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REGISTRATION STATEMENT

UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

#### FULL HOUSE RESORTS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 7011 13-3391527 (State or other jurisdiction of (Primary Standard Industrial (IRS Employer

incorporation or organization) Classification Code Number) Identification Number)

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filer		Accelerated filer
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filer	company)	company

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The Registrant hereby amends this Registration Statement on such date or dates as may be necessary to delay its effective date until the Registrant shall file a further amendment which specifically states that this Registration Statement shall thereafter become effective in accordance with Section 8(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 or until this Registration Statement shall become effective on such date as the Commission, acting pursuant to such Section 8(a), may determine.

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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 is not soliciting an offer to buy these securities in any state where the offer or sale is not permitted.

SUBJECT TO COMPLETION, DATED March 10, 2014 PRELIMINARY PROSPECTUS

Full House Reso					
Common Stock					
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	e symbol "FLL". The last				vas \$
	Price to Po		vriting Discounts Commissions	Expenses	eds, Before , to Full House orts, Inc.
Per Share	\$	\$ \$		\$	
Total	\$	\$		\$	
We have granted	d the underwriters for this	s offering an option to pu	rchase up to an additi	onal	shares of
common stock a	t the public offering price	e, less the underwriting of	iscount. The underwr	iters may exe	rcise this option
at any time and	from time to time within	30 days after the date of	this prospectus.		
We expect that t	he shares of common sto	ck will be ready for deliv	ery to investors on or	r about	, 2014.
Investing in our	securities involves risks.	You should consider the	risks that we have de	scribed in Ris	sk Factors
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The date of this	prospectus is	_, 2014			

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You should rely only on the information contained in this prospectus. Neither the underwriters nor we have 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. Neither the underwriters nor we are 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 as of the date on the front cover of this prospectus only. Our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed since that date.

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#### **Prospectus Summary**

This summary highlights material information about our business and this offering. This is a summary of material information contained elsewhere in this prospectus and does not contain all of the information you should consider before investing in our common stock. You should read this entire prospectus carefully before making an investment decision. When we use the words "Company," "we," "us" or "our company" in this prospectus, we are referring to Full House Resorts, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and our subsidiaries, unless it is clear from the context or expressly stated that these references are only to Full House Resorts, Inc. Unless otherwise indicated, all information contained in this prospectus assumes that the underwriters will not exercise their over-allotment option. This prospectus contains forward-looking statements, which involve risks and uncertainties. Our actual results could differ materially from those anticipated in these forward-looking statements as a result of certain factors, including those set forth under "Risk Factors" and elsewhere in this prospectus.

#### Our Company

We are a leading multi-jurisdictional developer, owner and operator of gaming-related enterprises in regional markets. We have successfully transitioned from a gaming management company to a company with operations that consist primarily of owned casino properties. The repositioning of our business plan is highlighted by the acquisition of Rising Star Casino Resort and the lease of Grand Lodge Casino in 2011 and the acquisition of Silver Slipper Casino and the sale of the management agreement for the FireKeepers Casino in 2012. We actively explore, individually and with partners, new gaming-related opportunities with a focus on acquiring and developing casino properties. We currently own three casino properties, lease one casino property and we have one management contract to manage a group of related casino properties. These properties are located in four distinct regions of the United States — the Gulf Coast, the Midwest, Northern Nevada and the Southwest.

# **Gulf Coast Casino Operations**

### Silver Slipper Casino

On October 1, 2012, we acquired Silver Slipper Casino located in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi. Silver Slipper Casino is approximately one hour (56 miles) from New Orleans, Louisiana. The property has approximately 37,000 square feet of gaming space containing approximately 950 slot and video poker machines, 25 table games and the only live keno game on the Gulf Coast. The property includes a fine dining restaurant, buffet, quick service restaurant and two casino bars. The property draws patrons primarily from the New Orleans metropolitan area and other communities in southern Louisiana and southwestern Mississippi. In addition, we have commenced construction of a 142-room hotel adjacent to our casino. Construction of the hotel is expected to be completed in late 2014 or early 2015.

# Midwest Casino Operations

### Rising Star Casino Resort

On April 1, 2011, we acquired all of the operating assets of Grand Victoria Casino & Resort, L.P., located in Rising Sun, Indiana. We renamed the property Rising Star Casino Resort in August 2011. The property has approximately 40,000 square feet of casino space and includes approximately 1,200 slot and video poker machines, 33 table games, a 190-room hotel, five dining outlets and an 18-hole Scottish links golf course. In addition, a third party has constructed a 104-room hotel on property adjacent to Rising Star Casino Resort which opened on November 15, 2013, bringing total room capacity to 294 rooms. On August 16, 2013, we entered into a 10-year lease which commenced on November 15, 2013 and provides us with full management control and option to own the hotel at the end of the lease term.

#### Northern Nevada Casino Operations

### Grand Lodge Casino

On September 1, 2011, we purchased the operating assets of Grand Lodge Casino and entered into a lease with Hyatt Equities, L.L.C. for the casino space in the Hyatt Regency Lake Tahoe Resort, Spa and 1

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Casino in Incline Village, Nevada on the north shore of Lake Tahoe. The term of the lease runs to August 31, 2018. The lease has an option, subject to mutual agreement, to renew the lease for an additional five-year term. Grand Lodge Casino has 18,900 square feet of casino space integrated with the Hyatt Regency Lake Tahoe Resort, Spa and Casino, featuring approximately 260 slot machines, 16 table games and a poker room.

Stockman's Casino

On January 31, 2007, we acquired Stockman's Casino in Fallon, Nevada. Stockman's Casino has approximately 8,400 square feet of gaming space with approximately 265 slot machines, four table games and keno. The facility has a bar, a fine dining restaurant and a coffee shop.

Southwest Casino Management Operations

Buffalo Thunder Casino and Resort

In May 2011, we entered into an agreement with the Pueblo of Pojoaque in New Mexico to manage the Pueblo's gaming operations including Buffalo Thunder Casino and Resort in Santa Fe, New Mexico, the Cities of Gold Casino and other gaming facilities. The agreement was approved by the National Indian Gaming Commission as a management contract. For our management services, we receive a base consulting fee of \$100,000 per month plus quarterly success fees based on achieving certain financial targets. The Pueblo of Pojoaque agreement covers approximately 1,200 slot machines, 18 table games (including poker) and a simulcast area. The Pueblo of Pojoaque agreement expires on September 23, 2014.

#### **Prior Projects**

Until March 30, 2012, we owned 50% of Gaming Entertainment (Michigan), LLC, a joint venture with RAM Entertainment, LLC, that held the management rights and responsibilities under an agreement to manage the FireKeepers Casino, a tribal gaming casino, located near Battle Creek, Michigan. During the development and construction of the FireKeepers Casino, Gaming Entertainment (Michigan), LLC provided site acquisition, design, budgeting, financing, construction oversight and pre-opening planning and implementation services. Following opening, Gaming Entertainment (Michigan), LLC managed FireKeepers Casino's operations and entered into a hotel consulting services agreement with respect to the FireKeepers Casino phase II development project. We and RAM sold Gaming Entertainment (Michigan), LLC and the related management agreement to FireKeepers Development Authority for approximately \$97.5 million on March 30, 2012. Additionally, Gaming Entertainment (Michigan), LLC assigned the hotel consulting services agreement to us, and we completed all consulting services under the agreement on or before December 31, 2012.

#### Operating and Marketing Strategy

Our marketing strategy is to target primarily local patrons that are able to easily drive to our casinos from the surrounding communities. We believe that patrons are attracted to our casinos based on our ability to create favorable experiences through customer service, employee engagement and entertainment. Our primary operating strategy is focused on maintaining and increasing the volume of patrons that frequent our casino properties. Our management philosophy is based on a decentralized model in which property level management maintains significant autonomy in daily operations, but are provided with corporate oversight of business planning, accounting and finance, human resources, risk management, procurement of shared resources, marketing strategy and capital allocation.

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#### Our Growth Strategy

Target the acquisition of high quality regional casino properties that provide an opportunity to create value for our shareholders

Our strategy is to identify high quality gaming opportunities with strong demographics, in attractive and accessible locations, at purchase valuations that provide opportunities for us to create shareholder value through improved management and/or capital investment. Our management team will focus on implementing best practices in accounting and finance, business planning, human resources, risk management, marketing, and procurement at our current properties and potential future acquisitions.

Pursue casino development opportunities in existing and new regional gaming jurisdictions

We believe there are significant opportunities to develop new casinos in existing and new regional casino markets throughout the United States. We evaluate projects on a number of factors, including forecasted profitability, development period, regulatory and political environment and our ability to secure the funding necessary to complete the development. We believe that our expertise as a multi-jurisdictional casino operator and our experience with the development of the FireKeepers Casino position us well to expand our operations with new project openings. On February 26, 2014, we entered into an exclusivity agreement with Keeneland Association, Inc. to own, manage, and operate instant racing and, if authorized, traditional casino gaming at race tracks in Kentucky, subject to completion of definitive documents for each opportunity. In addition, we and Keeneland Association, Inc. have a letter of intent that provides for an exclusive option to purchase the Thunder Ridge Raceway in Prestonsburg, Kentucky. The purchase will be subject to the completion of definitive documentation and to the approval of the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission, including the approval to transfer the racing license to a to-be-constructed quarter horse racetrack near Corbin, Kentucky to be owned 75% by us and 25% by Keeneland Association, Inc. Invest in organic growth opportunities at our existing properties

We are focused on maximizing the performance of our properties through capital spending programs designed to maintain asset quality and add or improve amenities. We are currently constructing a 142-room hotel adjacent to Silver Slipper Casino, which we believe will favorably impact customer loyalty and financial performance by allowing guests to extend their visits at Silver Slipper Casino. A third party also recently opened a 104-room hotel adjacent to Rising Star Casino Resort which we have leased and began operating in November 2013.

Risks That We Face

You should carefully consider the risks described under "Risk Factors" beginning on page 9 and the other information included in this prospectus before deciding to invest in our common stock. These risks could materially and adversely impact our business, results of operations and financial condition, which could cause the trading price of our common stock to decline and result in a partial or total loss of your investment.

Our risks include:

• Growth. Since 2011 we have acquired three properties. This growth and any future growth could place a significant strain on our management, employees and operating systems.

• Debt. We have significant debt that may hinder our ability to borrow funds or dispose of assets and may limit our flexibility in planning for or reacting to our competitors or our ability to acquire a gaming business.

• Competition. The gaming industry is highly competitive. Our gaming properties compete with other gaming properties for the gaming patron on the basis of forms of gaming, as well as other forms of entertainment available in the surrounding communities.

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• Renovation and capital improvement. Our properties have an ongoing need for renovation and other capital improvements to remain competitive in our markets as well as to replace from time to time our furniture, fixtures and equipment.

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• Economic environment. Discretionary consumer spending has been adversely impacted by the continuing economic weakness in the United States. As a result, consumers are spending less on discretionary items such as gaming.

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• Governmental regulation. We operate in a highly regulated business environment and changes in regulation could impose significant costs on us or make our services less economical.

#### **Additional Information**

We were incorporated in Delaware on January 5, 1987. Our principal executive offices are located at 4670 S. Fort Apache Road, Suite 190, Las Vegas, Nevada 89147, and our telephone number is (702) 221-7800. Our website is www.fullhouseresorts.com. The information contained in our website is not a part of this prospectus.

