## **RED ROCK RESORTS, INC. (RRR):** Questions For Current and Prospective Investors

## Secondary Offering, Growth, and Labor Relations

Red Rock Resorts, Inc. (NASDAQ: RRR) owns a minority (≈35.8%) interest in Station Casinos LLC, a Las Vegas-centric regional gaming company.

#### Secondary offering of up to 37.5 million RRR Class A shares

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- What will be the amounts to be paid to Deutsche Bank and other pre-IPO owners under the tax receivable agreement?

#### Growth concerns

- Is the Las Vegas Regional Market saturated?
- Will Palms cannibalize Palace Station?
- If built, will "Durango Station" cannibalize Palms and Red Rock Resort?
- Is Station Casinos going to sell its 88-acre "Mt. Rose" site in Reno soon?
- Will Station Casinos do a deal to add geographic diversity to its portfolio?
- When will Station Casinos sign another tribal casino development and management agreement?

#### Evolving labor relations

- Which Station Casinos properties are union?
- Will more become union?

## Secondary Offering of Up to 37.5 Million Class A Shares

Why are top Red Rock Resorts executives registering to sell all the shares they can sell? Certain owners of Red Rock Resorts are registering to sell up to 37,514,810 class A shares (S-1, filed 10/26/16). <u>Selling stockholders</u> include <u>Deutsche Bank</u>, Fidelity, other pre-IPO institutional owners, *and* three of the company's top executives, who are registering to sell all the shares they can sell.

Name	Title	Class A Shares for Sale	Class A Shares <u>Not</u> for Sale
Stephen Cavallaro	Executive Vice Chairman	988,032	38,461*
Richard Haskins	President	1,281,757	38,461*
Marc Falcone	EVP, CFO, and Treasurer	997,043	30,769*



\* Equal to the number of restricted shares each received as part of the IPO.

What will be the amounts to be paid to Deutsche Bank and other pre-IPO owners under the tax receivable agreement (TRA)?

The tax receivable agreement that Red Rock Resorts entered into as part of its IPO requires the company to pay 85% of certain tax benefits, if realized, to pre-IPO owners when they sell their ownership stakes.

These TRA payments must be made before the company can pay dividends.

While the company says no TRA payments are due in the next 12 months, it does say the payment amounts "may be significant" and "could be substantial" in its Oct. 26 S-1 filing.

The TRA liability on the balance sheet as of 6/30/16 was \$44.8 million.

## **Concerns About Station Casinos' Core Market**

#### Is the Las Vegas Regional Market saturated? (Click on the map to see our interactive map online)

Station Casinos has repeatedly said: "over 90% of Las Vegas population [are] located within five miles of one of our gaming facilities." The map below shows what this means, with 5-mile circles drawn around the company's 10 major properties (**red** markers, and **purple** for the newly acquired Palms).



(Blue markers show the other, non-Stations existing major locals casinos.)

Facing low population growth and a decline in locals' gaming behaviors, Station Casinos is unlikely to experience much, if any, upside in its core Las Vegas locals business. (<u>See the detailed</u> <u>analysis on our website.</u>)

And there are more sites approved for casino development (<u>"Gaming</u> <u>Enterprise Districts</u>") throughout the valley. Only five such sites are controlled by Station Casinos (green), while the others are not (yellow).

## Station Casinos vs. Las Vegas Regional Market

Is there demand for more casinos in the Las Vegas regional market?

Based on <u>Nevada Gaming Control Board data</u>, gaming win per slot per day in the Las Vegas regional market (North Las Vegas, Boulder Strip and Balance of Clark County) declined from \$123.96 in 1Q06 to \$103.7 in 3Q16.

According to the LVCVA's biennial <u>Clark County Residents Study</u>, from 2006 to 2014 there was a significant decline in Las Vegas residents' gaming activity, frequency, and budgets. For example, almost half (46%) of Las Vegas residents did not gamble in 2014, a percentage that rose significantly from the one-third (33%) who said they did not gamble back in 2006.

Why is Station Casinos lagging behind the market?

It seems Station Casinos is not even keeping pace with the modest recovery in the Las Vegas regional market. In 2016, its Las Vegas gaming business has grown at a slower rate than the overall market.

