately \$31 billion and approximately \$27 billion, respectively. Domestic casino gaming revenues had steadily grown on an annualized basis to approximately \$34 billion in 2007 until the last three years when, during the global economic recession, they contracted to \$30.7 billion in 2009 and increased slightly to \$30.9 billion in 2010.

The following key trends are currently affecting the U.S. gaming industry:

Liberalization of existing and new jurisdictions. Domestically, several states are in the process of either liberalizing existing gaming offerings or legalizing gaming activities where they are currently illegal. These locations are generally regional in nature and should increase overall gaming spending and open up new opportunities for ownership and management of casinos. For example, in 2010, Pennsylvania began allowing table games in casinos and in Ohio a voter referendum in November 2009 amended the state constitution to allow casinos in four cities.

*Limited supply expansion in established gaming markets.* We estimate there will be limited supply introduced into established markets in the foreseeable future, in part due to limited availability of construction financing and the limited number of available licenses in certain jurisdictions. The lack of additional supply being introduced should provide stability for established enterprises and lead to increased revenues and profit. For example, in the Las Vegas market there are no planned large-scale casino projects expected to open in the near term.

*Favorable travel industry trends*. Our industry is heavily dependent upon both the leisure and business traveler. The trends in both of these areas have turned positive since 2010, as evidenced by increasing hotel occupancy, visitor counts and convention space booking.

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**Potential legalization of online gaming.** Globally, online gaming is currently only legal in a limited number of jurisdictions, but additional jurisdictions, including the United States, are considering legalizing and regulating online gaming, most notably poker. Prior to the Unlawful Internet Gambling Enforcement Act being passed in 2006, published reports estimated that the United States online poker industry generated \$1.5 billion in revenues.

#### **Our Competitive Strengths**

We attribute our operating success and historical industry outperformance to the following key strengths that differentiate us from our competition:

One of the industry s largest operators with leading market positions in numerous jurisdictions. We are one of the world s largest gaming companies (as measured by net revenues and individual casinos) and the most geographically diverse U.S. casino operator. As of September 30, 2011, we owned, managed or operated 52 casinos in 12 U.S. states and seven countries. In addition, our casino properties operate as market leaders, having the #1 or #2 market share, based on revenue, in almost every major U.S. gaming market, including Las Vegas, the largest gaming market in the U.S. We use our scale and market leading position, in combination with our proprietary marketing technology and customer loyalty programs, to foster revenue growth and encourage repeat business.

Superior business model based on nationwide customer database and loyalty program. Our strategy is to generate same store gaming revenue growth and cross-market play through superior marketing and technological capabilities in combination with our nationwide casino network. The systems that we use to generate our same store gaming revenue growth and cross-market play consist of proprietary tools including Total Rewards and the WINet database. We believe these marketing tools, coupled with the industry s broadest geographic reach, provide us with a significant competitive advantage that enables us to efficiently market our products to a large and recurring customer base, and generate profitable revenue growth.

Portfolio of the most highly recognized brand names in the gaming industry. We own, operate or manage casinos that bear many of the most highly recognized brand names in the gaming industry, including Caesars, Harrah s, Horseshoe, Rio, Paris, Bally s, Flamingo and Planet Hollywood. We also own the Total Rewards loyalty program and the World Series of Poker brand. Many of these brands have a strong identity and enjoy widespread customer recognition. This diverse collection of brands allows us to appeal to a wide range of customer preferences and capture multiple visits through our ability to offer differentiated gaming experiences. In casino brand awareness studies, our key brands consistently achieve higher rates of recognition overall, as compared to our competitors.

Leading innovator in the gaming industry. We have a proven record of innovation, including revolutionizing our industry s approach to marketing with the introduction of our Total Rewards loyalty program in 1997 and applying this program nationwide and across multiple brands. We believe that our industry will continue to evolve into additional areas of gaming and entertainment, including online gaming, and we have expended resources designed to put us on the forefront of these areas. We are not aware of another U.S. land-based casino company that owns an online gaming business. In addition, we are exploring additional online entertainment offerings that capitalize on our recognized brand names, particularly our World Series of Poker and Caesars brands. We believe that we are better positioned than our competitors to take advantage of new opportunities in the gaming industry due to our history of innovation, strong brand names and current online business, and we plan to continue to invest in developing areas of the gaming industry.

