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This filing relates to a proposed acquisition (the "Acquisition") by Harrah's Entertainment, Inc. ("Harrah's") of Caesars Entertainment, Inc. ("Caesars") pursuant to the terms of an Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of July 14, 2004 (the "Merger Agreement"), by and among Harrah's, Harrah's Operating Company, Inc. and Caesars. The Merger Agreement is on file with the Securities and Exchange Commission as an exhibit to the Current Report on Form 8-K filed by Harrah's on July 15, 2004, and is incorporated by reference into this filing.

The following is a series of slides that were presented by Harrah's at the G2E: Global Gaming Expo in Las Vegas, Nevada on October 5, 2004:

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Charles L. Atwood  
Chief Financial Officer

October 5, 2004

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**Agenda**

Review of HET core strategy: organic growth through loyalty

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**Clear Vision: Leading Distributor Of Gaming**

**Key Statistics**

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**5 Brands** Harrah's, Rio, Horseshoe, Showboat, and Harveys

**28 Properties**

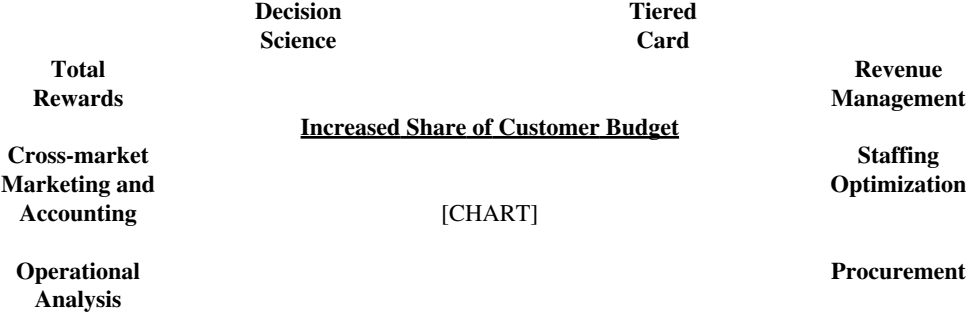
**\$4.3B in revenue (2003)**

**\$1.1B in EBITDA (2003)**

**Over \$1.3 billion in cross-market play (2003)**

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**HET Capabilities Enhance Loyalty**



**Recent Same Store Sales Growth**

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**CZR Acquisition: Review of Strategic Rationale**

Desirable assets

Combination creates premier distribution network

Increases exposure to stable regulatory environments

Opportunity to create value through synergies and performance improvement

Application of HET capabilities to CZR assets

Optimal timing

CZR nearing completion of significant growth capital cycle

Resulting financial strength allows pursuit of complementary growth projects

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**Enhanced Network**

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**Increased Exposure To Stable Regulatory Environments***Note: figures are unaudited*

	2003 Property EBITDA		Pro forma
	HET (1)	CZR	(1),(2)
<b>Nevada</b>			
Las Vegas	16.4%	31.8%	25.1%
Other Nevada	10.3	2.8	7.3
<b>Total Nevada</b>	<b>26.7%</b>	<b>34.6%</b>	<b>32.4%</b>
<b>Atlantic City</b>	<b>21.8%</b>	<b>36.9%</b>	<b>27.9%</b>
<b>Other locations</b>			
Illinois	7.1	0.0	4.1
Indiana	9.5	6.1	6.1
Iowa	4.1	0.0	2.4
New Orleans	4.7	0.1	2.7
Other Louisiana	7.2	0.0	4.1
Mississippi	7.2	16.2	10.6
Missouri	9.5	0.0	5.4
Other	2.3	6.0	4.3
<b>Total other locations</b>	<b>51.5%</b>	<b>28.4%</b>	<b>39.7%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

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*(1) Proforma for full year of Horseshoe and sale of Harrah's Shreveport**(2) Proforma for Colony Capital transaction*

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**Premier Gaming Brands**

**Harrah's**

**Horseshoe**

**Caesars**

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**Performance Improvement Opportunity**

*We believe the application of our capabilities will unlock the value of some CZR assets*

**2003 LV Strip Property Metrics**

		<b>Revenue / Available Room</b>
<b>Caesars Palace</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>567.74</b>
Rio	\$	441.56
Harrah s	\$	367.66
<b>Paris/Bally s</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>314.14</b>
<b>Flamingo</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>237.89</b>

	<b>EBITDA Margin</b>
Harrah s	30.6%
<b>Flamingo</b>	<b>28.7%</b>
Rio	25.7%
<b>Paris/Bally s</b>	<b>24.7%</b>
<b>Caesars Palace</b>	<b>20.0%</b>

**2003 AC Property Metrics**

		<b>Revenue / Position</b>
<b>Caesars</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>332.45</b>
Harrah s	\$	257.29
<b>Bally s</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>249.81</b>
Showboat	\$	233.54

	<b>EBITDA Margin</b>
Harrah s	38.6%
<b>Caesars</b>	<b>32.4%</b>
Showboat	31.9%
<b>Bally s</b>	<b>26.8%</b>

**CZR Is Near Completion of Significant Growth Capital Cycle**

Caesars Palace

Roman Plaza opened July 2004

Forum Shops expansion scheduled to open October 2004

949-room hotel tower scheduled to open Summer 2005

Caesars Atlantic City

New parking garage scheduled to open 2Q05

The Pier at Caesars scheduled to open Summer 2005

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**Expected Outcomes of CZR Acquisition**