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The Offering
Issuer
Full House Resorts, Inc.
Common Stock offered
shares
Common Stock outstanding prior to this offering
18,870,681 shares (1)
Common Stock to be outstanding after this offering shares (1)
Use of proceeds
We intend to use the net proceeds of this offering for (i) future strategic acquisitions or investments, (ii) repayment of million of indebtedness, and (iii) general corporate purposes. See "Use of Proceeds."
Listing
Our common stock is listed on the NASDAQ Capital Market under the symbol "FLL."
(1)
• Excludes the following:
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• 1,356,595 shares of common stock held as treasury stock.
• 17,000 shares of common stock available for future issuance under our Amended and Restated 2006 Incentive Compensation Plan.
All information in this prospectus assumes no exercise by the underwriters of their right to purchase up to an additional shares of common stock to cover over-allotments.

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#### Summary Financial Data

The following summary consolidated historical financial information as of December 31, 2013 and 2012 and for the years then ended was derived from our audited consolidated financial statements included in this prospectus. In the opinion of management, such audited financial data reflect all adjustments necessary for a fair presentation of the results for such periods.

The following information is only a summary and should be read together with the audited consolidated financial statements and the related notes appearing elsewhere in this prospectus, the financial information included in this prospectus in the sections entitled "Selected Consolidated Financial Data," and "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" and the section entitled "Risk Factors."

	Year Ended December 31, 2013			Year Ended ecember 31, 2012 (1)		
		(in thou	sands exc	cept per share data)		
Statement of Operations Data (2):						
Revenues	\$	144,727		\$	128,760	
Operating income		2,960			49,638	
Net (loss) income (3)		(3,962	)		27,834	
Basic per share (loss) income (3)	\$	(0.21	)	\$	1.49	
		As of			As of	
	]	December 31	, 2013	D	ecember 31, 2012 (1)	
			(in th	ousan	ds)	
Balance Sheet Data (2):						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	14,936		\$	20,603	
Total assets		154,287			162,725	
Long-term debt (including current maturities)		57,500			68,750	
Current liabilities		11,877			15,332	
Retained earnings		34,116			38,078	
Total stockholders' equity		77,814			81,133	
Other Financial Data (4):		ŕ			•	
Adjusted EBITDA	\$	17,007		\$	15,922	
Property EBITDA	·	21,710			21,159	

(1)

• Results from 2012 include a pre-tax gain of \$41.2 million on the sale of the management rights and management agreement for the FireKeepers Casino to the FireKeepers Development Authority in March 2012.

(2)

• Our results of operations for 2013 and 2012 may not be comparable. We sold the management rights and management agreement for the FireKeepers Casino in March 2012 and acquired Silver Slipper Casino in October 2012.

(3)

• Excluding the \$4.0 million goodwill impairment charge recognized in September 2013, net of tax effect, our net loss would have been \$1.4 million and loss per share would have been \$0.07 for the year ended

December 31, 2013. For the years summarized, there were no common equivalent shares that would have been dilutive and, therefore, the calculations for basic and diluted are equal.

(4)

• For the period ended on the reference date. An explanation of Adjusted EBITDA and Property EBITDA and a reconciliation to net income (loss) is set forth below.

We define EBITDA as net income (loss) plus (i) interest expense, net, (ii) provision for taxes and (iii) depreciation and amortization. We define Adjusted EBITDA as EBITDA, as further adjusted to eliminate the impact of certain non-recurring and non-cash items that we do not consider indicative of our 6

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ongoing operating performance. These further adjustments are itemized below. Although Adjusted EBITDA is not a measure of performance or liquidity calculated in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP"), we believe this Non-GAAP financial measure provides meaningful supplemental information regarding our performance and liquidity. We utilize Adjusted EBITDA internally to focus management on year-over-year changes in our core operating performance, which we consider our ordinary, ongoing and customary operations, which we believe is useful information to investors. Accordingly, management excludes from core operating performance analysis items such as those relating to impairment loss or acquisition costs, stock-based compensation, loss on derivatives, gain on a sale of a joint venture and certain non-cash activities that management believes are not reflective of such ordinary, ongoing and customary operations.

In addition, because Adjusted EBITDA is not calculated in accordance with GAAP, it may not necessarily be comparable to similarly titled measures employed by other companies. A reconciliation of the Adjusted EBITDA figures is presented below. However, you should not consider these measures in isolation or as substitutes for operating income, cash flows from operating activities or any other measure for determining our operating performance or liquidity that is calculated in accordance with GAAP. You are encouraged to evaluate these adjustments and the reasons we consider them appropriate for supplemental analysis. In evaluating Adjusted EBITDA, you should be aware that in the future we may incur expenses that are the same as or similar to some of the adjustments in this presentation. Our presentation of Adjusted EBITDA should not be construed as an inference that our future results will be unaffected by unusual or non-recurring items. We define Property EBITDA as Adjusted EBITDA reduced by the corporate operating loss (adjusted for corporate stock compensation, severance costs and depreciation).

	E	Year Ended December 31, 2013		Year ended December 31, 2012 ousands)		
Net (loss) income	\$	(3,962	)	\$ \$	27,834	
Add back:		(- )-	,	·	,	
Interest (income) expense		7,283			2,731	
Depreciation and amortization		9,388			6,884	
Income taxes		(361	)		15,175	
EBITDA		12,348			52,624	
Add back:						
Impairment loss		4,000			_	
Stock compensation		623			1,242	
Acquisition costs expensed (1)		36			1,619	
Loss on derivatives and debt (2)		_			1,711	
Gain on sale of joint venture		_			(41,189	)
Other (3)		_			(85	)
Adjusted EBITDA	\$	17,007		\$	15,922	
Add back:						
Corporate operating loss		5,339			6,818	
Deduct:						
Corporate stock compensation		(623	)		(1,242	)
Severance costs		_			(330	)
Corporate depreciation and amortization		(13	)		(9	)
Property EBITDA	\$	21,710		\$	21,159	

Set forth above is a quantitative reconciliation of EBITDA, Adjusted EBITDA and Property EBITDA to the most directly comparable financial performance measure under generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP"), which is net income. Adjusted EBITDA and Property EBITDA also include the following adjustments:

(1)

• Acquisition costs for the year ended December 31, 2013 and the year ended December 31, 2012 are related to Silver Slipper Casino and potential gaming opportunities in Kentucky.

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(2)

• We recognized net losses on the interest rate derivative related to our Wells Fargo debt, in addition to a loss of \$1.7 million resulting from the write-off of unamortized loan costs related to the extinguishment of the Wells Fargo debt in March 2012.

(3)

• Other items consist primarily of the non-controlling interest adjustment and non-controlling interest depreciation adjustment for the year ended December 31, 2012.

We present EBITDA, Adjusted EBITDA and Property EBITDA because we believe it assists investors and analysts in comparing our performance across reporting periods on a consistent basis by excluding items that we do not believe are indicative of our core operating performance. In addition, we use EBITDA, Adjusted EBITDA and/or Property EBITDA: (i) as factors in evaluating management's performance when determining incentive compensation, (ii) to evaluate the effectiveness of our business strategies and (iii) because our credit agreements use measures similar to these items to measure our compliance with certain covenants. EBITDA, Adjusted EBITDA and Property EBITDA have limitations as analytical tools. Some of these limitations are:

• they do not reflect our cash expenditures, or future requirements, for capital expenditures or contractual commitments;

• they do not reflect changes in, or cash requirements for, our working capital needs;

• they do not reflect the significant interest expense, or the cash requirements necessary to service interest or principal payments, on our debts;

• although depreciation and amortization are non-cash charges, the assets being depreciated and amortized will often have to be replaced in the future, and EBITDA, Adjusted EBITDA and Property EBITDA do not reflect any cash requirements for such replacements;

• non-cash compensation is and will remain a key element of our overall long-term incentive compensation package, although we exclude it as an expense when evaluating our ongoing operating performance for a particular period;

• they do not reflect the impact of certain cash charges resulting from matters we consider not to be indicative of our ongoing operations; and

• other companies in our industry may calculate EBITDA, Adjusted EBITDA and Property EBITDA differently than we do, limiting their usefulness as comparative measures.

Because of these limitations, EBITDA, Adjusted EBITDA and Property EBITDA should not be considered in isolation or as a substitute for performance measures calculated in accordance with GAAP. We compensate for these limitations by relying primarily on our GAAP results and using EBITDA, Adjusted EBITDA and Property EBITDA only supplementally.

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**Risk Factors** 

Investing in our common stock involves a high degree of risk. You should carefully consider the following risk factors, as well as the other information in this prospectus, before deciding whether to invest in our common stock. If any of the events highlighted in the following risks actually occurs, our business, results of operations and financial condition would likely suffer. In such an event, the trading price of our common stock would likely decline, and you could lose part or all of your investment in our common stock.

#### Risks Related to Our Business

Our success depends on our ability to continue to attract patrons and manage our risk and volatility.

Our success depends on our ability to continue to attract patrons, including frequent players and players who make large wagers, drive volume through marketing, offer competitive and diversified wagering products, and manage risk and volatility. Without a sufficiently high volume of wagers, we will not earn sufficient revenues. If we are unable to manage risk and volatility and we experience more losses than anticipated, our results of operations will be harmed. As a result, our revenues and earnings could fluctuate or decline and would be lower than our expectations or those of analysts or investors.

To increase awareness of our casinos, services and brand and attract profitable gaming patrons, we may need to significantly increase marketing expenses.

To successfully execute our business strategy, we must build awareness and understanding of our casinos, including our services and brands. In order to build this awareness, our marketing efforts must succeed and we must provide high-quality products and services. These efforts require us to incur significant expenses for advertising, free play and other marketing initiatives. Some of these initiatives have the effect of reducing our revenues or increasing our expenses. We cannot assure you that our marketing efforts will be successful or that the allocation of funds to these marketing efforts will be the most effective use of those funds.

The gaming industry is highly competitive, which could reduce our revenues or increase our expenses.

Gaming activities include traditional land-based casinos, riverboat and dockside gaming, casino gaming on tribal land, internet gaming, state-sponsored lotteries, video poker in restaurants, bars and hotels, pari-mutuel betting on horse racing, dog racing and jai alai, sports bookmaking, card rooms, and casinos at racetracks. Silver Slipper Casino, Rising Star Casino Resort, Grand Lodge Casino, Stockman's Casino and the tribal and other casinos that we may be developing and plan to manage or own compete with all these forms of gaming, and will compete with any new forms of gaming that may be legalized in additional jurisdictions, as well as with other types of entertainment. Some of our competitors have more personnel and greater financial or other resources. Competition may cause our revenues to decline or require us to incur additional expenses to attract patrons.

Our failure to properly manage our growth effectively could have a material adverse effect upon our business, results of operations and financial condition.

Since 2011, we have acquired two significant properties, Silver Slipper Casino in Mississippi and Rising Star Casino Resort in Indiana, and we entered into a long term lease to lease Grand Lodge Casino at the Hyatt Regency Lake Tahoe Resort, Spa and Casino in Incline Village, Nevada. We recently entered into an exclusivity agreement with Keeneland Association, Inc. to jointly develop and operate instant racing and, if authorized, traditional casino gaming in Kentucky, subject to completion of definitive documents for each opportunity. This growth and any future growth could place significant strain on our existing management team and other personnel, management systems and resources. Significant growth will also require us to improve our financial, accounting and operational systems and controls. Expansion into new geographic areas would further strain our limited managerial, operational and marketing resources. We cannot assure you that we will properly manage our growth effectively, and failure to do so may have a material adverse effect upon our business, results of operations and financial condition.

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Acquisitions and developments may not be successful.

As part of our strategy, we may seek to increase growth through acquisitions or developments and any such acquisition or development may be significant. Not only is the identification of good acquisition or development candidates difficult and competitive, but these transactions also involve numerous risks, including the ability to:

- successfully integrate acquired companies, properties, systems or personnel into our existing business;
- minimize any potential interruption to our ongoing business;
- successfully enter markets in which we may have limited or no prior experience;
- achieve expected synergies and obtain the desired financial or strategic benefits;
- retain key relationships with employees, customers, partners and suppliers of acquired companies;
- foresee uncertainty in key assumptions including projected future earnings growth of acquired operations, which could potentially result in impairment of goodwill; and
- maintain uniform standards, controls, procedures and policies.