Long-dated capital structure with no near-term maturities and significant liquidity. Recent capital market transactions have improved our liquidity and maturity profile and have better positioned us to grow and create value. These transactions have included two debt-for-debt exchange offers, tender offers, open market repurchases, the issuance of new first and second lien notes, an amendment to our commercial mortgage-backed

securities, or CMBS, financing (the CMBS Financing), including a two-year maturity extension, subject to certain conditions, and an amendment to our senior secured credit facilities pursuant to which a portion of the loan was extended by three years. Through these transactions, we have reduced the amount of our debt maturing through the remainder 2011 from \$1,503.0 million to zero and the amount of our term debt maturing from 2011 through 2014 from \$8,504.0 million to \$125.8 million. These debt maturities assume that we will exercise extension options on the CMBS Financing and also exercise extension options on \$517.7 million of Planet Hollywood debt, moving its maturity from December 2011 to April 2015. We have also reduced our annual interest expense through these transactions by approximately \$94.0 million. Further, these transactions have enhanced our liquidity. As of September 30, 2011, we had approximately \$1.2 billion of cash and cash equivalents, excluding \$544.0 million in restricted cash, and \$1.1 billion available under our revolving credit facility. Although we have \$22,513.6 million face value of total debt outstanding at September 30, 2011, only \$24.9 million of this debt is due within the next 12 months, with minimal near-term maturities thereafter. Therefore, we believe that our significant liquidity combined with our debt maturity profile positions us well to capitalize on growth opportunities and an extended rebound in the broader economy. See Risk Factors Risks Related to Our Indebtedness for a discussion of the risks concerning our indebtedness.

Experienced and highly motivated management team with proven track record. Our management team, led by CEO Gary Loveman, has built Caesars into an industry leader by geographically diversifying our operations and introducing technology-based tools to loyalty programs. A former associate professor at the Harvard University Graduate School of Business Administration, Mr. Loveman joined us as Chief Operating Officer in 1998 and drew on his extensive background in retail marketing and service-management to enhance Total Rewards. Mr. Loveman has been named Best CEO in the gaming and lodging industry by Institutional Investor magazine four times. In addition, our senior management operations team has an average of 27 years of industry experience. Other senior management team members possess significant experience in government and a variety of consumer industries. In addition, a significant portion of our management team s compensation is in the form of equity and stock options, the value of which depends on our overall results and motivates our senior management to focus on maximizing our long-term earnings and equity value.

### **Our Business Strategy**

Leverage our unique scale and proprietary loyalty programs to generate superior revenue growth and fair share. We plan to continue to aggressively leverage our nationwide distribution platform and superior marketing and technological capabilities to generate same store gaming revenue growth and cross-market play. Our Total Rewards and WINet systems include over 40 million program members with 184% growth in tracked players since 2000. Through these systems, we promote cross-market play and target our efforts and marketing expenditures on areas and customer segments that generate the highest return. This system, coupled with our vast footprint in the U.S., enables us to profitably stimulate substantial cross-market play. We offer a unique value proposition to loyal players whereby they get the best service and product in their local market, and as a reward for their loyalty, they get especially attentive and customized services in our destination markets. This two-part value proposition is unique to us and an important source of our competitive advantage. For example, a number of financial measures have improved significantly at our Planet Hollywood property since we acquired it in 2010, in large part due to our ability to stimulate cross-market play. Cross market play represents 70% and 60% of the gross gaming revenues we generate in Las Vegas and Atlantic City, respectively. The data that we collect indicates that individual customers play more with Caesars when they visit multiple properties, either during the same trip or on different occasions. Our wins per position at both destination and regional markets, as well as in our local markets, were significantly higher than the industry average in those markets for the first nine months of 2011. Our extensive historical knowledge and refined decision modeling procedures enable us to distribute best practices to ensure our marketing expenditures are being used to their utmost efficiency. Given our historical investments in information technology and our broad geographic footprint, we believe we have a competitive advantage with regards to stimulating revenues.

