# HOW TO APPLY FOR HONG KONG PUBLIC OFFER SHARES

responsibility for the application and provide no assurance that any CCASS Participant will be allotted any Hong Kong Public Offer Shares.

To ensure that CCASS Investor Participants can give their electronic application instructions to HKSCC through the CCASS Phone System or the CCASS Internet System, CCASS Investor Participants are advised not to wait until the last minute to input their electronic application instructions to the systems. In the event that CCASS Investor Participants have problems connecting to the CCASS Phone System or the CCASS Internet System to submit their electronic application instructions, they should either (i) submit a WHITE or YELLOW Application Form or (ii) go to HKSCC's Customer Service Centre to complete an input request form for electronic application instructions before 12:00 noon on Thursday, November 19, 2009 or such later time as described in "—When May Applications Be Made—Effect of Bad Weather on the Opening of the Application Lists" below.

# V. WHEN MAY APPLICATIONS BE MADE

# **Application on WHITE or YELLOW Application Forms**

Completed WHITE or YELLOW Application Forms, together with payment attached, must be lodged by 12:00 noon on Thursday, November 19, 2009, or, if the application lists are not open on that day, then by the time and date stated in "---Effect of Bad Weather on the Opening of the Application Lists" below.

Your completed Application Form, together with payment attached, should be deposited in the special collection boxes provided at any of the branches of Standard Chartered Bank (Hong Kong) Limited, Bank of China (Hong Kong) Limited, The Bank of East Asia, Limited and Industrial and Commercial Bank of China (Asia) Limited listed above in "-Applying by Using an Application Form-Where to Collect the Application Forms" at the specified times on the following dates:

Monday, November 16, 2009 — 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, November 17, 2009 — 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, November 18, 2009 — 9.00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Thursday, November 19, 2009 — 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

The application lists will be open from 11:45 a.m. to 12:00 noon on Thursday, November 19, 2009.

No proceedings will be taken on applications for the Hong Kong Public Offer Shares and no allotment of any such Hong Kong Public Offer Shares will be made until after the closing of the application lists.

### White Form elPO

You may submit your application to the White Form eIPO Service Provider through the designated website at www.eipo.com.hk from 9:00 a.m. Monday, November 16, 2009 until 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, November 19, 2009 or such later time as described in "Effect of Bad Weather on the Opening of the Application Lists" below (24 hours daily, except on the last application day). The latest time for completing full payment of application monies in respect of such application swill be 12:00 neon on Thursday, November 19, 2009, the last application day, or, if the application lists are not open on that day, then by the time and date stated in "Effect of Bad Weather on the Opening of the Application Lists" below. You will not be permitted to submit your application to the White Form eIPO Service Provider through the designated website at www.eipo.com.hk after 11:30 a.m. on the last day for submitting applications. If you have already submitted your application and obtained an application process (by completing payment of application monies) until 12:00 noon on the last day for submitting application lists close.

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#### Electronic Application Instructions to HKSCC via CCASS

CCASS Clearing/Custodian Participants can input electronic application instructions at the following dates:

Monday, November 16, 2009 — 9:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.<sup>(1)</sup> Tuesday, November 17, 2009 — 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.<sup>(1)</sup> Wednesday, November 18, 2009 — 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.<sup>(1)</sup> Thursday, November 19, 2009 — 8:00 a.m.<sup>(1)</sup> to 12:00 noon

(1) These times are subject to change as HKSCC may determine from time to time with prior notification to CCASS Clearing/Custodian Participants.

CCASS Investor Participants can input electronic application instructions from 9:00 a.m. on Monday, November 16, 2009 until 12:00 noon on Thursday, November 19, 2009 (24 hours daily, except on the last application day).

The latest time for inputting **electronic application instructions** via CCASS will be 12:00 noon on Thursday, November 19, 2009, the last application day, or, if the application lists are not open on that day, then by the time and date stated in "-Effect of Bad Weather on the Opening of the Application Lists" below.

# Effect of Bad Weather on the Opening of the Application Lists

The application lists will not open if there is:

- a tropical cyclone warning signal number 8 or above, or
- a "black" rainstorm warning

in force in Hong Kong at any time between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon on Thursday, November 19, 2009. Instead they will open between 11:45 a.m. and 12:00 noon on the next business day which does not have either of those warnings in force in Hong Kong at any time between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon.

If the application lists of the Hong Kong Public Offering do not open and close on Thursday, November 19, 2009 or if there is a tropical cyclone warning signal number 8 or above or a "black" rainstorm warning signal in force in Hong Kong on the other dates mentioned in "Expected Timetable," such dates mentioned in "Expected Timetable" may be affected. An announcement will be made in such event.

### VI. HOW MANY APPLICATIONS MAY YOU MAKE

Multiple applications or suspected multiple applications are liable to be rejected.

You may make more than one application for the Hong Kong Public Offer Shares only if you are a nominee, in which case you may give both electronic application instructions to HKSCC (if you are a CCASS Participant) and lodge more than one Application Form in your own name on behalf of different beneficial owners. In the box on the Application Form marked "For nominees" you must include:

- an account number; or
- some other identification code

for **each** beneficial owner. If you do not include this information, the application will be treated as being made for your benefit.



### **FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

# UNAUDITED PRO FORMA STATEMENT OF ADJUSTED NET TANGIBLE ASSETS

The following is an illustrative unaudited pro forma statement of adjusted net tangible assets of our Group prepared on the basis of the notes set out below for the purpose of illustrating the effect of the Global Offering on the net tangible assets of our Group attributable to the equity holders of our Company as of June 30, 2009 as if the Global Offering had taken place on June 30, 2009.