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#### Gaming Revenues (\$ millions)

	1Q16	2Q16	3Q16	
Las Vegas Locals Market	4.3%	2.8%	0.6%	
Station Casinos - Las Vegas	2.4%	1.8%	?	

Sources: Nevada Gaming Control Board, company filings

## **Growth Options - Palms?**

### How and when will Station Casinos hit EBITDA target of \$35 million at Palms?

Instead of building a new casino, Station Casinos borrowed money to buy an existing casino for \$312.5 million, which is 8.8x of "<u>synergy-adjusted EBITDA of \$35 million</u>", according to the company.

We believe Palms' current annual EBITDA is approximately \$28 million.

- The property had \$70M of EBITDA in 2007, according to *Debtwire/Financial Times*
- Pre-acquisition LTM EBITDA is 60% below peak, according to Station Casinos
- $$70M \times 40\% = $28M$

How will Station Casinos expand Palms' EBITDA from \$28M to \$35M? And how soon can this be done?



### Will Palms cannibalize Palace Station?

Will growth at Palms come at the expense of Palace Station?

Palms is just over 2 miles from Palace Station. How many of the "<u>over 370,000 people</u>" living within 5 miles of Palms are already Palace Station customers?

While the new general manager of Palace Station "<u>brings</u> <u>years of Asian casino experience</u>" to the property, Palms is even closer to Las Vegas' Chinatown Plaza (0.8 miles) than Palace Station is (1.5 miles).

(Click on the map to see our interactive map online)

## Palms vs. Palace Station?

Will both Palace Station and Palms continue to compete for the local Asian business?



*Source:* <u>www.lvdcn.com</u> (website of the largest-circulation Chinese newspaper in Las Vegas) Screen captured on Oct. 31

## Growth Options - "Durango Station"?

#### If built, will "Durango Station" cannibalize Palms and Red Rock Resort?

The 70-acre Durango site in Southwest Las Vegas is 6 miles from Palms and 7 miles from Red Rock Resort. The 5-mile-radius circles of these properties have significant overlaps.

According to JP Morgan analysts, 265,000 people live within 5 miles of the Durango site. It is unclear how many of those also live within 5 miles of Palms in the densely populated Spring Valley area (or within 5 miles of Red Rock Resort in the Summerlin area).



Will Station Casinos build "Durango Station" within the next five years? Station Casinos has approvals to build at the Durango site 726 hotel rooms and 86,883 square feet of casino space. Last fall, the company applied for and received another extension of time to start construction. The <u>deadline to</u> <u>commence is now Sept. 3, 2018</u>.

(*Side note:* What is the plan for – and value of – the company's 58-acre "Flamingo" site between Durango and Red Rock Resort?)

(*Click on the map to see our interactive map online*)

## "Durango Station" vs. Competition

#### How will "Durango Station" compete for customers of existing casinos?

Aside from its potential cannibalization effect on Station Casinos' own Palms and Red Rock Resort, "Durango Station" will have to compete against other companies' casinos. In its September investor presentation, the slide on the Durango site highlights the fact that there are "<u>No major casinos within</u> <u>5-mile radius</u>". But there is significant overlap between 5-mile-circles of "Durango Station" and several non-Station competitors. For example, the map below show the overlap with Silverton Casino:



Can Station Casinos compete? Earlier this year, Station Casinos listed its 57-acre casino site at Cactus and Las Vegas Blvd (between South Point and M Resort, two major locals casinos in South Las Vegas). It is being sold with a deed restriction against casino development, and it is still on the market.

(<u>Click on the map to see our</u> <u>interactive map online</u>)

## Growth Options - "Inspirada Station"?

#### Are there still plans for a casino to be built in the Inspirada master planned community?

"Inspirada's sweeping commercial component, dubbed Inspirada Town Center, is no longer in the plans. The site, just west of the housing developments, was supposed to be anchored by a hotel-casino with up to 1,000 rooms as well as retail, restaurants and a convention center. But the land remains empty and is owned by a large group of investors — including Station Casinos — who don't plan to build anytime soon." – <u>Vegas Inc. 10/2/14</u>



The Inspirada master planned community was "<u>relaunched</u>" two years ago and had a an estimated population of <u>3,348</u> as of July 2015.