Companies, businesses or operations acquired or developed may not be profitable, may not achieve revenue levels and profitability that justify the investments made or carry other risks associated with such transactions. Future acquisitions or developments could result in the incurrence of indebtedness, the assumption of contingent liabilities, material expense related to certain intangible assets and increased operating expense, which could adversely affect our results of operations and financial condition. We may also pursue such transactions through joint ventures, which could limit our control over operations.

We, together with Keeneland Association, Inc., are currently pursuing potential gaming opportunities in Kentucky, including the installation of instant racing machines at racetrack properties. However, any such opportunity is dependent on the results of a challenge to the legality of instant racing machines in Kentucky. On February 20, 2014, the Kentucky Supreme Court held, among other matters, that the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission acted in its regulatory authority when it licensed the operation of pari-mutuel wagering on instant racing, also known as historical horse racing, but remanded the matter to the Circuit Court to determine if instant racing constitutes a pari-mutuel form of wagering authorized by Kentucky law. There is no assurance that the outcome of this legal challenge will result in instant racing being found to constitute a pari-mutuel form of wagering.

In addition, to the extent that the economic benefits associated with any of our acquisitions diminish in the future, we may be required to record additional write downs of goodwill, intangible assets or other assets associated with such acquisitions, which could adversely affect our operating results.

Any potential future acquisitions or developments may divert the attention of management and may divert resources from matters that are core or critical to the business.

Our ability to retain our key employees and the ability of certain key employees to devote adequate time to us are critical to the success of our business, and failure to do so may adversely affect our revenues and as a result could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition.

Our future success depends to a significant degree on the skills, experience and efforts of our senior executives, Andre Hilliou, our Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Mark J. Miller, our Chief Operating Officer and Deborah Pierce, our Chief Financial Officer. We have entered into employment agreements with each of Mr. Hilliou, Mr. Miller, and Ms. Pierce, which automatically renew for successive terms of two years for Mr. Hilliou and automatically renew for successive terms of one year for Mr. Miller and Ms. Pierce, unless terminated by us or the relevant executive.

The loss of any of our senior executives could adversely affect our operations. In addition, we compete with potential employers for employees, and we may not succeed in hiring and retaining the executives and other employees that we need. An inability to hire quality employees could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

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We are leveraged, which could adversely affect our ability to raise additional capital to fund our operations, limit our ability to react to changes in the economy or our industry, expose us to interest rate risk and prevent us from meeting our obligations under our indebtedness.

As of December 31, 2013, we had debt under our credit agreements of approximately \$57.5 million (inclusive of current maturities) and a capital lease obligation of \$7.7 million related to the recently opened 104-room hotel adjacent to Rising Star Casino Resort. Our debt has financial covenants, including a total leverage ratio and fixed charge coverage ratio, which are impacted by the performance of our operations. If a default were to occur and we were unable to meet our obligations, we would be forced to restructure or refinance our indebtedness or sell additional equity or assets, which we may not be able to do on favorable terms or at all.

Our indebtedness could have important consequences for investors, including:

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- it may limit our ability to borrow money, dispose of assets or sell equity to meet our working capital needs, fund capital expenditures and dividend payments, service our debt, or pursue strategic initiatives;

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• it may limit our flexibility in planning for, or reacting to, changes in our operations or business;

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• we may be more highly leveraged than some of our competitors, which may place us at a competitive disadvantage;

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• it may make us more vulnerable to downturns in our business or the economy;

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• there would be a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition if we were unable to service our indebtedness or obtain additional financing, as needed; and

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• our ability to complete the hotel at Silver Slipper Casino.

We may require additional capital to meet our financial obligations and support business growth, and this capital might not be available on acceptable terms or at all.

We intend to continue to make significant investments to support our business growth and may require additional funds to respond to business challenges, including the need to make significant capital improvements at our properties, improve our operating infrastructure or acquire or develop complementary businesses, personnel and technologies. Accordingly, we may need to engage in equity or debt financings to secure additional funds. If we raise additional funds through future issuances of equity or convertible debt, our existing stockholders could suffer significant dilution, and any new equity securities we issue could have rights, preferences and privileges superior to those of holders of our common stock. Any debt financing we secure in the future could involve restrictive covenants relating to our capital raising activities and other financial and operational matters, which may make it more difficult for us to obtain additional capital and to pursue business opportunities, including potential acquisitions. We may not be able to obtain additional financing on terms favorable to us, if at all. If we are unable to obtain adequate financing or financing on terms satisfactory to us when we require it, our ability to continue to support our business growth and

to respond to business challenges could be significantly impaired, and our business may be harmed.

The casino, hotel and resort industry is capital intensive and we may not be able to finance expansion and renovation projects, which could put us at a competitive disadvantage.

Our casino and casino/hotel properties have an ongoing need for renovations and other capital improvements to remain competitive, including replacement, from time to time, of furniture, fixtures and equipment. We are currently constructing a 142-room hotel at our Silver Slipper Casino property that is expected to cost approximately \$17.7 million to construct. We may also need to make capital expenditures at our casino properties to comply with applicable laws and regulations.

Renovations and other capital improvements of the casino properties require significant capital expenditures. In addition, renovations and capital improvements of the casino properties usually generate little or no cash flow until the projects are completed. We may not be able to fund such projects solely from cash provided from operating activities. Consequently, we may have to rely upon the availability of debt or

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equity capital to fund renovations and capital improvements, and our ability to carry them out will be limited if we cannot obtain satisfactory debt or equity financing, which will depend on, among other things, market conditions. We cannot assure you that we will be able to obtain additional equity or debt financing or that we will be able to obtain such financing on favorable terms. Our failure to renovate our casino properties may put us at a competitive disadvantage.

Any increase in the price of gasoline may have an adverse impact on the results of our operations.

Many of our customers drive to our properties; therefore, an increase in gasoline prices may adversely impact our operations. Gasoline prices have been volatile in recent years. We cannot assure you that gasoline prices will hold steady or decline, and continued increases may adversely affect our customers' discretionary income and, ultimately, our revenue.

Our business may be adversely affected by legislation prohibiting tobacco smoking.

Legislation in various forms to ban indoor tobacco smoking has been enacted or introduced in jurisdictions in which we operate. The gaming areas of our properties are not currently subject to tobacco restrictions. While gaming areas have generally been exempted from these restrictions, if additional restrictions on smoking are enacted in jurisdictions in which we operate, we could experience a significant decrease in gaming revenue and particularly, if such restrictions are not applicable to all competitive facilities in that gaming market, our business could be materially adversely affected.

Adverse weather conditions in Indiana, the Sierra Nevada Mountains, the Reno-Lake Tahoe area, and the Gulf Coast could have a material adverse effect on the results of operations and financial condition of our casinos, which could lead to an adverse impact on our results of operation and financial condition.

Adverse winter weather conditions, particularly snowfall, can deter customers of Rising Star Casino Resort and our Northern Nevada casinos from traveling or make it difficult for them to frequent these facilities. If these locations were to experience prolonged adverse winter weather conditions, the results of operations and financial condition of these casinos could also be materially adversely affected, thereby adversely affecting our overall results of operations and financial condition. Adverse tropical storm or hurricane weather conditions, particularly high winds and rainfall in the Gulf Coast can deter customers of Silver Slipper Casino from travelling and make it difficult for them to frequent Silver Slipper Casino. If the Gulf Coast were to experience tropical storm or hurricane weather conditions, the results of operations could be adversely affected and there could be significant damage to the facility.

Riverboats and dockside facilities are subject to risks relating to weather and must comply with applicable regulations. We own and operate riverboat and dockside casino facilities at our Rising Star Casino Resort, which are subject to risks in addition to those associated with land-based casinos, including loss of service due to casualty, extended or extraordinary maintenance, flood or other severe weather. Reduced patronage and the loss of a dockside or riverboat casino from service for any period of time could adversely affect our results of operations. The riverboats are subject to inspection every year and were inspected in June 2013. The next inspection is anticipated to occur in June 2014. The concentration and evolution of the slot machine industry could impose additional costs on us.

A majority of our revenues are attributable to slot machines at our casinos. It is important, for competitive reasons, that we offer the most popular and up-to-date slot machine games, with the latest technology to our customers. In recent years, slot machine manufacturers have frequently refused to sell slot machines featuring the most popular games, instead requiring participating lease arrangements. Generally, a participating lease is substantially more expensive over the long-term than the cost to purchase a new slot machine.

For competitive reasons, we may be forced to purchase new slot machines, slot machine systems, or enter into participating lease arrangements that are more expensive than our current costs associated with the continued operation of our existing slot machines. If the newer slot machines do not result in sufficient incremental revenues to offset the increased investment and participating lease costs, it could adversely affect our profitability.

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We may experience construction delays and cost overruns in connection with constructing a hotel at Silver Slipper Casino or during other expansion or development projects that could adversely affect our operations.

A hotel at Silver Slipper Casino is currently under construction. In addition, from time to time we may commence other construction projects at our properties. We also evaluate other expansion opportunities as they become available and we may in the future engage in additional construction projects. Construction projects entail significant risks, which can substantially increase costs or delay completion of a project. Such risks include shortages of materials or skilled labor, unforeseen engineering, environmental or geological problems, work stoppages, weather interference and unanticipated cost increases. Most of these factors are beyond our control. In addition, difficulties or delays in obtaining any of the requisite licenses, permits or authorizations from regulatory authorities can increase the cost or delay the completion of an expansion or development. Significant budget overruns or delays with respect to expansion and development projects could adversely affect our results of operations.

We are or may become involved in legal proceedings, that, if adversely adjudicated or settled, could impact our financial condition.

From time to time, we are defendants in various lawsuits and gaming regulatory proceedings relating to matters incidental to our business. As with all litigation, no assurance can be provided as to the outcome of these matters and, in general, litigation can be expensive and time consuming. We may not be successful in the defense or prosecution of our current or future legal proceedings, which could result in settlements or damages that could significantly impact our business, financial condition and results or operations.

Risks Related to Our Industry

We are subject to extensive governmental regulation, the enforcement of which could adversely impact our business, results of operation and financial condition.

The operation of gaming properties is subject to extensive federal, state, local and foreign regulations and taxes. The jurisdictions in which we operate or intend to operate require licenses, permits, documentation of qualification, including evidence of financial stability, and other forms of approval of us and our officers, directors, major stockholders and key employees, along with our products. Licenses, approvals or findings of suitability may be revoked, suspended, limited or conditioned. We cannot assure you that we will be able to obtain or maintain all necessary registrations, licenses, permits or approvals, that the licensing process will not result in delays or adversely affect our operations and our ability to maintain key personnel, or that complying with these regulations will not significantly increase our costs.

The Indiana, Mississippi and Nevada gaming laws and regulations require us to obtain approval from the gaming regulators for our gaming operations. The regulations also require that we and our officers, directors, major stockholders and key employees obtain and maintain additional licenses, permits or other forms of approvals. If we are unable to obtain or maintain approval of our operations as required by the regulations, or if we or the individuals with whom we are associated are unable to obtain or maintain approvals, licenses or permits required by the regulations, we will be unable to continue some or all of our operations.

In addition, we are subject to anti-money laundering rules arising under federal law and related Indiana, Mississippi and Nevada law and regulations concerning transactions with players, including requirements to record and submit detailed reports to the federal government of currency transactions involving greater than \$10,000 at our operations, as well as certain suspicious financial activity that may occur in our gaming operations.