This unaudited pro forma statement of adjusted net tangible assets has been prepared for illustrative purposes only and because of its hypothetical nature, it may not give a true picture of the combined net tangible assets of our Group as of June 30, 2009 or at any future dates following the Global Offering.

	Unadjusted audited combined net tangible assets of our Group attributable to equity holders of our Company as of June 30, 2009 <sup>(1)</sup>	Estimated net proceeds from the Global Offering to our Company <sup>(2)</sup>	Unaudited pro forma adjusted net tangible assets of our Group attributable to the equity holders of our Company	Unaudit forr adjuste tang asset Shat	na ed net ible s per
	(ປ	S\$ in millions)		(US\$)	(HK\$)
Based on an Offer Price of HK\$10.38 per Share Based on an Offer Price of HK\$13.88	1,267.8	1,635.5	2,903.3	0.38	2.98
per Share	1,267.8	2,191.8	3,459.6	0.46	3.55

- (1) The unadjusted audited combined net tangible assets attributable to the equity holders of our Company as of June 30, 2009 is extracted from the "Accountant's Report" set out in Appendix I to this prospectus, which is based on the audited combined net assets of our Group attributable to the equity holders of our Company of US\$1,311,542,000 with an adjustment for the intangible assets of US\$43,746,000.
- (2) The estimated net proceeds to our Company from the Global Offering are based on the indicative Offer prices of HK\$10.38 per Share and HK\$13.88 per Share after deduction of the underwriting fees and other related expenses payable by our Company. We may pay the Underwriters an additional incentive fee up to 0.75% of the Offer Price multiplied by the total number of Offer Shares. If we decide to pay such additional incentive fee, the net proceeds from the Global Offering and the pro forma adjusted net tangible assets of our Group attributable to the equily holders of our Company will decrease.
- (3) The unaudited pro forma net tangible assets per Shares is arrived at after the adjustments referred to in Note 2 above and on the basis that 7,550,000,000 Shares were in issue assuming that the Capitalization issue and the Global Offering had been completed on June 30, 2009.

Upon the Listing of the Shares, the Bonds issued by VVDI (II) will be mandatorily and automatically exchanged for Shares at an exchange price equal to 90.0% of the Offer Price. The number of Shares in issue would be 8,047,858,661 (assuming the Offer Price is HK\$10.38) and 7,922,297,822 (assuming the Offer Price is HK\$13.88, respectively). The unaudited pro forma net tangible assets per Share, taking into account the settlement of the Intercompany shareholder's loan and the issue of new Shares to the Bondholders upon the mandatory and automatic exchange of the Bonds for Shares, would be US\$0.43 (HK\$3.36) (assuming the Offer Price is HK\$10.38) and US\$0.51 (HK\$3.95) (assuming the Offer Price is HK\$13.88), respectively.

- (4) As of September 30, 2009, our Group's property interests were valued by CB Richard Ellis Limited, an independent property valuer, and the relevant property valuation report is set out in Appendix IV to this prospectus. The net revaluation surplus, representing the excess of market value of the property interests over their corresponding book value shown in investment properties, leasehold interests in land and property and equipment, is approximately US\$4.3 billion. Such revaluation surplus has not been included in our Group's unaudited combined financial information as of September 30, 2009 and will not be included in our Group's financial statements for the year ending December 31, 2009. The above adjustment does not take into account the revaluation surplus. Had the property interests been stated at such valuation as of September 30, 2009, additional depreciation and land lease expense totaling US\$50.3 million would be charged against the combined income statement for the year ending December 31, 2009.
- (5) No adjustment has been made to reflect any trading result or other transaction of our Group entered into subsequent to June 30, 2009.

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# PROPERTY INTERESTS

CB Richard Ellis Limited, an independent valuer, has valued our property interests as of September 30, 2009 at approximately US\$10.0 billion. The text of its letter and valuation certificates are set out in Appendix IV to this prospectus.

The table below shows the reconciliation of the net book value of the relevant property interests as of September 30, 2009 to their fair value as of September 30, 2009 as stated in Appendix IV to this prospectus:

		US\$
		(in millions)
Net	book value as of June 30, 2009	621.7
	<ul> <li>book value as of June 30, 2009</li> <li>—Investment properties, net</li> <li>—Leasehold interests in land, net</li> </ul>	284.5
	-Leasehold interests in land, net Buildings and land, building and leasehold improvements, net	2,518.3
	-Buildings and land, building and leasenoid improvemente, not the	354.0
	Furniture, fittings and equipment, net	1,917.0
	Construction-in-progress	5,695.5
	ovement for the period from June 30, 2009 to September 30, 2009	(5.5)
Mo	ovement for the period norm such as 2000	5,690.0
Ne	t book value as of September 30, 2009	4,261.5
va		9,951.5
Va	luation amount as of September 30, 2009	<u></u>

# NO MATERIAL ADVERSE CHANGE

Our Directors have confirmed that there has been no material adverse change in our financial or trading position since June 30, 2009, being the date of the latest audited combined financial results of our Company as set out in Appendix I to this prospectus.