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Continue to evolve our integrated marketing programs to maximize returns and maintain our competitive advantage. We have established a marketing organization that is designed to adhere to the scientific method of test and control, which we believe is the optimal approach to continued advancement and innovation. The structure and procedures embedded in our organization enable individual creativity to flourish while simultaneously ensuring impartial evaluations and the rapid transfer of best practices. The evolution of our structure has enabled us to respond more quickly to changes in customer elasticity and to have confidence in our approach with respect to our offers and incentives.

Maximize our core business profitability upon a rebound in net revenues. We operate businesses that have inherently low variable costs such that positive change in revenues should drive relatively large improvements in Income from Operations and EBITDA (as defined under Summary Historical Consolidated Financial Data of Caesars Entertainment Corporation). A key determinant of hotel revenues is the average daily hotel rate, or ADR, that is charged. Increases in ADR would drive nearly a dollar for dollar improvement in Income from Operations and EBITDA and on our room base of 42,000 rooms, we anticipate that a \$5 increase in ADR on an annual basis would equate to an improvement to annual Income from Operations and EBITDA of approximately \$65 million. Our average system-wide ADR was \$111 in 2007, compared to \$91 during the last twelve months ended September 30, 2011. Likewise, we anticipate that a \$5 improvement in spend per rated customer gaming trip would equate to an improvement to annual Income from Operations and EBITDA of approximately \$95 million, and a \$5 improvement per unrated customer gaming trip would equate to an improvement to annual Income from Operations and EBITDA of approximately \$79 million. Average spending per rated customer gaming trip declined from \$178 in 2007 to \$162 during the last twelve months ended September 30, 2011. While we use 2007 as a measurement for our financial performance and the gaming industry in general, we may not attain those financial levels in the near term, or at all.

In addition to the inherently high variable margin nature of our businesses, we have and will continue to dedicate significant efforts towards positioning our business and cost structure to ensure we generate the maximum incremental profitability when core industry revenue growth returns. Over the last several years, our management team has instituted operational concepts, such as LEAN service operations and Kaizen activities (operational practices that consider work from the perspective of the customer and endeavor to provide service and product in the most efficient way possible) as well as dynamic volume based scheduling, with the intention to achieve consistently high efficiency rates. For example, our Kaizen efforts help our operations teams to identify more efficient ways to operate their respective businesses and provide direct management with the tools to monitor progress and to assist in the early identification of variances to the planned processes.

Additionally, we consolidated activities, refined our target marketing efforts, and drove procurement efficiencies. Moreover, we have achieved these cost savings while achieving record customer satisfaction levels since the cost savings initiatives were implemented. To further ensure that our operating structure is designed in the most effective and efficient way, in the fourth quarter of 2010, we embarked on a reorganization we refer to as Project Renewal. Under Project Renewal, our management team was challenged to review all of our key decision making procedures and lines of business and to identify the optimum way of structuring them given our breadth and scale of product offerings. As a result of the process, in the third quarter of 2011, we designed a unique shared services organization that will enable more efficient decision making and sharing of best practices. This organization includes business analytics, meetings and conventions, retail, database marketing, VIP marketing, our flight program, and other key areas of our operations. We anticipate that our company will have a permanently lower cost structure and will benefit from greater concentration of specified talent and quicker decision making. We will continue to make progress on Project Renewal and anticipate reaching our \$400m target and full implementation run rate at the end of the second quarter of 2012. To ensure that the impact from Project Renewal is reflected in our financial performance and that each planned initiative is executed, we track our progress centrally and in a detailed fashion. The savings value for each initiative is calculated by predicting the change in the expense level compared to the current expense level under constant business volumes and conditions.

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As of September 30, 2011, we have realized approximately \$135 million in savings associated with Project Renewal. We classify initiatives that are identified and are in the process of being implemented as yet to be realized identified estimated cost savings. For the purposes of our senior secured leverage ratio under our credit agreement, this amount can be added back into the EBITDA calculation to calculate Adjusted EBITDA. As of September 30, 2011, the yet to be realized identified estimated cost savings was \$202.5 million. This figure increases as new initiatives that are part of Project Renewal are identified and become in the process of implementation, and decrease as the actual results become reflected in our cost structure. See Risk Factors Risks Related to our Business We may not realize any or all of our projected cost savings, which would have the effect of reducing our LTM Adjusted EBITDA Pro Forma, which would have a negative effect on our results of operations and negatively impact our covenant calculation and could have a negative effect on our stock price on page 26 of this prospectus.