Compliance with regulatory investigations and approval requirements may impose substantial costs on our business and disrupt our operations.

The gaming authorities in certain jurisdictions may investigate companies or individuals who have a material relationship with us or our equity holders to determine whether the selected individual or stockholder is acceptable to the gaming authorities. While any such investigated company, individual or

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stockholder is obligated to pay the costs of the investigation, such an investigation will be time consuming and may be disruptive to our operations. Failure of companies, individuals or stockholders to cooperate with any such investigation could negatively impact our ability to obtain or maintain our licenses.

Some jurisdictions require gaming licensees to obtain government approval before engaging in certain transactions, such as business combinations, reorganizations, borrowings, stock offerings and share repurchases. Obtaining such pre-approvals can also be time consuming and costly.

We are under continuous scrutiny by the applicable regulatory authorities. Our failure to obtain or maintain regulatory approval in any jurisdiction may prevent us from obtaining or maintaining regulatory approval in other jurisdictions. The failure to maintain a license in a single jurisdiction or a denial of a license by any new jurisdiction may cause a negative "domino effect" in which the loss of a license in one jurisdiction could lead to regulatory investigation and possible loss of a license or other disciplinary action in other jurisdictions.

A decline in the popularity of gaming or the purchasing power of our customers could reduce the number of customers at our properties, which would adversely affect our business.

Our business depends on consumer demand for gaming. Gaming is a discretionary leisure activity, and participation in discretionary leisure activities has in the past, and may in the future, decline during economic downturns because consumers have less disposable income. Gaming activity may also decline based on changes in consumer confidence related to general economic conditions or outlook, fears of war, future acts of terrorism, or other factors. A reduction in tourism could also result in a decline in gaming activity. Finally, a legislature or regulatory authority may prohibit all or some gaming activities in its jurisdiction. A decline in gaming activity as a result of these or any other factors could have a material adverse effect upon our business, results of operations and financial condition.

Changes in consumer preferences could also harm our business. Gaming competes with other leisure activities as a form of consumer entertainment, and may lose popularity as new leisure activities arise or as other leisure activities become more popular. In addition, gaming in traditional gaming establishments may compete with internet-based gaming products, when and if legalized. To the extent that the popularity of gaming in traditional gaming establishments declines as a result of these factors, our business may be adversely affected.

Continued weakness in the United States and global economy may adversely affect consumer spending and tourism trends.

Discretionary consumer spending has been adversely affected by continued economic weakness in the United States and worldwide. Consumers are traveling less and spending less when they do travel. Likewise, corporate spending on conventions and business development is being significantly curtailed as businesses cut their budgets. Since our business model relies on significant expenditure on discretionary items, continuation or deepening of the weak economic conditions will further adversely affect our operations. Adverse conditions in the local, regional, national and global markets would have a material adverse effect upon our business, results of operations and financial condition. In particular, we have seen slow or declining growth in some of our markets.

Acts of terrorism and war, natural disasters and severe weather may negatively impact our future profits. Terrorist attacks and other acts of war or hostility have created many economic and political uncertainties. We cannot predict the extent to which terrorism, security alerts or war, popular uprisings or hostilities throughout the world will directly or indirectly impact our business, results of operations and financial condition. As a consequence of the threat of terrorist attacks and other acts of war or hostility in the future, premiums for a variety of insurance products have increased, and some types of insurance are no longer available.

In addition, natural and man-made disasters such as major fires, floods, hurricanes, earthquakes and oil spills could also adversely impact our business. As our business depend in part on our players' ability to travel, severe or inclement weather would have a material adverse effect upon our business, results of operations and financial condition.

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Work stoppages, organizing drives and other labor problems could negatively impact our future profits.

Labor unions are making a concerted effort to recruit more employees in the gaming industry. In addition, organized labor may benefit from new legislation or legal interpretations by the current presidential administration. We cannot provide any assurance that we will not experience additional or more successful union activity in the future.

Additionally, lengthy strikes or other work stoppages at any of our casino properties or construction projects could have an adverse effect on our business and result of operations.

Risks Related to This Offering

We do not expect to pay any cash dividends for the foreseeable future. Accordingly, investors in this offering may never obtain a return on their investment.

You should not rely on an investment in our common stock to provide dividend income. Our ability to pay dividends is prohibited by our credit agreements, and we do not anticipate that we will pay any cash dividends to holders of our common stock in the foreseeable future. Instead, we plan to retain any earnings for use in our business operations, debt reduction and growth initiatives.

We may invest or spend the proceeds of this offering in ways with which you may not agree or in ways which may not yield a return.

The net proceeds from the sale of shares by us in this offering may be used for general corporate purposes, including paying down existing indebtedness and working capital. We may also use a portion of the net proceeds to acquire or invest in complementary businesses, technologies or other assets. Our management will have considerable discretion in the application of the net proceeds, and you will not have the opportunity, as part of your investment decision, to assess whether the proceeds are being used appropriately. The net proceeds to us from this offering may be invested with a view towards long-term benefits for our stockholders, and this may not increase our operating results or the market value of our common stock. Until the net proceeds are used, they may be placed in investments that do not produce significant income or that may lose value.

An active, liquid trading market for our common stock may not develop or be sustained.

We completed our initial public offering in 1993. Given the relatively limited public float since that time, trading in our common stock has been limited and, at times, volatile. An active trading market for our common stock may not develop or be sustained, and the trading price of our common stock may fluctuate substantially.

If we are unable to implement and maintain effective internal controls over financial reporting in the future, the accuracy and timeliness of our financial reporting may be adversely affected.

If we are unable to maintain adequate internal controls over financial reporting in the future, investor confidence in the accuracy of our financial reports may be impacted or the market price of our common stock could be negatively impacted. Our internal controls could be affected by personnel changes or information technology issues, many of which are out of our control.

In addition, as long as we qualify as a "smaller reporting company", we will not be subject to the auditor attestation requirements of Section 404(b) of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act. We will qualify as a smaller reporting company as long as the market value of our public float does not exceed \$75 million as of the last day of our second fiscal quarter in any fiscal year. We would be required to include the auditor's attestation on the effectiveness of our internal controls in our Form 10-K for the fiscal year in which we no longer qualify as a smaller reporting company.

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Special Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements

Certain statements made in this prospectus constitute forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements include statements preceded by, followed by or that include the words "may," "could," "would," "should," "believe," "expect," "anticigon "plan," "estimate," "target," "project," "potential," "intend" or similar expressions. These statements include, among others, statements regarding our expected business outlook, anticipated financial and operating results, business strategy and means to implement the strategy, the amount and timing of capital expenditures, the likelihood of our success in building our business, financing plans, budgets, working capital needs and sources of liquidity. We believe it is important to communicate our expectations to our stockholders. However, there may be events in the future that we are not able to predict accurately or over which we have no control.

Forward-looking statements, estimates and projections are based on management's beliefs and assumptions, are not guarantees of performance and may prove to be inaccurate. Forward-looking statements also involve risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in any forward-looking statement and which may have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and liquidity. A number of important factors could cause actual results or events to differ materially from those indicated by forward-looking statements. These risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to, those factors listed in this prospectus under "Risk Factors" and the following factors:

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	• our growth strategies;
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	• our potential acquisitions and investments;
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	• successful integration of acquisitions;
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	• risks related to development and construction activities;
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	• anticipated trends in the gaming industries;
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•	• patron demographics;
	• general market and economic conditions, including but not limited to, the effects of local and national economic, housing and energy conditions on the economy in general and on the gaming and lodging industries in particular;
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• access to capital and credit, including our ability to finance future business requirements;

	• our dependence on key personnel;
•	• the availability of adequate levels of insurance;
•	• changes in federal, state, and local laws and regulations, including environmental and gaming license or legislation and regulations;
•	• ability to obtain and maintain gaming and other governmental licenses;
•	• regulatory approvals;
	• impact of weather;
•	• competitive environment, including increased competition in our target market areas;
•	• increases in the effective rate of taxation at any of our properties or at the corporate level; and
	• risks, uncertainties and other factors described from time to time in this and our other SEC filings and reports
this p	are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date or conspectus. Forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks and uncertainties that may cause our all future results to differ materially from those projected or contemplated in the forward-looking statements.

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All forward-looking statements included herein attributable to us or any person acting on our behalf are expressly qualified in their entirety by the cautionary statements contained or referred to in this section. Except to the extent required by applicable laws and regulations, we undertake no obligation to update these forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances after the date of this report or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events. You should be aware that the occurrence of the events described in the "Risk Factors" section and elsewhere in this prospectus could have a material adverse effect on us.

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Use of Proceeds We estimate that we will receive approximately \$ million in net proceeds from the sale of our common stock in this offering, or approximately \$ million if the underwriter's option to purchase additional shares is exercised in full, at an assumed public offering price of \$ per share, and after deducting underwriting discounts and commissions and estimated offering expenses payable by us. We intend to use the net proceeds of this offering for future strategic acquisitions or investments, repayment of existing indebtedness, and general corporate purposes, including working capital. In addition, the amount and timing of what we actually spend for these purposes may vary significantly and will depend on a number of factors, including our future revenue and cash generated by operations and the other factors described in "Risk Factors." Accordingly, our management will have discretion and flexibility in applying the net proceeds of this offering. Our credit agreements consist of (a) a first lien credit agreement with Capital One Bank, N.A., which provides for a \$47.5 million term loan inclusive of a \$10.0 million undrawn tranche as of December 31, 2013 and a \$5.0 million revolving loan ("First Lien Credit Agreement"), and (b) a second lien credit agreement with ABC Funding, LLC, which provides for a \$20.0 million term loan ("Second Lien Credit Agreement"). As of December 31, 2013, we had an aggregate of \$57.5 million of indebtedness outstanding under our credit agreements. During the year ended December 31, 2012, we prepaid, at our discretion, the principal payment of \$1.3 million due April 1, 2013 on the First Lien Credit Agreement, in order to reduce interest costs. As a practice, we consistently prepaid our quarterly payments before their due dates in 2013, and during the year ended December 31, 2013, we prepaid, at our discretion, the sum of \$8.8 million in quarterly principal payments, which were due through July 1, 2015. The next scheduled principal payment is due October 1, 2015. We intend to repay \$ million outstanding under our credit agreements with the net proceeds of this offering. See "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations — Liquidity and Capital Resources — Banking Relationships." As of the date of this prospectus, we cannot specify with certainty all of the particular uses for any remaining net proceeds to us from this offering. However, we currently intend to use the net proceeds to us from this offering primarily for general corporate purposes, including working capital, and for future strategic acquisitions or investments that complement our business, although we have no present commitments or agreements to enter into any such acquisitions or investments. We will have broad discretion over the uses of the net proceeds from this offering. Pending these uses, we intend to invest the net proceeds from this offering in short-term, investment-grade,

interest-bearing securities such as money market funds, certificates of deposit, commercial paper and guaranteed

obligations of the U.S. government.

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Capitalization

The following table sets forth our consolidated capitalization as of December 31, 2013 on:

• an actual basis; and

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• as adjusted basis to give further effect to the sale by us of \_\_\_\_\_\_ shares of our common stock in this offering at an offering price of \$\_\_\_\_\_ per share, assuming that the underwriters have not exercised their option to purchase additional shares. This table should be read together with "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" and the consolidated financial statements and related notes included elsewhere in this prospectus.

December 31 2013

	(In thousands)		
		Actual (audited)	As Adjusted
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	14,936	\$
Indebtedness under our credit agreements (1)	\$	57,500	
Stockholders' equity:			
Common stock, par value \$0.0001 per share:			
100,000,000 shares authorized: 20,107,276 shares issued and 18,750,681		2	
shares outstanding (2); shares issued, as adjusted			
Additional paid-in capital		45,350	
Treasury stock, 1,356,595 common shares		(1,654)	
Retained earnings		34,116	
Total stockholders' equity		77,814	
Total capitalization	\$	135,314	\$

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• Inclusive of current maturities.