# QUARTERLY REPORTING OF LVS

As a 1934 Act reporting company, LVS is required to file quarterly financial reports. Since we are a material consolidated subsidiary of LVS, LVS's quarterly reports would contain material information concerning our results of operations. In order to provide our Shareholders with material information that is available to LVS's shareholders on a quarterly basis, we would need to provide unaudited quarterly financial information in Hong Kong in compliance with Rule 13.09 of the Listing Rules. When LVS releases its press release relating to its quarterly financial information (which will contain financial information relating to our Group) in the U.S., our Company will simultaneously make a Rule 13.09 announcement attaching a copy of such press release. The financial information relating to our Group contained in such press release will be presented in U.S. GAAP and there will not be any reconciliation of such financial information with IFRS. When LVS files its quarterly financial report (which will contain financial information relating to our Group) on Form 10-Q approximately two weeks after the press release of the quarterly financial information, our Company will make a Rule 13.09 announcement attaching a copy of such Form 10-Q, which will contain financial information relating to our Group presented in U.S. GAAP, and our Company will also disclose in that announcement our Company's quarterly financial information presented in IFRS. This reporting requirement would impose an additional administrative burden on us in preparing quarterly financial statements. See "Risk Factors-Risks Relating to Our On-Going Operations-LVS, our Controlling Shareholder, is subject to certain U.S. federal and state laws, which may impose on us greater administrative burdens and costs than we would otherwise have." Our interim and final reports will comply with all relevant Listing Rule requirements, including as to timing and required content.



For the purpose of this section, LVS (through Las Vegas Sands, LLC, Venetian Casino Resort, LLC, LVS (Nevada) International Holdings Inc., LVS Dutch Finance CV, LVS Dutch Holding BV, LVS Dutch Intermediate Holding BV, VVDI (I) and VVDI (II)) is a Controlling Shareholder of our Company.

#### **RELATIONSHIP WITH OUR CONTROLLING SHAREHOLDERS**

Immediately following the completion of the Global Offering, the Capitalization Issue and the mandatory and automatic exchange of the Bonds for Shares, LVS (through Las Vegas Sands, LLC, Venetian Casino Resort, LLC, LVS (Nevada) International Holdings Inc., LVS Dutch Finance CV, LVS Dutch Holding BV, LVS Dutch Intermediate Holding BV, VVDI (I) and VVDI (II)) will be indirectly interested in approximately 70.3% (assuming the Offer Price is HK\$10.38) and 71.5% (assuming the Offer Price is HK\$13.88), respectively, of our then issued share capital (if the Over-Allotment Option is not exercised) or approximately 68.0% (assuming the Offer Price is HK\$10.38) and 69.1% (assuming the Offer Price is HK\$13.88), respectively, of our then issued share capital (if the Over-Allotment Option is not exercised in full) and will be our Controlling Shareholder.

#### **Our Business**

We are the leading developer, owner and operator of integrated resorts and casinos in Macau as measured by EBITDA for the year ended December 31, 2008 and the six months ended June 30, 2009.<sup>(1)</sup> VML, our subsidiary, holds one of six concessions or subconcessions permitted by the Macau Government to operate casinos or gaming areas in Macau. We own The Venetian Macao, the Sands Macao, and the Plaza Macao, which contains, amongst others, the Paiza mansions, the Plaza Casino, the Four Seasons Hotel and The Shoppes at Four Seasons. We also own one of the largest convention and exhibition halls in Asia, Macau's largest entertainment venue, The CotaiArena, and one of three major high speed ferry companies operating between Hong Kong and Macau.

Our business strategy is to develop Cotai and to leverage our integrated resort business model to create Asia's premier gaming, leisure and convention destination. Our ultimate plans for Cotai include five interconnected integrated resorts, which leverage a wide range of branded hotel and resort offerings to different segments of the market. When complete, we expect our combined Cotai Strip developments to contain over 20,000 hotel rooms, over 1.6 million square feet of MICE space, over 2.0 million square feet of retail malls, six theaters and other amenities.

#### LVS Group's Business

The LVS Group (together with our Group) owns and operates, in addition to our properties in Macau mentioned above, The Venetian Resort Hotel Casino ("The Venetian Las Vegas"), The Palazzo Resort Hotel Casino ("The Palazzo") and The Sands Expo and Convention Center (the "Sands Expo Center") in Las Vegas, Nevada and Sands Casino Resort Bethlehem (the "Sands Bethlehem") in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. In addition, the LVS Group is developing Marina Bay Sands, an integrated resort in Singapore. The principal members of the LVS Group are set out below:

- LVS—Listed on the New York Stock Exchange
- Las Vegas Sands, LLC—Casino operator at The Venetian Las Vegas and The Palazzo
- Venetian Casino Resort, LLC—Owner of The Venetian Las Vegas and The Palazzo
- Interface Group-Nevada, Inc—Owner of the Sands Expo Center
- Marina Bay Sands Pte. Ltd.—Owner and Developer of the Marina Bay Sands
- Sands Bethworks Gaming, LLC—Owner of the Sands Bethlehem

The current directors of LVS are Mr. Sheldon G. Adelson, Mr. Michael A. Leven, Mr. Jason N. Ader, Mr. Irwin Chafetz, Mr. Charles D. Forman, Mr. George P. Koo, Mr. Jeffrey H. Schwartz and Mr. Irwin A. Siegel. As our Group currently intends to focus its operations in mainland China, Macau, Hong Kong and Taiwan (and their respective territorial seas) (the "Restricted Zone") only, the Directors

<sup>(1)</sup> Based on publicly available information, including company financial reports.

are of the view that the LVS Group's business outside the Restricted Zone is not in direct competition with that of our Group.