#### If built, how will "Inspirada Station" compete against established casinos nearby?

The "Inspirada Station" site is 2.6 miles from The M Resort (owned by Penn National), 5.5 miles from South Point, and 6.0 miles from Green Valley Ranch (owned by Station Casinos).

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## **Growth Options – Reno?**

#### Is Station Casinos going to sell its 88-acre "Mt. Rose" site in Reno soon?

In its <u>investor presentation</u> in September, Station Casinos calls the 88-acre Mt. Rose site one of its "development opportunities" in Reno against a background of "significant economic momentum" in the region. However, the approvals for a special use permit and gaming entitlement on this South Reno site recently *expired*, according to the Reno planning department.

Earlier this year, the company <u>listed the 88-acre site for sale</u>.



Front page of the listing brochure of the Mt. Rose site from Colliers, circa April 2016

The company is seeking approvals for <u>a small casino</u> <u>entertainment property on 8</u> <u>acres near the Reno-Sparks</u> <u>Convention Center</u>, but it does not have a start date for construction.



(Proposed Station Casinos project. Photo provided by the company to *Reno Gazette-Journal*.)

## Growth Options – Outside of Nevada?

Will Station Casinos seek to expand into other commercial gaming jurisdictions?

The company has not operated any commercial casinos outside of Nevada after it exited Missouri in 2000 after <u>a dispute with that state's gaming regulators</u>. But for tribal gaming, Station Casinos has been landlocked in Nevada. Compared to other regional gaming companies, Station Casinos lacks geographic diversity:

Red Rock Resorts (NASDAQ: RRR)	22 properties in 3 states	
Pinnacle Entertainment (NASDAQ: PNK)	15 properties in 8 states	
Penn National (NASDAQ: PENN)	26 properties in 17 states	
Boyd Gaming (NYSE: BYD)	22 properties in 7 states	
Eldorado Resorts (NASDAQ: ERI) is buying Isle of Capri (NADAQ: ISLE)	20 properties in 10 states	

<u>Will Station Casinos do a deal to add geographic diversity to its portfolio?</u> Station Casinos' core business is in the <u>saturated and stagnant</u> Las Vegas regional market. Will the company be a buyer of other regional gaming assets in order to speed up growth?

When will Station Casinos sign another tribal casino development and management agreement? Station Casinos has not signed new tribal casino development or management agreements since 2004. A significant part of the company's EBITDA growth in the past 3 years is from tribal gaming. Its two current tribal casino management agreements expire in 2018 and 2020, and the last management agreement it had that expired (in 2010) was not renewed.

## **Evolving Labor Relations**

#### Which Station Casinos properties will be unionized?

Employees at Station Casinos-managed tribal casino in Northern California ratified a first union contract in October, 2015.

On September 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, Boulder Station workers <u>unionized by a 335-177 vote</u>.

On October 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>, Palace Station workers <u>voted 266-262 not to unionize</u>. The union has filed objections with the National Labor Relations Board:

• "Most egregiously, management announced just after the union filed for the election that it would be giving workers a raise, and did so a few days before the election was held. This is a tactic that the National Labor Relations Board has repeatedly condemned as interfering with the conditions necessary for a fair election. We are confident that the NLRB will find this tactic warrants a new election."

#### How much is the company spending on union avoidance consultants?

Station Casinos has retained the services of Cruz & Associates, a union avoidance firm that Trump Las Vegas hired last year for <u>over half a million dollars</u>. (After Trump employees did vote to unionize, the hotel has refused to negotiate, in violation of an order by the NLRB. UNITE HERE has launched a national boycott of Trump Las Vegas and other Trump businesses.)

## About UNITE HERE

UNITE HERE is a labor union representing 270,000 workers in gaming, hotel, and food service industries in the United States and Canada.

UNITE HERE's Nevada affiliates, Culinary Workers Union Local 226 and Bartenders Local 165, represent 57,000 workers in casino resorts, hotels, industrial laundries, and airports in Las Vegas, Reno, and Laughlin.

The Culinary and Bartenders are in an ongoing labor dispute with Station Casinos/Red Rock Resorts.

Our website, **www.RRRIPOdissected.org**, provides critical analysis of Station Casinos/Red Rock Resorts from the perspective of those who work in the gaming industry.

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