Improved long-term growth profile

Enhanced distribution network = greater cross-market potential

Value creation through operational synergies

Greater development opportunities resulting from financial strength

Increased stability

Greater diversification

Increased exposure to stable regulatory environments

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**Closing Process**

Legal / Regulatory

Received 2<sup>nd</sup> request for information from FTC; working to comply

State filings underway

Operational

Position of Chief Integration Officer created; formation of integration team nearly complete

Development of integration plan underway

Strategic

Portfolio review underway

Recently announced asset sales to Colony Capital could reduce scope of FTC inquiry

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**St. Louis**

\$80M expansion

210 hotel rooms

F&B enhancements

Opened August 2004

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**Kansas City**

\$107M expansion

206 hotel rooms

F&B enhancements

Late 2005 opening

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**New Orleans**

\$142M expansion

450 hotel rooms

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Mid-2006 opening

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**Metropolis**

\$60M expansion

258 hotel rooms

1Q 2006 opening

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**Chester Downs**

Site near Philadelphia, PA

\$250M - \$275M budget (incl. license fee)

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HET interest: 50% ownership + mgmt fee

2,000 slots initially

2006 opening

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UK

\$1B development of up to 8 regional casinos with Gala Group

Site selection process underway

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Enabling legislation expected spring 2005

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**Native American Gaming**

Recently renewed Cherokee and Rincon contracts

Expansion projects underway at 3 of our managed properties

Continue to pursue new contracts for Class III and Class II operations

CZR provides additional opportunities

Recently signed development and management agreement for \$250M facility near Fresno, CA with Big Sandy Band of Western Mono Indians

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**World Series of Poker**

Participation in 2004 tournament 3x greater than previous record

WSOP Tournament Circuit begins in January

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Multiple income streams:

Licensing/sponsorship

Broadcast fees

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**Demonstrated Record Of Success**

**2003 Est. ROIC vs. WACC**

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Source: Wall Street Research

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**Valuation Comparison**

**5-Year EPS CAGR**

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**Dividend Yield**

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**P/E (2004E)**

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Source: Bloomberg

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**Summary**

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**Additional Information about the Merger and Where to Find It**

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Investors are cautioned that forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance or results and involve risks and uncertainties that cannot be predicted or quantified and, consequently, the actual performance or results of Caesars and Harrah's may differ materially from those expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Such risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to, the following factors as well as other factors described from time to time in our reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (including the sections entitled Risk Factors and Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations contained therein): financial community and rating agency perceptions of Harrah's and Caesars, the effects of economic, credit and capital market conditions on the economy in general, and on gaming and hotel companies in particular; construction factors, including delays, 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; the ability to timely and cost-effectively integrate into Harrah's operations the companies that it acquires, including with respect to its acquisition of Caesars; access to available and feasible financing, including financing for Harrah's acquisition of Caesars, on a timely basis; changes in laws (including increased tax rates), regulations or accounting standards, third-party relations and approvals, and decisions of courts, regulators and governmental bodies; litigation outcomes and judicial actions, including gaming legislative action, referenda and taxation; the ability of our customer-tracking, customer loyalty and yield-management programs to continue to increase customer loyalty and same store sales; our ability to recoup costs of capital investments through higher revenues; acts of war or terrorist incidents; abnormal gaming holds; and the effects of competition, including locations of competitors and operating and market competition.

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Additional information about Harrah's is available on the World Wide Web at <http://www.harrahs.com>. Additional information about Caesars is available on the World Wide Web at <http://www.caesars.com>.

**Additional Information about the Acquisition and Where to Find It**

In connection with the Acquisition, Caesars and Harrah's intend to file relevant materials with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), including a registration statement on Form S-4 that will contain a prospectus and a joint proxy statement. INVESTORS AND SECURITY HOLDERS OF HARRAH'S AND CAESARS ARE URGED TO READ THE PROSPECTUS AND JOINT PROXY STATEMENT WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE BECAUSE THEY WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT HARRAH'S, CAESARS AND THE ACQUISITION. The proxy statement, prospectus and other relevant materials (when they become available), and any other documents filed by Harrah's or Caesars with the SEC, may be obtained free of charge at the SEC's web site at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). In addition, investors and security holders may obtain free copies of the documents filed with the SEC by Harrah's by directing a written request to: Harrah's, One Harrah's Court, Las Vegas, Nevada 89119, Attention: Investor Relations or Caesars Entertainment, Inc., 3930 Howard Hughes Parkway, Las Vegas, Nevada 89109,

Attention: Investor Relations. Investors and security holders are urged to read the proxy statement, prospectus and the other relevant materials when they become available before making any voting or investment decision with respect to the Acquisition.

Harrah's, Caesars and their respective executive officers and directors may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies from the stockholders of Caesars and Harrah's in connection with the Acquisition. Information about those executive officers and directors of Harrah's and their ownership of Harrah's common stock is set forth in the Harrah's Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2003, which was filed with the SEC on March 5, 2004, and the proxy statement for Harrah's 2004 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, which was filed with the SEC on March 4, 2004. Information about the executive officers and directors of Caesars and their ownership of Caesars common stock is set forth in the proxy statement for Caesars' 2004 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, which was filed with the SEC on April 16, 2004. Investors and security holders may obtain additional information regarding the direct and indirect interests of Harrah's, Caesars and their respective executive officers and directors in the Acquisition by reading the proxy statement and prospectus regarding the Acquisition when it becomes available.

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