### Transactions with LVS

We have entered into a number of transactions with LVS as a result of the on-going relationship between our Group and LVS and companies directly or indirectly owned or controlled by it from time to time (excluding companies within our Group). Upon the Listing of our Shares on the Stock Exchange and for so long as LVS is a substantial shareholder of our Company, transactions between members of our Group and LVS and its associates (excluding companies within our Group) will constitute connected transactions of our Company under the Listing Rules. Details of these transactions are set out in "Connected Transactions."

# INDEPENDENCE FROM THE LVS GROUP

Having considered all relevant factors, we are satisfied that we can conduct our business independently of the LVS Group after the Global Offering:

# Independence of our Board and our Senior Management from Senior Management of the LVS Group

Our Board consists of a total of eight Directors, comprising two executive Directors, three non-executive Directors and three independent non-executive Directors.

For the following reasons, our Directors are of the view that we are able to operate independently from the LVS Group notwithstanding that our three non-executive Directors are also directors of LVS:

- the decision-making mechanism of our Board set out in our Articles of Association provides that, in the event of a conflict of interest or duty, all Directors with a conflicting interest shall absent themselves from that meeting, or part of that meeting, and abstain from voting when a conflicted resolution is to be discussed and voted on;
- (ii) our day-to-day operations are managed by our senior management team, and all non-Board members of our senior management are independent from the LVS Group; and
- (iii) our Board has three independent non-executive Directors with extensive corporate governance and financial experience to serve as independent non-executive Directors of our Company, and to review, enhance and implement measures to manage any conflict of interests between the LVS Group and our Group in order to protect minority shareholders' interests. Our independent non-executive Directors must approve any resolution relating to connected transactions.

Based on the above, our Board is satisfied that our Board as a whole, together with our senior management team are able to perform the managerial role in our Group independently.

# **Operational Independence**

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We have full control over our assets to continue our Casino Gaming Business (as defined below) independently of the LVS Group.

Our Directors and senior management are responsible for the conduct of our business. We have established our own organizational structure made up of functional departments, each with specific areas of responsibility. We have also established a set of internal controls to facilitate the effective operation of our business. Transactions with members of the LVS Group are governed by agreements entered into in the ordinary course of our business and on terms which we believe are fair and reasonable. These transactions with the LVS Group have in the past included the provision of global procurement consultancy services, transportation and related logistics services and administrative

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services provided by the LVS Group to our Group and vice versa. In the event that the LVS Group is unable to provide these services upon reasonable terms, we are entitled to choose a third party who can provide such products or services upon comparable terms. More details on these transactions are set out in "Connected Transactions." As such, our Board is satisfied that we have been operating independently from the LVS Group during the Track Record Period and thereafter will carry on doing so.

#### Financial Independence

Our financial auditing system is independent from the LVS Group and employs a sufficient number of dedicated financial accounting personnel responsible for financial auditing of our accounts. We have independent bank accounts and independent tax registration.

Save for certain limited treasury functions (including overseeing the development and implementation of policies and procedures, assisting in the structuring of bank accounts and bank relationship management) and the sharing of treasury systems/software, our treasury operations are handled by our treasury department which operates independently from the LVS Group and shares no other functions or resources with any member of the LVS Group. The functions of our treasury department include financing, treasury and cash management.

Our choice of financial institutions is mainly based on the credit standing of the institutions and the terms offered by them.

Currently, payables and notes payable to related companies mainly consist of shareholders' advances or loans related to the funding of construction for Parcels 5 and 6, working capital for our ferry operations and other ancillary operations. All such outstanding intercompany shareholders' loans and intercompany payables to the LVS Group will be settled upon closing of the Global Offering. Upon receipt of the net proceeds from the Global Offering, our Company plans to use approximately HK\$6,347.3 million (US\$819.0 million) of the net proceeds to repay an additional portion of the shareholders' loans and intercompany payables owed to the LVS Group. Concurrent with the completion of the Global Offering, our obligations under the shareholder's loan from VVDI (II) will be satisfied by our Company through issuance of Shares directly to the Bondholders in connection with the mandatory and automatic exchange of the Bonds for Shares. Immediately upon the completion of the Global Offering, we will not have any shareholders' loans or intercompany payables owed to the LVS Group, other than nominal intercompany trade payables to related companies with respect to certain services provided by such related companies in the ordinary course of business prior to Listing during the month of November of the types contemplated by the Shared Services Agreement post-Listing, which amounts can only be finalized and determined after the month end close for November 2009. These nominal intercompany trade payables will be repaid after determination within 30-45 days after the end of the month and would not affect our financial independence.

As of the Latest Practicable Date, the LVS Group has not provided any security and/or guarantee on our Group's borrowings.

Based on the above, our Directors believe that we are able to maintain financial independence

from the LVS Group.

#### **NON-COMPETITION DEED**

We have entered into the Non-Competition Deed with LVS on November 8, 2009 so as to maintain a clear delineation of the respective businesses of each party with effect from the Listing Date, and to formalize the principles for management of potential conflicts between them, so as to permit a proper assessment of the extent of competition arising for our Company as a result of LVS carrying on its businesses, and to enhance the corporate governance of our Company in connection with its listing on the Main Board.