**Pursue opportunistic domestic acquisitions and development opportunities.** We believe our brand portfolio and recognition, coupled with the power of the Total Rewards loyalty program, uniquely positions us to capitalize on expansion into underdeveloped regional markets or to pursue opportunistic acquisitions of distressed assets. We intend to pursue these acquisitions from time to time. We believe our operating expertise and network synergies enable us to create value above and beyond what other operators can provide. Our geographically broad-based experience gives us a superior understanding of a property s revenue potential and

enables us to be the optimal partner or purchaser for select assets. For example, we executed a definitive agreement in December 2010 with Rock Gaming LLC to jointly develop, and for us to manage, two of four authorized casinos in Ohio, Horseshoe Cleveland and Horseshoe Cincinnati. The venture obtained financing for the casinos in August 2011 and we expect Horseshoe Cleveland to open in March 2012 and Horseshoe Cincinnati to open in the second quarter of 2013. Commencement of operations of Horseshoe Cleveland and Horseshoe Cincinnati is subject to the receipt of gaming licenses. Along with Rock Gaming LLC and local investors in Maryland, in September 2011, a Caesars led group submitted a bid for a license to develop a video lottery terminal facility in Baltimore. Completion of the Baltimore license bid is subject to a number of conditions, including, without limitation, the negotiation of definitive documentation, receipt of required regulatory approvals, receipt of acceptable financing, and other terms and conditions. We believe there will be expansion opportunities in newly created U.S. regional markets due to continued legalization of gaming in new jurisdictions. Further, we believe that due to the continued global economic downturn, there will be opportunities to acquire assets at attractive valuations, such as our 2010 acquisition of Planet Hollywood, due to the fragmented nature of our industry and the benefits inherent in our scale. See Risk Factors Risks Related to Our Business The acquisition, development and construction of new hotels, casinos and gaming and non-gaming venues and the expansion of existing ones could have an adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations due to various factors including delays, cost overruns and other uncertainties and Risk Factors Risks Related to Our Business We may not realize all of the anticipated benefits of current or potential future acquisitions for a discussion of the risks relating to pursuing development and expansion opportun

Pursue opportunities to further expand into international markets. We currently own, operate or manage 15 casino properties in international gaming markets across Europe, North America, South America and Africa. In addition, in Asia, we own 175 acres of prime real estate on the Cotai strip in Macau. We believe that we remain well-positioned for international gaming growth and legalization in Asia and Europe. We are investigating various opportunities to own, operate or manage international resorts and casinos. These opportunities are at varying stages of development, such as due diligence investigations, executed confidentiality agreements, and other discussions regarding potential projects, which may or may not come to fruition. We will continue to evaluate and pursue opportunities to own, operate or manage international casinos and resorts. Our Caesars brand remains the most recognized casino brand in the world, and we plan to leverage the power of this brand, and our other brands, as we expand into international markets. In addition to international gaming opportunities, we are also actively pursuing non-gaming management, branding, and development opportunities in Asia and other parts of the world where our brands and reputation are already well-recognized assets. In 2011, we formed a group to focus on this opportunity called Caesars Global Life. In September 2011, we announced

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our first project, a management and branding agreement for a development, whose equity will be provided by a third party, that will be called Caesars Palace Longmu Bay. Located in Hainan, China, and at a projected cost to the owner of \$470 million, it is expected to open in 2014 and will contain a 1,000-room, five-star hotel with a marina, spa, retail, gourmet dining and other amenities, including 36 holes of golf. This project will be the foundation for our expansion in China and throughout the entire Asia-Pacific region, where we expect to participate in the development of a total of 25 hotels and resorts over the next five years. See Risk Factors Risks Related to Our Business The acquisition, development and construction of new hotels, casinos and gaming and non-gaming venues and the expansion of existing ones could have an adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations due to various factors, including delays, cost overruns and other uncertainties and Risk Factors Risks Related to Our Business The risks associated with international operations could reduce our profits for a discussion of the risks relating to this strategy.