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• Excludes the following:

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• 1,356,595 shares of common stock held as treasury stock.

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• 137,000 shares of common stock available for future issuance under our Amended and Restated 2006 Incentive Compensation Plan as of December 31, 2013. On January 1, 2014, we granted a total of 120,000 shares of restricted stock to two executives under our Amended and Restated 2006 Incentive Compensation Plan. Therefore, as of January 1, 2014, 17,000 shares of common stock remain available for future issuance under our Amended and Restated 2006 Incentive Compensation Plan.

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Price Range of Common Stock and Dividends

Price Range of Our Common Stock

Our common stock traded on the NYSE Amex under the symbol "FLL" until February 12, 2013. On February 13, 2013, our common stock commenced trading on the NASDAQ Capital Market under the symbol "FLL". Set forth below are the high and low sales prices of our common stock as reported on the NYSE Amex until February 12, 2013 and the NASDAQ Capital Market for the periods thereafter.

	High	Low
Year Ending December 31, 2014		
First Quarter (through March 3, 2014)	\$ 2.79	\$ 2.34
Year Ended December 31, 2013		
First Quarter	\$ 3.58	\$ 2.75
Second Quarter	3.32	2.58
Third Quarter	3.05	2.61
Fourth Quarter	3.03	2.70
Year Ended December 31, 2012		
First Quarter	\$ 3.59	\$ 2.45
Second Quarter	3.15	2.76
Third Quarter	4.00	2.60
Fourth Quarter	3.82	2.73

As of March 3, 2014, we had 107 registered holders of record of our common stock. We believe that there are over 1,300 beneficial owners.

#### **Dividend Policy**

We have not paid any dividends on our common stock to date. The payment of dividends in the future will be contingent upon the terms of our indebtedness, and our revenues and earnings, if any, capital requirements, growth opportunities and general financial condition. It is the present intention of our Board of Directors to retain all earnings, if any, for use in our business operations, debt reduction and growth initiatives and, accordingly, our Board of Directors does not anticipate paying any dividends in the foreseeable future.

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Selected Financial Data

The following selected consolidated historical financial information as of December 31, 2013 and 2012 and for the years then ended was derived from our audited consolidated financial statements included in this prospectus. This information should be read together with "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" and our consolidated financial statements and the notes thereto included elsewhere in this prospectus.

	Year Ended December 31, 2013 (In thousands, ex			Year Ended ecember 31, 2012 (1) per share data)		
Statement of Operations Data: (2)	¢.	144707		¢.	100.760	
Revenues	\$	144,727		\$	128,760	
Operating income		2,960			49,638	
Net (loss) income		(3,962	)		27,834	
Basic per share (loss) income (3)	\$	(0.21	)	\$	1.49	
		As of			As of	
	Ι	December 31	, 2013	D	ecember 31, 2012 (1)	
			(in th	ousan	ousands)	
Balance Sheet Data:						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	14,936		\$	20,603	
Total assets		154,287			162,725	
Current liabilities		11,877			15,332	
Retained earnings		34,116			38,078	
Total stockholders' equity		77,814			81,133	

(1)

• Our results from 2012 include a pre-tax gain of \$41.2 million on the sale of the management rights and management agreement for the FireKeepers Casino to the FireKeepers Development Authority in March 2012.

(2)

• Our results of operations for 2013 and 2012 may not be comparable. We sold the management rights and management agreement for the FireKeepers Casino in March 2012 and acquired Silver Slipper Casino in October 2012.

(3)

• Excluding the \$4.0 million goodwill impairment charge recognized in September 2013, net of tax effect, our net loss would have been \$1.4 million and loss per share would have been \$0.07 for the year ended December 31, 2013. During the periods indicated, there were no common equivalent shares that would have been dilutive and, therefore, the calculations for basic and diluted are equal.

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Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and

**Results of Operations** 

The following is a discussion and analysis of our results of operations, financial condition, and liquidity and capital resources for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012, including our consolidated subsidiaries. Some of the information contained in this discussion includes forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties. You should review "Special Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements" and "Risk Factors" for a discussion of important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from the results described in, or implied by, such forward-looking statements.

#### Overview

We are a leading multi-jurisdictional developer, owner and operator of gaming-related enterprises in regional markets. We have successfully transitioned from a gaming management company to a company with operations that consist primarily of owned casino properties. The repositioning of our business plan is highlighted by the acquisition of Rising Star Casino Resort and the lease of Grand Lodge Casino in 2011 and the acquisition of Silver Slipper Casino and the sale of the management agreement for the FireKeepers Casino in 2012. We actively explore, individually and with partners, new gaming-related opportunities with a focus on acquiring and developing casino properties. We currently own three casino properties, lease one casino property and we have one management contract to manage a group of related casino properties. These properties are located in four distinct regions of the United States — the Gulf Coast, the Midwest, Northern Nevada and the Southwest.

On March 30, 2012, we entered into a Membership Interest Purchase Agreement with Silver Slipper Casino Venture LLC to acquire all of the outstanding membership interest of the entity operating Silver Slipper Casino in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi. The purchase was closed on October 1, 2012, for a price of approximately \$69.3 million exclusive of cash and working capital in the amount of \$6.4 million and \$2.9 million, respectively. We entered into the First Lien Credit Agreement on June 29, 2012 and the Second Lien Credit Agreement on October 1, 2012, as discussed in Note 8 to our consolidated financial statements included in this prospectus, and we used the debt to fund the Silver Slipper Casino purchase price.

On April 1, 2011, we acquired all of the operating assets of Grand Victoria Casino & Resort, L.P. through Gaming Entertainment (Indiana) LLC, our wholly-owned subsidiary. In August 2011, the property was renamed Rising Star Casino Resort. In May 2011, we entered into a three-year agreement with the Pueblo of Pojoaque, which has been approved by the National Indian Gaming Commission as a management contract, to advise on the operations of Buffalo Thunder Casino and Resort in Santa Fe, New Mexico, along with the Pueblo's Cities of Gold and other gaming facilities which in aggregate have approximately 1,200 slot machines, 18 tables games (including poker) and a simulcast area. Our management and related agreements with Buffalo Thunder Casino and Resort became effective on September 23, 2011. As of September 1, 2011, we own the operating assets of Grand Lodge Casino, and have a lease terminating August 31, 2018 with Hyatt Equities, L.L.C. for the casino space in the Hyatt Regency Lake Tahoe Resort, Spa and Casino in Incline Village, Nevada on the north shore of Lake Tahoe.

Until March 30, 2012, we owned 50% of Gaming Entertainment (Michigan) ("GEM"), a joint venture with RAM Entertainment, LLC, a privately-held investment company, where we were the primary beneficiary and, therefore, we included GEM in our consolidated financial statements. On February 17, 2012, we and RAM signed a letter of intent with the FireKeepers Development Authority to propose terms of a potential sale of GEM and its management rights and responsibilities under the current management agreement and allow the FireKeepers casino to become self-managed by the FireKeepers Development Authority, in return for \$97.5 million. The sale closed on March 30, 2012 and effectively terminated the existing management agreement, which was scheduled to run through August 2016. We also received a \$1.2 million wind-up fee equivalent to what our management fee would have been for the month of April 2012.

We conduct gaming operations in four gaming jurisdictions and are subject to regulatory oversight in each of those jurisdictions. Accordingly, we are required to submit regular reports to the gaming authorities in each jurisdiction regarding our operations and from time to time make applications regarding our operations, including financial arrangements entered into by us, and obtaining gaming licenses or findings

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of suitability of key personnel working at our properties. Such reporting and applications may affect our abilities to obtain financings or loans for our existing operations or expansion opportunities. We believe that we and our operations are in material compliance with all such gaming regulations.

Critical Accounting Estimates and Policies

Use of Estimates

We prepare our consolidated financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. Certain of our accounting policies require that we apply significant judgment in defining the appropriate assumptions for calculating financial estimates. The significant accounting estimates inherent in the preparation of our financial statements primarily include our valuation of goodwill and purchase price allocations made in connection with our acquisitions, the estimated useful lives assigned to our depreciable and amortizable assets, asset impairment, bad debt expense, our opinion of collectability of receivables and fair value estimates related to valuation of receivables. Other accounting estimates include management's proper calculation of payroll liabilities such as paid time off, medical benefits, bonus accruals and other liabilities including slot club points and tax liabilities

Various assumptions, principally affecting the timing and other factors, underlie the determination of some of these significant estimates. The process of determining significant estimates is fact-and project-specific and takes into account factors such as historical experience and current and expected legal, regulatory and economic conditions. We regularly evaluate these estimates and assumptions, particularly in areas, if any, where changes in such estimates and assumptions could have a material impact on our results of operations, financial position and, generally to a lesser extent, cash flows. Where recoverability of these assets or planned investments are contingent upon the successful development and management of a project, we evaluate the likelihood that the project will be completed, the prospective market dynamics and how the proposed facilities should compete in that setting in order to forecast future cash flows necessary to recover the recorded value of the assets or planned investment. We review our conclusions as warranted by changing conditions. By their nature, these judgments are subject to an inherent degree of uncertainty. Our judgments are based on our historical experience, terms of existing contracts, observance of trends in the gaming industry and information available from other outside sources. There can be no assurance that actual results will not differ from our estimates.

Our significant accounting policies and basis of presentation are discussed below, as well as where appropriate in this discussion and analysis and in the notes to our consolidated financial statements. Although our financial statements necessarily make use of certain accounting estimates made by management, except as discussed in the following paragraphs, we believe that no matters that are the subject of such estimates are so highly uncertain or susceptible to change as to present a significant risk of a material impact on our financial condition or operating performance.

Property and Equipment

We define a fixed asset as a unit of property that: (a) has an economic useful life that extends beyond 12 months; and (b) was acquired or produced for a cost greater than \$2,500 for a single asset, or greater than \$5,000 for a group of assets acquired or produced for a specific capital project. See Note 6 and Note 7 to the consolidated financial statements set forth in Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data. Fixed assets are capitalized and depreciated for book and tax purposes. Fixed assets acquired or produced for a cost less than \$2,500, our minimum threshold amount for capitalization, are reflected as an expense in our financial statements.

Fixed assets are recorded at historical cost as of the date acquired and depreciated beginning on the date the fixed asset is placed in service. A fixed asset costing less than the threshold stated above is recorded as an expense for financial statement and tax purposes. A fixed asset with an economic useful life that is less than 12 months is expensed for financial statement and tax purposes, regardless of the acquisition or production cost. We evaluate our property and equipment and other long-lived assets for impairment in accordance with the accounting guidance in the Impairment or Disposal of Long-Lived Assets Subsections of FASB ASC Topic 360-10.

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The interest cost associated with major development and construction projects is capitalized and included in the cost of the project. Interest expense is capitalized at the applicable weighted-average borrowing rates of interest. Interest capitalization ceases once a project is substantially complete or no longer undergoing construction activities to prepare it for its intended use.