Pursuant to the Non-Competition Deed, LVS has undertaken to us that it shall not, and shall procure that each of its associates (see definition of "associates" below as used in reference to the Non-Competition Deed) shall not, solely or jointly, without our prior written consent (based on an affirmative vote of a majority of the members of an independent committee of our Board comprising of the then-serving independent non-executive Directors (the "Independent Board Committee") who do not have, and are not deemed to have, a material interest in the relevant matter) ("our prior written consent"), (i) hold and/or be interested, either directly or indirectly, in any shares or other securities or interest in any company or other business entity (such shares or other securities or interest hereinafter referred to as "Interest"), which engages or is involved in, directly or indirectly, any Casino Gaming Business (as defined below) in the Restricted Zone; or (ii) otherwise, directly or indirectly, engage or be involved or participate or invest in, or provide other support, financial or otherwise, to, (such engagement, involvement, participation or provision of support hereinafter referred to as "Involvement") any Casino Gaming Business in the Restricted Zone.

For the purposes of the Non-Competition Deed (and the Second Trademark Sub-License Agreement), "Casino Gaming Business" means the design, development, construction, ownership, management and/or operation of casinos or gaming areas (including those casinos or gaming areas which form part of a hotel or an integrated resort) and other similar facilities in which customers are able to gamble by playing games of fortune or chance or other similar games, including, but not limited to, (a) any facilities offering VIP rooms or Gaming Promoter-operated gaming rooms, mass market gaming floors, slot machine operations, or other designated areas where games of fortune or chance are operated or played; (b) any vessels offering on-board casinos or gaming areas which are moored on or traversing over, and any facilities which are built over or which are shore-based but jut out over, any waters comprised in any relevant territorial seas; (c) any facilities offering football pools, sports lotteries and other forms of wagering based on the outcome of sports events, including sports books and other book-making operations; and (d) any facilities directly associated with or ancillary or complementary to the operation of any of the facilities described in paragraphs (a) to (c), including, but not limited to, associated or ancillary or complementary hotels, and integrated resorts, conference, convention, trade show and exhibition facilities, restaurants, bars, food courts, retail outlets, shopping malls, clubs, theaters and other entertainment or sporting facilities, sea, air or land-based transportation operations and plers, wharves and docks.

Notwithstanding the above, it has been agreed that LVS and/or any of its associates may:

- hold and/or be interested in, directly or indirectly, any shares or other securities or interest in our Company, or through our Company, in any shares or other securities or interest in any (1) other member of our Group;
- perform or receive any of the benefits provided under (i) the First Trademark License Agreement; (ii) the Second Trademark Sub-License Agreement; (iii) the Shared Services (2) Agreement; and (iv) such other similar on-going agreements or any amendments thereto which may be entered into between any member of our Group and any member of the LVS Group from time to time;
- hold any Interest in any company which engages or is involved in, directly or indirectly, any Casino Gaming Business in the Restricted Zone, if (i) such company is listed on a (3)

recognized stock exchange; (ii) such shares or securities do not exceed 5.0% of such company's issued and outstanding share capital; (iii) LVS and/or any of its associates are not entitled to appoint a majority of the directors of such company; and (iv) such company shall at all relevant times have at least one other shareholder which (together, where appropriate, with its associates) holds and/or is interested in, directly or indirectly, a larger percentage of shares and securities or other interests in such company than LVS and/or any of its associates and which does not act in concert with LVS and/or its associates in relation to its shares and securities or other interests in such company; and And a second And a second s and the second • . •

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(4) hold any Interest in any Casino Gaming Business in the Restricted Zone if the Board of Directors have resolved either that our Group has elected not to hold any Interest or have any Involvement in such Casino Gaming Business in the Restricted Zone, provided that the Independent Board Committee has determined that it is nevertheless in the best interests of our Company and our Shareholders as a whole that (i) LVS and/or any of its associates should be permitted to do so or (ii) our Company enter into a joint venture or other similar alliance or structure with LVS and/or any of its associates in relation to such Casino Gaming Business.

Pursuant to the Non-Competition Deed, LVS has also undertaken to us that it shall not, and shall procure that each of its associates shall not, without our prior written consent, hold any Interest or have any Involvement in any Non-Competing Gaming Business in the Restricted Zone. For the purposes of the Non-Competition Deed, "Non-Competing Gaming Business" means the design, development, construction, ownership, management and/or operation of facilities for the purpose of carrying on gaming businesses other than any Casino Gaming Business, including, but not limited to, horse racing, greyhound racing, jai alal betting and other forms of parl mutuel betting, Chinese lottery and instant lottery. The provisions in (3) and (4) above shall apply with due modifications being made such that references to Casino Gaming Business shall be changed to the Non-Competing Gaming Business.

The Non-Competition Deed does not prevent LVS and/or any of its associates from holding any Interest or having any Involvement in any Casino Gaming Business or Non-Competing Gaming Business outside of the Restricted Zone, or the carrying on of any Permitted LVS Greater China Business. For the purposes of the Non-Competition Deed, "Permitted LVS Greater China Business" means all acts and things done by LVS or any associate of LVS (a) in relation to the ownership and operation of and other dealing with the Adelson Center for U.S. - China Enterprise located in Beijing, China by LVS or any associate of LVS; and/or (b) pursuant to the terms of the entrustment and sponsorship agreements entered into by Venetian (Zhuhai) Hotel Marketing Co., Ltd in relation to the Shaanxi Topsun Basketball Team. The Adelson Center for U.S. - China Enterprise is a non-profit organization assisting small- and mid-sized U.S. companies seeking to enter the China market, and helping improve U.S. - China economic relations. The entrustment and sponsorship agreements in relation to the Shaanxi Topsun Basketball Team were made as part of the overall promotional strategy of the LVS Group in China to build brand recognition. Neither of these entities or arrangements is related to nor are in competition, or will have any potential competition, with the business of our Company. As such, our Company and LVS have not identified any business reason to inject them into our Group or include them in the Non-Competition Deed.