Continue to grow our online business. Our globally recognized World Series of Poker and Caesars brands and our dedicated online gaming management team position us to take advantage of opportunities in the global online gaming market and to continue to develop the infrastructure to support larger scale real money online gaming as it becomes legalized and licensed in new jurisdictions. In late 2009, we launched our real money World Series of Poker and Caesars-branded poker, bingo and casino online sites in the United Kingdom. We also have alliances with online gaming providers in Italy and France. As part of our online strategy, we will continue to expand our online real money gaming offerings in legally compliant jurisdictions and offer for fun online gaming options in those and other jurisdictions. In May 2011, we purchased a majority stake in Playtika Ltd., or Playtika, a social games company located in Israel, and in December 2011 executed an agreement to purchase the remaining outstanding shares of Playtika. Playtika develops social games for Facebook and other social networking websites and mobile games. In addition, we will continue to expand our World Series of Poker tournaments to international jurisdictions where we believe there is a likelihood of legalization of online gaming, in order to grow the brand s awareness. We believe that the expansion of online gaming offerings, for real money, for fun and social and mobile games, will benefit our land-based portfolio due to further brand enhancement, customer acquisition in new channels, and marketing arrangements including incorporating our Total Rewards and cash-back for points programs into our online gaming offerings.

We believe that additional jurisdictions will legalize online gaming due to consumer demand, a broader understanding of the need to regulate the industry and to generate income through taxes on gaming revenue. As such, we support efforts to regulate the online gaming industry to ensure that consumers are protected. We believe that the potential for online gaming is substantial and believe that we will command, at a minimum, our fair share in any legal jurisdiction. An H2 Gaming Capital study conducted in 2010 projects that the global online gaming market will grow to \$36 billion in revenues by 2012. We believe that the largest opportunity in online gaming in the near term is the legalization of online poker in the United States.

#### 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 September 30, 2011, Apollo had assets under management of approximately \$65 billion in its private equity, capital markets and real estate businesses.

#### **TPG**

TPG is a leading global private investment firm founded in 1992 with \$48 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.

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#### **Organizational Structure**

The chart below depicts our organizational structure following the consummation of this offering.

- (1) All shares held by funds affiliated with and controlled by the Sponsors and their co-investors, representing % of Caesars outstanding common stock, are subject to an irrevocable proxy that gives Hamlet Holdings, the members of which are comprised of an equal number of individuals affiliated with each of the Sponsors, sole voting and sole dispositive power with respect to such shares.
- (2) Consists primarily of captive insurance subsidiaries, Harrah s BC, Inc., or HBC, and Caesars Interactive Entertainment, Inc., which owns the World Series of Poker brand and our online businesses.
- (3) Consists of Caesars Entertainment Operating Company, Inc. and its subsidiaries, which owned, operated and/or managed 46 of the 52 casinos for Caesars as of September 30, 2011.
- (4) Consists of certain affiliates of Paulson & Co. Inc., or the Paulson Investors.
- (5) Consists of Harrah s Las Vegas, Rio, Flamingo Las Vegas, Harrah s Atlantic City, Paris Las Vegas and Harrah s Laughlin. The CMBS Entities and their respective subsidiaries do not guarantee or pledge their assets as security for any indebtedness of CEOC and are not directly liable for any obligations thereunder. CEOC and its subsidiaries do not guarantee or pledge their assets as security for any indebtedness of the CMBS Entities and are not directly liable for any obligations thereunder.

#### **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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#### The Offering

Common stock offered

Common stock to be outstanding immediately after

this offering

shares

shares

Option to purchase additional shares We have granted to the underwriters a 30-day option to purchase up to

additional shares from us at the initial public offering price, less underwriting discounts

and commissions.

Common stock voting rights Each share of our common stock will entitle its holder to one vote.