Depreciation and amortization are computed using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets or the term of the capitalized lease, whichever is appropriate under the circumstances. Our capital lease asset and liabilities are initially measured at the beginning of the lease term at the present value of the minimum lease payments. Assets under a capital lease which meet the transfer-of-ownership or bargain-purchase option criteria of FASB ASC Topic 840, "Leases", are amortized over the estimated useful lives of the assets. Our depreciation expense is highly dependent on the assumptions we make about our assets' estimated useful lives. We determine the estimated useful lives based on our experience with similar assets and our estimate of the usage of the asset. Whenever events or circumstances occur which change the estimated useful life of an asset, we account for the change prospectively. Goodwill

Goodwill represents the excess of the purchase price over fair value of net assets acquired in connection with Silver Slipper Casino, Rising Star Casino Resort and Stockman's Casino. In accordance with the authoritative guidance for goodwill and other intangible assets, we test our goodwill and indefinite-lived intangible assets for impairment annually or if a triggering event occurs. We evaluate goodwill utilizing the market approach and income approach applying the discounted cash flows in accordance with the provisions of FASB ASC Topic 350, "Intangibles-Goodwill and Other" on an annual basis.

## Intangible Assets

Our indefinite-lived intangible assets include trademarks and certain license rights. Gaming licenses represent the value of the license to conduct gaming in certain jurisdictions, which are subject to highly extensive regulatory oversight and, in some cases, a limitation on the number of licenses available for issuance. The value of the Rising Star Casino Resort gaming license was estimated using a derivation of the income approach to valuation. The other gaming license values are based on actual costs. Trademarks are based on the legal fees and recording fees related to the trademark of the "Rising Star Casino Resort" name, and variations of such name. Indefinite-lived intangible assets are not amortized unless it is determined that their useful life is no longer indefinite. We periodically review our indefinite-lived assets to determine whether events and circumstances continue to support an indefinite useful life. If it is determined that an indefinite-lived intangible asset has a finite useful life, then the asset is tested for impairment and is subsequently accounted for as a finite-lived intangible asset.

Our finite-lived intangible assets include customer relationship player loyalty programs, land leases, water rights and bank loan fee intangibles. Finite-lived intangible assets are amortized over their estimated useful lives, and we periodically evaluate the remaining useful lives of these intangible assets to determine whether events and circumstances warrant a revision to the remaining period of amortization. We review our finite-lived intangible assets for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that their carrying amounts may not be recoverable.

The player loyalty programs represent the value of repeat business associated with Silver Slipper Casino's and Rising Star Casino Resort's loyalty programs. The values of the loyalty programs were determined using a derivation of the income approach to valuation. The valuation analyses for the active rated players were based on projected revenues and attrition rates. Silver Slipper Casino and Rising Star Casino Resort maintain historical information for the proportion of revenues attributable to the rated players for gross gaming revenue. The value of the player loyalty programs are amortized over a life of three years. Loan fees incurred and paid as a result of debt instruments were accumulated and amortized over the term of the related debt, based on an effective interest method.

### Revenue Recognition and Promotional Allowances

Slot coin-in is the gross amount wagered for the period cited. The win or hold percentage is the net amount of gaming wins and losses, with liabilities recognized for accruals related to the anticipated payout 24

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of progressive jackpots, funds deposited by customers before gaming play occurs (commonly called "casino front money") and for chips and tokens in the customers' possession (outstanding chip and token liability). Changes in our slot win percentages can have a significant impact to earnings.

For table games, customers usually purchase gaming chips at the gaming tables. The cash and markers (extensions of credit granted to certain credit worthy customers) are deposited in the gaming table's drop box. Table game win is the amount of drop that is retained and recorded as casino gaming revenue, with liabilities recognized for funds deposited by customers before gaming play occurs and for unredeemed gaming chips. As we are focused on regional gaming markets, our table win percentages are fairly stable as the majority of these markets do not regularly experience high-end play, which can lead to volatility in win percentages. Therefore, changes in table game win percentages do not typically have a material impact to our earnings.

Key performance indicators related to gaming revenue are slot coin-in and table game drop (volume indicators) and "win" or "hold" percentage. Our typical property slot win percentage is in the range of 4% to 9% of slot coin-in, and our typical table game win percentage is in the range of 5% to 25% of table game drop.

Hotel, food and beverage, entertainment and other operating revenues are recognized as services are performed, net of revenue-based taxes. Advance ticket sales are recorded as deferred revenue until services are provided to the customer. Revenues are recognized net of certain sales incentives, and accordingly, cash incentives to customers for gambling activity, including the cash value of points redeemed by Players Club members, totaling \$6.0 million and \$6.7 million have been recognized as a direct reduction of casino revenue in 2013 and 2012, respectively. Sales and similar revenue-linked taxes collected from customers are excluded from revenue and recorded as a liability payable to the appropriate taxing authority and included in accrued expenses. Revenue also does not include the retail value of accommodations, food and beverage, and other services gratuitously furnished to customers totaling \$19.8 million in 2013 and \$15.4 million in 2012. The estimated cost of providing room, food and beverage and other incentives is included primarily in casino expenses.

We recognize the impact on gaming revenues on an annual basis to reflect an estimate of the change in the value of outstanding chips and tokens that are not expected to be redeemed. This estimate is determined by measuring the difference between the total value of chips and tokens placed in service less the value of chips and tokens in the inventory of chips and tokens under our control. This measurement was not consistently performed in past years, but will be performed on an annual basis in the future utilizing methodology in which a consistent formula is applied to estimate the percentage value of the chips and tokens not in custody that are not expected to be redeemed. In addition to the formula, certain judgments are made with regard to various denominations and souvenir chips and tokens. Customer Loyalty Programs

We currently offer incentives to our customers through customer loyalty programs at each of our properties — the Silver Slipper Casino Players Club, the Rising Star Rewards Club<sup>TM</sup>, the Grand Lodge Players Advantage Club ® and the Stockman's Winner's Club. Under these programs, customers earn points based on their level of play that may be redeemed for various benefits, such as free play, cash back, complimentary dining, or hotel stays, among others, depending on each property's specific offers. The reward credit balance under the plans will be forfeited if the customer does not earn any reward credits over a specified time period, or after a specified time period of inactivity, up to a 13-month time period, depending on the specific property's customer loyalty program.

We accrue a liability for the estimated cost of providing these benefits as the benefits are earned. Estimates and assumptions are made regarding cost of providing the benefits, breakage rates, and the mix of goods and services customers will choose. We use historical data to assist in the determination of estimated accruals. Changes in estimates or customer redemption habits could produce significantly different results. At December 31, 2013 and December 31, 2012, we had accrued \$1.2 million and \$1.3 million, respectively, for the estimated cost of providing these benefits. Such amounts are included in "Accrued player club points and progressive jackpots" in our Consolidated Balance Sheets.

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Loyalty programs are just a part of the total marketing program. The amount of marketing reinvestment (complimentaries to players, promotional awards, entertainment, etc.) is based on the specific property and competitive assumptions. We track the percentage of promotional and marketing costs compared to gaming revenue for an efficient use and return on our marketing investment. Each of our properties has been faced with a highly competitive promotional environment due to the high amounts of incentives offered by the competition. The Rising Star Casino Resort has been significantly impacted by the substantial promotions offered at the new Ohio casinos. Share-based Compensation

Share-based compensation expense from stock awards is included in general and administrative expense. See Note 12 to the consolidated financial statements included in this prospectus. Vesting is contingent upon certain conditions, including continuous service of the individual recipients. Unvested stock grants made in connection with our incentive compensation plan are viewed as a series of individual awards and the related share-based compensation expense is amortized into compensation expense on a straight-line basis as services are provided over the vesting period, and reported as a reduction of stockholders' equity. We grant shares of restricted stock, rather than options, to key members of management and the board of directors.

Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements

We have reviewed authoritative standards issued after December 31, 2013. As a result, we determined that the new standards are not likely to have any significant impact on our future financial statements.

## **Results of Operations**

A significant portion of our operating income in 2012 and prior years was generated from our management agreements, including agreements with the FireKeepers Casino in Michigan and the Buffalo Thunder Casino and Resort in New Mexico. The FireKeepers management agreement ended March 30, 2012, with the sale of our interest in GEM. The Buffalo Thunder Casino and Resort management agreement is in effect through September 2014. There can be no assurance that the Buffalo Thunder management agreement will be extended. Consistent with our long-term strategy, we have acquired gaming properties and have transitioned from primarily a management company to primarily an owner/operator of regional casino operations. With the acquisition of Rising Star Casino Resort in 2011 and Silver Slipper Casino in 2012, and the leasing of Grand Lodge Casino in 2011, our results of continuing operations have been significantly impacted and our revenues are currently primarily derived from owned operations. For purposes of our discussion, references to (i) Midwest segment refers to Rising Star Casino Resort, (ii) Gulf Coast segment refers to Silver Slipper Casino and (iii) Northern Nevada segment refers to Grand Lodge Casino and Stockman's Casino.

We believe the impact of the lost revenues from the sale of our interest in GEM and the FireKeepers management agreement was diminished with the acquisition of the Silver Slipper Casino, as well as the Rising Star Casino Resort and Grand Lodge Casino operations.

Indiana gaming tax legislation was recently passed, which allows a portion of the free play to be tax-free, resulting in a savings of \$1.0 million for the year ended December 31, 2013, for the Rising Star Casino Resort. In addition, as part of the legislation, if Rising Star Casino Resort's gross gaming revenues are less than \$75.0 million during the State of Indiana's fiscal year ended June 30, 2014, we may be entitled to additional tax relief currently estimated at \$2.5 million per year, beginning on July 1, 2014.

Year Ended December 31, 2013, Compared to Year Ended December 31, 2012 Revenues

For the year ended December 31, 2013, total revenues increased \$16.0 million, or 12% as compared to 2012, principally related to \$51.6 million in revenue in our Gulf Coast segment, representing a full year of operations at Silver Slipper Casino, which we purchased on October 1, 2012, offset by a \$17.1 million, or 26

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20%, decrease in our Midwest segment revenues as a result of increased competition and a \$5.6 million, or 77%, decrease in our development/management segment revenues as a result of the sale of our interest in GEM and the FireKeepers management agreement on March 30, 2012.

The \$17.1 million decrease in our Midwest segment revenues was the result of lower casino revenues at the Rising Star Casino Resort, primarily as a result of increased competition due to the opening of an Ohio racino in December 2013, a new casino in Cincinnati, Ohio, in March 2013, and two casinos in Columbus, Ohio in 2012, coupled with an overall soft market growth.

The \$16.0 million increase in total revenues for the year ended December 31, 2013 consisted of the following changes by revenue type: an \$18.9 million, or 17%, increase in casino revenues, a \$1.7 million, or 28%, increase in food and beverage revenues, a \$0.1 million, or 18%, increase in hotel revenues, and a \$0.7 million, or 32%, increase in other revenues, offset by a \$5.5 million, or 77%, decrease in management fees, as discussed above. The increases in casino and food and beverage revenues were due to the revenue at the Silver Slipper Casino, representing a full year of operations, offset by a \$16.5 million, or 21%, decrease in casino revenues and \$0.7 million, or 18%, decrease in food and beverage revenues at the Rising Star Casino Resort, due to increased competition as discussed above. The Rising Star Casino Resort's hotel revenue for the year ended December 31, 2013 was \$0.6 million, an increase of \$0.1 million, or 18%, over the prior year, due to the addition of the 104 new rooms in November. The Rising Star Casino Resort had an occupancy rate of 90%, an average daily rate ("ADR") of \$63 and hotel revenue per available room ("RevPAR") of \$57, for the year ended December 31, 2013, as compared to an occupancy rate of 97%, an ADR of \$63 and RevPAR of \$61, for the year ended December 31, 2012. The Rising Star Casino Resort's hotel revenue consisted of approximately 89% of complimentary room sales for the year ended December 31, 2013, as compared to approximately 90% of complimentary room sales for the year ended December 31, 2012.