Pursuant to the Non-Competition Deed, LVS has undertaken that if it or any of its associates becomes aware of any business opportunity relating to any Casino Gaming Business in the Restricted Zone, it shall use commercially reasonable efforts to notify us of such business opportunity as soon as practicable after it or such associate becomes aware of it and to assist our Company in pursuing such business opportunity. To the extent that such business opportunity relating to any Casino Gaming Business in the Restricted Zone is being made available by a third party to LVS and/or any of its associates, LVS shall use commercially reasonable efforts to procure that such business opportunity is first offered to us or (as the case may be) another member of our Group on such terms and conditions which are no less favorable than those offered to LVS or its relevant associates.

Pursuant to the Non-Competition Deed, we have undertaken to LVS on a reciprocal basis that we shall not, and shall procure that each of our associates shall not, solely or jointly or through the representation of any person, enterprise or company, without the prior written consent of LVS (based on an affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the board of directors of LVS who do not have, and are not deemed to have, a material interest in the relevant matter (the "prior written consent of LVS")), hold an Interest or have any Involvement in any Casino Gaming Business or Non-Competing Gaming Business outside the Restricted Zone. The provisions in the Non-Competition Deed relating to LVS's non-competition covenants shall apply, with due modifications being made, to our aforementioned non-competition covenants.

Pursuant to the Non-Competition Deed, we have also confirmed to LVS (for itself and on behalf of each other member of LVS Group) that during the duration of the Non-Competition Deed, we shall not, and shall procure that each of our associates shall not, without the prior written consent of LVS, hold any Interest or have any Involvement in any Internet gaming business whether the portal or the primary users targeted are domiciled within or outside of the Restricted Zone, and whether or not using trademarks licensed from LVS or affiliates of LVS.

For the purposes of the Non-Competition Deed, the associates of LVS shall be determined by applying the definition in the Listing Rules and shall include any member of the LVS Group but, for the avoidance of doubt, disregard our Company or any of our subsidiaries or the interests of our Company or any of our subsidiaries, and the associates of our Company shall be determined by applying the definition in the Listing Rules and shall include any member of our Group but shall disregard any holding company of our Company or any fellow subsidiary of any such holding company or the interests of any such holding company or fellow subsidiary.

The undertakings given by LVS and us under the Non-Competition Deed are effective from the Listing Date and terminate on the earlier of (i) the date on which LVS, through shares held directly or through its associates, ceases to be our Controlling Shareholder and (ii) the date on which our Shares cease to be listed on the Stock Exchange.

We will disclose in our annual report decisions on matters reviewed by the Independent Board Committee regarding (a) the Business Opportunities offered by LVS to us; and (b) whether any activity or business or proposed activity or business of LVS or any of its associates, directly or indirectly, competes or may lead to competition with the Casino Gaming Business. LVS will make an annual declaration in our annual report on its compliance with the undertakings under the Non-Competition Deed. At least on an annual basis, our independent non-executive Directors will consider whether LVS has complied with the terms set out in the Non-Competition Deed.

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#### CONTINUING CONNECTED TRANSACTIONS

We have entered into, and will continue to engage in, various transactions with the LVS Group, which will continue from time to time after the Listing. After completion of the Global Offering, the transactions set out below will be regarded as continuing connected transactions under the Listing Rules.

#### Overview of the Continuing Connected Transactions

The following are continuing connected transactions entered into between our Group and the LVS Group. A summary of such continuing connected transactions is provided below and further details are provided in subsequent pages.

I.	Continuing Connected Transactions Exempt From Reporting, Announcement and Independent Shareholders' Approval Requirements Under Listing Rule 14A.33
<u>No.</u>	Nature of Transaction
1.	Reciprocal global procurement consultancy services;
2.	Reciprocal transportation and related logistic services;
З.	Reciprocal administrative and logistics services; and
4. <i>II</i> .	The trademark license agreement dated May 25, 2006 entered into between VML and VCL (as licensees) with LVS, Las Vegas Sands, LLC and Venetian Casino Resort, LLC (as licensors) (the "First Trademark License Agreement"). <i>Continuing Connected Transactions Exempt From Independent Shareholders' Approval Requirements But Subject to Reporting and Announcement Requirements Under Listing</i>
NI-	Rule 14A.34 Nature of Transaction
<u>No.</u>	
1.	Reciprocal design, development and construction consultancy services; and
2.	Joint international marketing and retail leasing, management and marketing services.
<i>III.</i>	Continuing Connected Transactions Subject to Reporting, Announcement and Independent Shareholders' Approval Requirements Under Listing Rule 14A.35

No. Nature of Transaction

1. The Second Trademark Sub-License Agreement

# Category I—Continuing Connected Transactions Exempt From Reporting, Announcement and Independent Shareholders' Approval Requirements Under Listing Rule 14A.33

Since LVS is our Controlling Shareholder, and therefore a connected person with respect to our Company under the Listing Rules, we have entered into the Shared Services Agreement to regulate our relationship with respect to the provision of the shared services set forth in items 1-3 in Category I and Items 1-2 in Category II above. The Shared Services Agreement, the terms and conditions of which are summarized below, contains the principles, guidelines, terms and conditions for the provision of the following products and services (the "Scheduled Products and Services") by the LVS Group to our Group or our Group to the LVS Group, as applicable.