Dividend policy We intend to retain all future earnings, if any, for use in the operation of our business and

to fund future growth. We do not anticipate paying any dividends for the foreseeable future. The decision whether to pay dividends will be made by our board of directors in light of conditions then existing, including factors such as our results of operations, financial condition and requirements, business conditions and covenants under any

applicable contractual arrangements, including our indebtedness.

Use of proceeds We estimate that the net proceeds from this offering without exercise of the option to

purchase additional shares will be approximately \$\\$\ \million \text{ million after deducting the estimated underwriting discounts and commissions and expenses, assuming the shares are offered at \$\\$\ \text{per share, which represents the midpoint of the estimated offering}

price range set forth on the front cover of this prospectus.

We intend to use the net proceeds from this offering for general corporate purposes,

including development projects and maintenance capital expenditures.

Proposed national securities exchange trading symbol CZR

Risk factors Please see the section entitled Risk Factors included in this prospectus for a discussion of

some of the factors you should carefully consider before deciding to invest in our

common stock.

Except as otherwise indicated, all information in this prospectus:

assumes this offering have been consummated and that the underwriters have not exercised their option to purchase up to additional shares of common stock from us;

does not give effect to shares of our common stock issuable upon the exercise of outstanding options as of September 30, 2011, at a weighted-average exercise price of \$ per share, or shares of common stock issuable upon the exercise of options we anticipate issuing prior to the consummation of this offering;

does not give effect to shares of our common stock issuable upon the exercise of outstanding warrants as of September 30, 2011, at a weighted-average exercise price of \$ per share; and

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does not give effect to shares of our common stock reserved for future issuance under the Caesars Entertainment Corporation Management Equity Incentive Plan.

#### Summary Historical Consolidated Financial Data of Caesars Entertainment Corporation

The following table presents our summary historical consolidated financial information as of and for the periods presented. The summary historical consolidated financial information as of December 31, 2009 and 2010, for the periods from January 1, 2008 through January 27, 2008 (Predecessor) and from January 28, 2008 through December 31, 2008, and for the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2010 (Successor) should be read in conjunction with our audited consolidated financial statements as of December 31, 2010 included elsewhere in this prospectus. The summary historical consolidated financial information as of December 31, 2008 has been derived from our audited consolidated financial statements not included in this prospectus. The summary historical consolidated financial information as of September 30, 2010 and 2011 are derived from, and should be read in conjunction with, our unaudited consolidated condensed financial statements as of September 30, 2010 has been derived from our unaudited consolidated condensed financial statements not included in this prospectus. Except as otherwise described herein, our interim unaudited financial statements have been prepared on a basis consistent with our annual audited financial statements and, in the opinion of management, include all adjustments, consisting of normal recurring accruals, considered necessary for a fair presentation of such data.

You should read this data in conjunction with the Selected Historical Consolidated Financial Data, Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations and our financial statements and notes thereto included elsewhere in this prospectus. The audited consolidated financial statements as of December 31, 2009 and 2010, for the periods from January 1, 2008 through January 27, 2008 and from January 28, 2008 through December 31, 2008, and the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2010 have been audited by Deloitte & Touche LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm.

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# **Caesars Entertainment Corporation**

# **Summary Historical Consolidated Financial Data**

	Predecessor January 1, 2008 through January 27, 2008		January 28,	Successor							
(In millions, except per share data)			2008 through December 31, 2008	Year Ended December 31, 2009		Year Ended December 31, 2010		Nine Months Ended September 30, 2010		Nine Months Ended September 30, 2011	
Consolidated Statement of Operations											
Revenues											
Casino	\$	614.6	\$ 7,476.9	\$	7,124.3	\$	6,917.9	\$	5,251.3	\$	5,029.5
Food and beverage		118.4	1,530.2		1,479.3		1,510.6		1,157.8		1,165.0
Rooms		96.4	1,174.5		1,068.9		1,132.3		858.5		917.2
Management fees		5.0	59.1		56.6		39.1		31.2		27.7
Other		42.7	624.8		592.4		576.3		439.9		473.4
Less: casino promotional allowances		(117.0)	(1,498.6)		(1,414.1)		(1,357.6)		(1,041.1)		(950.7)