**Operating Costs and Expenses** 

For the year ended December 31, 2013, total operating costs and expenses increased \$17.5 million, or 15%, as compared to 2012, as a result of the purchase of the Silver Slipper Casino operations with \$47.7 million in operating costs for the full year. Casino expenses increased by 7.6% to approximately \$67.8 million in 2013 and food and beverage expenses increased by 31.4% to approximately \$7.8 million in 2013, principally due to a full year of operations at Silver Slipper Casino in 2013. Hotel expenses increased \$0.1 million, or 20%, primarily due to the addition of the new 104-room hotel tower at the Rising Star Casino Resort in November 2013. The increase in Silver Slipper Casino operating costs was offset by a \$13.8 million, or 17%, decrease in our Midwest segment costs and a \$2.2 million, or 97%, decrease in our development/management segment operating costs. Operating costs also decreased \$1.5 million, or 22%, in our corporate segment primarily due to a \$1.2 million, or 18%, decrease in selling, general and administrative expenses as explained below. The \$2.2 million decrease in our development/management segment operating costs was predominantly attributable to the sale of our interest in GEM and the FireKeepers management agreement on March 30, 2012.

The \$13.8 million decrease in our Midwest segment operating expenses was the result of cost containment measures and a decrease in business volume. The decrease in Midwest segment operating costs were spread between expense categories with \$10.2 million, or 21%, in lower casino expenses, \$2.0 million, or 10%, in lower selling, general and administrative expenses (as explained below), \$1.1 million, or 27%, in lower depreciation expense and \$0.4 million, or 12%, in lower food and beverage expenses. Rising Star Casino Resort's casino expenses decreased \$10.2 million over the prior year, largely due to a \$7.3 million, or 30%, decrease in gaming taxes, a \$1.5 million, or 13%, decrease in complimentary expense and a \$0.7 million, or 8%, decrease in casino payroll and related expenses. Gaming taxes were lower for the year ended December 31, 2013 due to lower taxable gaming revenues and also were partially attributable to new Indiana gaming tax legislation, which allows a portion of the free play to be tax-free resulting in a savings of \$1.0 million for the year ended December 31, 2013. Rising Star Casino Resort's depreciation expenses decreased \$1.1 million over the prior year period, as a result of some shorter-lived fixed assets that became fully depreciated. Rising Star Casino Resort's food and beverage expenses decreased \$0.4 million over the prior year period due to the decline in business which lowered food and beverage cost of sales.

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Project Development and Acquisition Costs

For the year ended December 31, 2013, project development costs decreased \$1.8 million, or 96%, as compared to 2012, mainly as a result of the Silver Slipper Casino acquisition costs incurred in the prior year. Project development and acquisition costs are allocated to our development/management segment.

Selling, General and Administrative Expense

For the year ended December 31, 2013, selling, general and administrative expenses increased \$10.0 million, or 27%, as compared to 2012. Selling, general and administrative expenses were \$18.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2013 at the Silver Slipper Casino, which was acquired on October 1, 2012, which were partially offset by a \$2.0 million, or 10%, decrease in our Midwest segment expenses and also a \$1.2 million, or 18%, decrease in our corporate segment expenses due to lower compensation and other employee related expenses.

The \$2.0 million decrease in our Midwest segment's selling, general and administrative expenses was due to Rising Star Casino Resort's cost control initiatives which resulted in \$1.2 million, or 13%, lower payroll and other employee related expenses, \$0.3 million, or 93%, lower maintenance expenses related to dredging and a \$0.5 million, or 29%, decline in advertising expenses.

Operating Gains (Losses)

For the year ended December 31, 2013, we incurred an impairment loss of \$4.0 million related to Stockman's Casino goodwill as discussed in Note 5 to the consolidated financial statements included in this prospectus. This contrasts with a \$41.2 million gain on sale of the joint venture, related to the sale of our interest in GEM in the prior year period.

Other (Expense) Income

Income Taxes

For the year ended December 31, 2013 we incurred a \$4.5 million increase in interest expense related to our First Lien Credit Agreement and Second Lien Credit Agreement, whose proceeds were used to purchase Silver Slipper Casino. We capitalized \$0.03 million in interest related to the construction of a hotel at Silver Slipper Casino, as discussed in Note 11 to the consolidated financial statements included in this prospectus. In the year ended December 31, 2012, we incurred a \$1.7 million loss on extinguishment of debt related to the write-off of the loan costs related to our prior credit agreement with Wells Fargo Bank, National Association (the "Wells Fargo Credit Agreement"). These other (expense) income items are allocated to our corporate operations segment.

The estimated effective tax rate for the year ended December 31, 2013 is approximately 8% compared to 35% for the same period in 2012. The lower tax rate in 2013 is primarily a function of pre-tax book loss of \$4.3 million for the year ended December 2013 compared to pre-tax book income of \$45.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2012. The lower tax rate in 2013 was primarily due to the pre-tax book loss of \$4.3 million and the impact of permanent

The lower tax rate in 2013 was primarily due to the pre-tax book loss of \$4.3 million and the impact of permanent items, including the non-deductibility of gaming taxes in calculating state tax and the deductibility of executive compensation related to the vesting of restricted stock during the year. State tax expense is typically higher than the statutory rate as a result of the non-deductibility of gaming taxes in certain states. The tax deduction for restricted stock, which vested in June 2013, was lower than the cumulative expense recognized on the income statement over the three year vesting period. There is no valuation allowance on the deferred tax asset of \$1.3 million as of December 31, 2013, as we believe the deferred tax assets are fully realizable. Subsequent to year end, we filed our tax return for 2013, and we received in early March 2014 a refund of \$2.0 million for a net operating loss carryback. Noncontrolling Interest

For the year ended December 31, 2012, we recorded net income attributable to non-controlling interest in consolidated joint venture of \$2.2 million as a result of our interest in GEM, which was sold on March 30, 2012.

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Liquidity and Capital Resources

Economic Conditions and Related Risks and Uncertainties

The United States has experienced, since 2007, a widespread and severe economic slowdown accompanied by, among other things, weakness in consumer spending including gaming activity and reduced credit and capital financing availability, all of which have far-reaching effects on economic conditions in the country for an indeterminate period. Our operations are currently concentrated in the Gulf Coast, the Midwest, Northern Nevada and the Southwest. Accordingly, future operations could be affected by adverse economic conditions and increased competition particularly in those areas and their key feeder markets in neighboring states. The effects and duration of these conditions and related risks and uncertainties on our future operations and cash flows, including our access to capital or credit financing, cannot be estimated at this time, but may be significant.

Silver Slipper Casino, Rising Star Casino Resort, Grand Lodge Casino, and Stockman's Casino operations, along with the Buffalo Thunder Casino and Resort management agreement, are currently our primary sources of income and operating cash flow. There can be no assurance that the Pueblo of Pojoaque management agreement ending in September 2014, or the Grand Lodge Casino lease ending in August 2018 will be extended beyond their current terms. The Buffalo Thunder management agreement generated \$1.7 million in management income in 2013.

On a consolidated basis, cash provided by operations during the year ended December 31, 2013 was \$12.3 million.

Cash of \$6.5 million was used in investing activities, largely due to the purchase of \$6.2 million in property and equipment at our various properties, including \$2.2 million in construction costs for a six-story, 142-room hotel at our Silver Slipper Casino property (the "Silver Slipper Casino Hotel"). Cash of \$11.5 million was used in financing activities to repay \$11.3 million in debt and pay \$0.2 million in loan fees connected with the Silver Slipper Casino Hotel financing.

As of December 31, 2013, we had approximately \$14.9 million in cash and equivalents. During the year ended December 31, 2012, we prepaid, at our discretion, the principal payment of \$1.3 million due April 1, 2013 on the First Lien Credit Agreement, in order to reduce interest costs. As a practice, we consistently prepaid our quarterly payments before their due dates in 2013, and during the year ended December 31, 2013, we prepaid, at our discretion, the sum of \$8.8 million in quarterly principal payments, which were due through July 1, 2015. The next scheduled principal payment is due October 1, 2015.

#### Projects

Our future cash requirements include funding needs of approximately \$5.2 million towards future construction costs for the Silver Slipper Casino Hotel. Construction and financing costs of \$2.5 million were funded from available cash during the year ended December 31, 2013, for the Silver Slipper Casino Hotel. On August 26, 2013, we entered into an agreement with WHD Silver Slipper Casino, LLC related to construction of the Silver Slipper Casino Hotel. We have commenced construction of the Silver Slipper Casino Hotel, which is expected to be completed in late 2014 or early 2015 and is budgeted to cost approximately \$17.7 million. The progress on the Silver Slipper Casino Hotel has been slower than expected as we encountered soil conditions which may extend the opening of the hotel to early 2015. In connection with the financing of the Silver Slipper Casino Hotel, on August 26, 2013, we entered into a First Amendment to the First Lien Credit Agreement ("First Lien Amendment") and an Amendment No. 1 to the Second Lien Credit Agreement ("Second Lien Amendment") which amended certain provisions of our First and Second Lien Credit Agreements, respectively. The First Lien Amendment modifications included a \$10.0 million increase to the term loan portion of the First Lien Credit Agreement to \$56.3 million, a 1% lower interest rate and an extended maturity date to June 29, 2016. We intend to finance \$10.0 million of the construction cost of the Silver Slipper Casino Hotel with the proceeds of the increase in the term loan under our First Lien Credit Agreement as described in Note 8 to the consolidated financial statements included in this prospectus, which remains undrawn and available within the limits and terms of the First Lien Credit Agreement, with the remaining \$7.7 million of the construction cost funded or to be funded from available cash as discussed previously.

We believe the Silver Slipper Casino Hotel is a much-needed amenity which will allow guests to extend their visits and enjoy more of what Silver Slipper Casino has to offer and favorably impact customer loyalty and revenues.

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In October 2011, Rising Sun/Ohio County First, Inc., an Indiana non-profit corporation, and Rising Sun Regional Foundation, Inc. teamed up to develop a new 104-room hotel on land adjacent to our Rising Star Casino Resort. Construction commenced in December 2012, and the new hotel tower at Rising Star Casino Resort opened November 15, 2013. We believe that the added hotel room inventory in proximity to our casino facility will favorably impact revenues and visitor counts.

On August 16, 2013, we entered into a 10-year capital lease for the new hotel tower at Rising Star Casino Resort (the "Rising Star Hotel Agreement") which commenced on November 15, 2013 and provides us with full management control and an option to purchase the new hotel tower at Rising Star Casino Resort at the end of the lease term. We have recorded the capital lease obligation and hotel assets in our financial statements. On November 15, 2013, we began operating the new hotel tower at Rising Star Casino Resort. The Rising Star Hotel Agreement provides that we, as the lessee, assume all responsibilities, revenues, expenses, profits and losses related to the hotel's operations. The term of the Rising Star Hotel Agreement is for 10 years from November 15, 2013, with the landlord having a right to sell the hotel to us at the end of the term and our corresponding obligation to purchase it on the terms set forth in the Rising Star Hotel Agreement. During the term, we will have the exclusive option to purchase the new hotel tower at Rising Star Casino Resort at a pre-set price. On January 1, 2014, we began paying a fixed monthly rent payment of approximately \$77.5 thousand, which will continue throughout the term of the Rising Star Hotel Agreement unless we elect to purchase the hotel before the end of the lease period. In the event that we default on the lease agreement, the landlord's recourse is limited to taking possession of the property, collection of all rent due and payable, and the right to seek remediation for any attorneys' fees, litigation expenses, and costs of retaking and re-leasing the property. Subject to the effects of the economic uncertainties discussed above, we believe that adequate financial resources will be available to execute our current growth plan from a combination of operating cash flows and external debt and equity financing. However, there can be no assurances of our ability to continue expanding. Other Projects

We evaluate projects on a number of factors, including forecasted profitability, development period, regulatory and political environment and the ability to secure the funding necessary to complete the development or acquisition, among other considerations. No assurance can be given that any additional projects will be pursued or completed or that any completed projects will be successful.