### 1. Reciprocal Global Procurement Consultancy Services

We and the LVS Group have agreed to provide reciprocal global procurement consultancy services in relation to the global procurement of raw materials, furniture, fixtures and equipment, operating supplies and room amenities, among other items, with respect to the design, development, construction, equipping, management and operation of casinos, casino hotels and integrated resorts. The costs and expenses payable by our Group or the LVS Group, as applicable, as set out under the Shared Services Agreement will be calculated on a cost plus basis. Typically, the allocation is done on the basis of the number of rooms or employees for which such raw materials, furniture, fixture and equipment, operating supplies or room amenities

are purchased. For the years ending December 31, 2009, 2010 and 2011, the aggregate fees expected to be paid by our Group to the LVS Group on an annual basis for these services will not exceed US\$2.0 million, US\$1.9 million and US\$1.9 million, respectively, based on the historical figures related to such services of US\$2.6 million, US\$1.8 million and US\$2.8 million for the years ended December 31, 2006, 2007 and 2008, respectively, and the extent and volume of the services we expect the LVS Group to provide during such periods. For the years ending December 31, 2009, 2010 and 2011, the aggregate fees expected to be paid by the LVS Group to our Group on an annual basis for these services will not exceed US\$0.5 million, US\$1.0 million and US\$1.0 million, respectively, based on the historical figures related to such services of US\$0.6 million, US\$1.1 million and US\$2.0 million for the years ended December 31, 2006, 2007 and 2008, respectively, and the extent and volume of the services our Group expects to provide the LVS Group during such periods. The aggregate fees expected to be paid by our Group to the LVS Group and vice versa on an annual basis for the reciprocal global procurement consultancy services will not exceed the de minimis thresholds under Rule 14A.33(3) of the Listing Rules, and accordingly will be exempted from the reporting, announcement and independent shareholders' approval requirements under the Listing Rules.

#### **Reciprocal Transportation and Related Logistics Services** 2.

We and the LVS Group have agreed to provide reciprocal transportation and related logistics services in connection with the use of private jets and corporate aircraft owned by the LVS Group or available to the LVS Group under timeshare arrangements with other proprietors controlled by our Controlling Shareholder. These private jets and corporate aircraft are principally used to provide premium flight transportation services to our VIP players and premium players in order to bring them to our properties. The costs and expenses payable by our Group or the LVS Group, as applicable, as set out under the Shared Services Agreement will be calculated on a cost basis. The aggregate fees expected to be paid by our Group to the LVS Group for such transportation and related logistics services for each of the years ending December 31, 2009, 2010 and 2011 is US\$1.6 million, US\$1.7 million and US\$1.9 million, respectively, based on the historical figures related to such services of nil, US\$0.5 million and US\$1.7 million for the years ended December 31, 2006, 2007 and 2008, respectively, and the extent and volume of the services our Group expects the LVS Group to provide during such periods. The aggregate fees expected to be paid by the LVS Group to our Group for such transportation and related logistics services for each of the years ending December 31, 2009, 2010 and 2011 is US\$0.1 million, US\$0.1 million and US\$0.1 million, respectively, based on the historical figures related to such services of nil, nil and US\$0.1 million for the years ended December 31, 2006, 2007 and 2008, respectively, and the extent and volume of the services our Group expects to provide the LVS Group during such periods. The aggregate fees expected to be paid by our Group to the LVS Group and vice versa on an annual basis for the reciprocal transportation and related logistics services will not exceed the de minimis thresholds under Rule 14A.33(3) of the Listing Rules, and accordingly will be exempted from the reporting, announcement and independent shareholders' approval requirements under the Listing Rules.

**Reciprocal Administrative and Logistics Services** 

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We and the LVS Group have agreed to provide reciprocal administrative and logistics services, such as legal and regulatory services, back-office accounting (including payroll processing) and handling of telephone calls relating to hotel reservations, tax and internal audit services, limited treasury functions and other accounting and compliance services. The fees expected to be paid by our Group to the LVS Group and vice versa will be calculated on a cost basis. The cost (which covers salary and benefits) will be allocated on the basis of the hours worked by the employees providing such services. As such, our Directors are of the opinion that the cost of the services are identifiable and may be allocated to the relevant parties on a fair and equitable basis. The sharing of such administrative services on a cost basis is an exempt  $\{ x_{i}, \cdots, x_{i} \}$ continuing connected transaction under Rule 14A.33(2) of the Listing Rules.

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#### Shared Services Agreement

The main terms and conditions of the Shared Services Agreement are summarized below.

Fees. Under the Shared Services Agreement, the price of each of the Scheduled Products and Services provided by the LVS Group to any member of our Group or vice versa shall not exceed (i) the actual costs incurred in providing the relevant Scheduled Products and Services as allocated to the recipient of such products and services on a fair and equitable basis; (ii) the actual costs incurred in providing the relevant Scheduled Products and Services allocated to the recipient of such products and services on a fair and equitable basis plus a fee equal to the statutory minimum mark-up required to be charged with respect to such costs; or (iii) the price of the relevant Scheduled Products and Services in the market, which price shall not be higher than either (a) the demonstrated price charged or quoted by independent third parties for the provision of comparable types of products or services under comparable conditions, in the ordinary course of business, to customers that are unrelated to them; or (b) the price charged by members of the LVS Group or our Group, as applicable, to independent third parties or to other listed subsidiaries of the LVS Group for the provision of comparable types of products or services.