We believe that there are significant opportunities to grow our operations in existing and new regional casino markets throughout the United States. Our expansion efforts have principally focused on opportunities in the Southern United States. We believe that our expertise as a multi-jurisdictional casino operator and our experience with the development of the FireKeepers Casino position us well to expand our operations with new project openings.

We, together with Keeneland Association, Inc., are currently pursuing potential gaming opportunities in Kentucky, including the installation of instant racing machines at racetrack properties. The installation of instant racing machines at racetrack properties in Kentucky has been challenged by opponents of the instant racing machines who filed an action alleging that the machines are unlawful gambling. The Kentucky Court of Appeals had vacated the lower court's decision that had upheld regulations adopted by the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission authorizing the use of instant racing machines by race tracks in Kentucky, and the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission and others, including Keeneland Association, Inc., appealed the vacation of the lower court's decision to the Kentucky Supreme Court. On February 20, 2014, the Kentucky Supreme Court held, among other matters, that the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission acted in its regulatory authority when it licensed the operation of pari-mutuel wagering on instant racing, also known as historical horse racing, but remanded the matter to the Circuit Court to determine if instant racing constitutes a pari-mutuel form of wagering authorized by Kentucky law.

On February 26, 2014, we entered into an exclusivity agreement with Keeneland Association, Inc. to own, manage, and operate instant racing and, if authorized, traditional casino gaming at race tracks in Kentucky, subject to completion of definitive documents for each opportunity. In addition, we and Keeneland Association, Inc. have a letter of intent that provides for an exclusive option to purchase the 30

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Thunder Ridge Raceway in Prestonsburg, Kentucky. The purchase will be subject to the completion of definitive documentation and to the approval of the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission, including the approval to transfer the racing license to a to-be-constructed quarter horse racetrack near Corbin, Kentucky to be owned 75% by us and 25% by Keeneland Association, Inc.

## Banking Relationships

On October 29, 2010, we, as borrower, entered into the Wells Fargo Credit Agreement with the financial institutions listed therein and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association. On December 17, 2010, we entered into a Commitment Increase of the Wells Fargo Credit Agreement and a related Assignment Agreement increasing the loan commitment from \$36.0 million to \$38.0 million, consisting of a \$33.0 million term loan and a revolving line of credit of \$5.0 million.

The initial funding date of the Wells Fargo Credit Agreement occurred on March 31, 2011, when we borrowed \$33.0 million on the term loan which was used to fund our acquisition of Rising Star Casino Resort. The purchase occurred on April 1, 2011. The Wells Fargo Credit Agreement was secured by substantially all of our assets. Using proceeds from the sale of our interest in GEM and the FireKeepers management agreement, we paid off the remaining \$25.3 million debt related to the Wells Fargo Credit Agreement and extinguished the facility on March 30, 2012, which consisted of \$24.8 million of our existing long term debt and \$0.5 million due on the interest rate swap agreement related to the Wells Fargo Credit Agreement.

On June 29, 2012, we entered into the First Lien Credit Agreement with Capital One, which provided for a term loan in an amount up to \$50.0 million and a revolving loan in an amount up to \$5.0 million. On October 1, 2012, we entered into the Second Lien Credit Agreement with ABC Funding, LLC as administrative agent which provided for a term loan in an amount up to \$20.0 million. On October 1, 2012, we closed on the acquisition of all of the equity membership interests in Silver Slipper Casino Venture LLC dba Silver Slipper Casino located in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi. The purchase price of approximately \$69.3 million, exclusive of cash and working capital in the amount \$6.4 million and \$2.9 million, respectively, was funded by our First Lien Credit Agreement with Capital One Bank, N.A. and our Second Lien Credit Agreement with ABC Funding, LLC. The \$5.0 million revolving loan under the First Lien Credit Agreement remains undrawn and available, subject to the terms and restrictions of the First Lien Credit Agreement. The First Lien Credit Agreement and Second Lien Credit Agreement are secured by substantially all of our assets and therefore, our wholly-owned subsidiaries guarantee our obligations under the agreements. The Second Lien Credit Agreement is subject to the lien of the First Lien Credit agreement.

We have elected to pay interest on the First Lien Credit Agreement based on the greater of the elected LIBOR rate, or 1.0%, plus a margin rate as set forth in the agreement. The LIBOR rate is a rate per annum equal to the quotient of (a) the greater of (1) 1.00% and (2) the rate per annum referenced to as the BBA (British Bankers Association) LIBOR divided by (b) one minus the reserve requirement set forth in the First Lien Credit Agreement for such loan in effect from time to time. LIBOR rate elections can be made based on a 30 day, 60 day, 90 day or 180 day LIBOR, and margins are adjusted quarterly. As of December 31, 2013, the interest rate was 4.75% on the balance outstanding on the First Lien Credit Agreement, based on the 1.0% minimum, plus a 3.75% margin. We pay interest on the Second Lien Credit Agreement at the fixed rate of 13.25% per annum.

The First Lien Credit Agreement and Second Lien Credit Agreement contain customary negative covenants, including, but not limited to, restrictions on our and our subsidiaries' ability to: incur indebtedness; grant liens; pay dividends and make other restricted payments; make investments; make fundamental changes; dispose of assets; and change the nature of our business. The First Lien Credit Agreement and Second Lien Credit Agreement require that we maintain specified financial covenants, including a total leverage ratio, a first lien leverage ratio, and a fixed charge coverage ratio, all of which measure Adjusted EBITDA (as defined in the agreements) against outstanding debt and fixed charges (as defined in the agreements). A capital expenditure ratio must also be maintained as set forth in the agreements. The First Lien Credit Agreement and Second Lien Credit Agreement define Adjusted EBITDA as net income (loss) plus (i) interest expense, net, (ii) provision for taxes (iii) depreciation and amortization and further adjusted to eliminate the impact of certain items that are not indicative of ongoing operating performance such as: (iv) acquisition costs, (v) non-cash stock compensation, (vi) loss on derivatives and debt, (vii) gain on sale of joint venture, (viii) impairment loss, and (ix) certain severance costs.

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The First Lien Amendment revised the ratio requirements under the First Lien Credit Agreement. Also, the Second Lien Amendment revised the total leverage ratio requirements under the Second Lien Credit Agreement to exclude the capital lease related to the new tower at the Rising Star Casino Resort. The First Lien Credit Agreement and the Second Lien Credit Agreement maximum total leverage ratio and maximum first lien leverage ratio vary according to the applicable time period and the fixed charge coverage ratio remains constant, as indicated in the tables below: First Lien Credit Agreement

Applicable Period	Maximum Total Leverage Ratio	Maximum First Lien Leverage Ratio	Minimum Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio
Initial funding date through and including December 31, 2014	4.00x	2.75x	1.10x
January 1, 2015 through and including December 31, 2015	3.75x	2.50x	1.10x
January 1, 2016 and thereafter Second Lien Credit Agreement	3.50x	2.25x	1.10x

Applicable Period	Maximum Total Leverage Ratio	Maximum First Lien Leverage Ratio	Minimum Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio
Initial funding date through and including September 30, 2013	4.00x	3.00x	1.00x
October 1, 2013 through and including September 30, 2014	3.75x	2.75x	1.00x
October 1, 2014 and thereafter	3.50x	2.50x	1.00x

We measure compliance with our covenants on a quarterly basis and we were in compliance as of December 31, 2013; however, there can be no assurances that we will remain in compliance with all covenants in the future. The First Lien Credit Agreement and Second Lien Credit Agreement also include customary events of default, including, among other things: non-payment; breach of covenant; breach of representation or warranty; cross-default under certain other indebtedness or guarantees; commencement of insolvency proceedings; inability to pay debts; entry of certain material judgments against us or our subsidiaries; occurrence of certain ERISA events; re-purchase of our own stock and certain changes of control. A breach of a covenant or other events of default could cause the loans to be immediately due and payable, terminate commitments for additional loan funds, or the lenders could exercise any other remedy available under the First Lien Credit Agreement or Second Lien Credit Agreement or by law. If a breach of covenants or other event of default were to occur, we would seek modifications to covenants or a temporary waiver or waivers from the First Lien Credit Agreement and Second Lien Credit Agreement lenders. No assurance can be given that we would be successful in obtaining such modifications.

During the year ended December 31, 2012, we prepaid, at our discretion, the principal payment of \$1.3 million due April 1, 2013 on the First Lien Credit Agreement, in order to reduce interest costs. As a practice, we consistently prepaid our quarterly payments before their due dates in 2013, and during the year ended December 31, 2013, we prepaid, at our discretion, the sum of \$8.8 million in quarterly principal payments, which were due through July 1, 2015. The next scheduled principal payment is due October 1, 2015.

We are required to make prepayments under the First Lien Credit Agreement, under certain conditions defined in the agreement, in addition to the scheduled principal installments for any fiscal year ending December 31, 2012 and thereafter. Prepayment penalties will be assessed in the event that prepayments are made on the Second Lien Credit Agreement prior to the discharge of the First Lien Credit Agreement.

On August 26, 2013, we entered into the First Lien Amendment and the Second Lien Amendment which amended certain provisions of the First Lien Credit Agreement and Second Lien Credit Agreement. The First Lien Amendment modifications included a \$10.0 million increase to the term loan portion of the First Lien Credit Agreement to \$56.3 million, a 1% lower interest rate and an extended maturity date to June 29, 2016. Also, certain financial ratio

covenants were revised under the First Lien Credit Agreement and Second Lien Credit Agreement to accommodate the additional extension of credit under the First Lien 32

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Credit Agreement and our capital lease agreement related to the new hotel tower at Rising Star Casino Resort, as discussed in Note 7 to the consolidated financial statements included in this prospectus. The \$10.0 million increase to the term loan under our First Lien Credit Agreement remains undrawn and available, subject to the terms and restrictions of the First Lien Credit Agreement, and will be used to fund a portion of the approximately \$17.7 million construction of the Silver Slipper Casino Hotel. We have commenced construction of the Silver Slipper Casino Hotel, which is expected to be completed in late 2014 or early 2015. The remaining \$7.7 million of the construction cost has been, and will be, funded from available cash. As of December 31, 2013, we had funded cash of \$2.5 million in construction and financing costs for the Silver Slipper Casino Hotel, and we anticipate funding an additional \$5.2 million in cash in 2014.

## Off-balance Sheet Arrangements

We have no off-balance sheet arrangements that have, or are reasonably likely to have, a current or future effect on our financial condition, changes in financial condition, revenues or expenses, results of operations, liquidity, capital expenditures or capital resources that is material to investors.

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**Business** 

Background

We and our subsidiaries, develop, manage, operate, and/or invest in gaming-related enterprises. We continue to actively investigate, individually and with partners, new business opportunities and our long-term strategy is to continue deriving revenues primarily from owned operations, as well as management fees. In furtherance of that strategy we made significant acquisitions of Rising Star Casino Resort and Grand Lodge Casino leased operation in 2011 and Silver Slipper Casino in 2012. With the sale of the management agreement for the FireKeepers Casino in Michigan, we have transitioned the primary source of our revenues to owned entities.

We currently own three casino properties, lease one casino property and we have one management contract to manage a group of related casino properties. These properties are located in four distinct regions of the United States — the Gulf Coast, the Midwest, Northern Nevada and the Southwest. We own Rising Star Casino Resort located in Rising Sun, Indiana, Silver Slipper Casino located in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi and Stockman's Casino located in Fallon, Nevada. We lease the Grand Lodge Casino at the Hyatt Regency Lake Tahoe Resort, Spa and Casino located in Incline Village, Nevada on the North Shore of Lake Tahoe. We manage the Buffalo Thunder Casino and Resort and the Cities of Gold and