The fees for the provision of such services will be invoiced by the LVS Group or our Group, as applicable, no earlier than the date incurred and paid, in the absence of dispute, within 45 days of receipt of invoice.

Rights and Obligations. Pursuant to the Shared Services Agreement, we reserve our right to choose to receive products and services of the same type and scope as the Scheduled Products and Services from independent third parties in lieu of receiving such products and services under the Shared Services Agreement. Similarly, the LVS Group may provide products and services of the same type and scope as the Scheduled Products and Services to other third parties in addition to us. Such rights and obligations shall apply, with due modifications being made, where Scheduled Products and Services are provided by our Group to the LVS Group.

Term and Termination. The Shared Services Agreement is for a term commencing on the Listing Date and ending on December 31, 2011, being the third financial year end of our Company following the Listing Date, provided that (i) we may terminate the Shared Services Agreement at any time by giving at least three months' prior written notice of termination to LVS or (ii) the Shared Services Agreement shall terminate, amongst other circumstances, (a) when LVS ceases to be our Controlling Shareholder; or (b) our Shares cease to be listed on the Stock Exchange. The Shared Services Agreement may be renewed by the parties before its expiration for a term not exceeding the third financial year of our Company following the date of commencement of the renewed term, subject to compliance with the Listing Rules.

Implementation Agreements. Certain service arrangements with members of the LVS Group will be assimilated to the Shared Services Agreement by means of an implementation agreement thereunder with effect from the Listing Date. It is also envisaged that from time to time, and as required, an implementation agreement for a particular type of product or service will be entered into between the LVS Group and members of our Group under which the LVS Group provides the relevant products or services to us or vice versa. Each implementation agreement shall set out the details of the material terms and conditions which shall include, for example, (a) the relevant Scheduled Products and Services to be provided, and (b) the price of the Scheduled Product and Services to be provided.

The term of any implementation agreement shall not exceed the term of the Shared Services Agreement, as such term may be extended from time to time, provided that prior to any extension of the Shared Services Agreement coming into effect, any part of the term or any extension thereof of an implementation agreement which exceeds the original term of the Shared Services Agreement shall remain conditional on the extension of the Shared Services Agreement.

If any waiver which may be granted by the Stock Exchange in relation to the Shared Services Agreement is revoked, cancelled or otherwise becomes invalid, or any applicable requirements of the Listing Rules in relation to connected transactions cannot or can no longer be fulfilled, the Shared



Services Agreement and each of the applicable implementation agreements shall immediately be cancelled or terminated, as the case may be, and no party shall thereafter have any liability thereunder save and except for (a) the obligation to pay for any Scheduled Products and Services previously provided prior to such early termination date; and (b) any antecedent breaches of provisions which are compliant with the Listing Rules. Provision of any particular Scheduled Products and Services shall be subject to the maximum annual caps (if any) set out in this section "Connected Transactions", which caps shall in respect of each year be based on the Scheduled Products and Services actually delivered in that year after taking into account all relevant cancellations, terminations and non-deliveries.

#### First Trademark License Agreement 4.

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Pursuant to the First Trademark License Agreement, the licensors granted to each of the licensees a non-exclusive, fully paid-up, royalty-free license to use its registered trademarks, including the "Sands" and the "Venetian" trademarks in Macau solely in connection with the operation of the Sands Macao and The Venetian Macao and related services. The trademarks that are the subject of the First Trademark License Agreement are identical to those licensed under the Second Trademark Sub-License Agreement. The licensees shall only be permitted to use the licensed marks outside Macau in connection with the advertisement and promotion of the Sands Macao and The Venetian Macao in any media throughout the world. The First Trademark License Agreement shall remain in effect for a term commencing on May 25, 2006 and terminate upon the election of any licensor on the earlier to occur of the following: (i) if any licensee at any time is no longer an affiliate (each licensee shall be deemed to be an "affiliate" of a licensor if any licensor and the persons controlling, controlled by or under common control with such licensor collectively have an aggregate profit share or interest in the equity of such licensee of not less than 50.0%) of at least one licensor or (ii) following any material breach of the First Trademark License Agreement by either licensee that is not cured within the relevant grace period or to the extent such material breach is not capable of being cured within the relevant grace period, the relevant licensee does not commence steps that are reasonably designed to cure such material breach within such period. As the First Trademark License Agreement was entered into as a form of security pursuant to a condition to credit extension under the Macau Credit Facility, in the event that refinancing is obtained for the Macau Credit Facility, the obligation to provide security under the First Trademark License Agreement will cease to exist. Upon termination of the First Trademark License Agreement, our Group will still have the benefit of the Second Trademark Sub-License Agreement and, as indicated above, the trademarks covered are the same. As the licenses granted under the First Trademark License Agreement are royalty-free, the aggregate fees expected to be paid by our Group to the LVS Group on an annual basis under the First Trademark License Agreement will not exceed the de minimis thresholds under Rule 14A.33(3) of the Listing Rules, and accordingly will be exempted from the reporting, announcement and independent shareholders' approval requirements under the Listing Rules.

# Category II-Continuing Connected Transactions Exempt From Independent Shareholders' Approval Requirements But Subject to Reporting and Announcement Requirements Under Listing Rule 14A.34

Reciprocal Design, Development and Construction Consultancy Services 1.

The LVS Group has also agreed to provide to our Group, and our Group has agreed to provide to the LVS Group, certain design, development and construction consultancy services with respect to the design, development and construction of casino, casino hotel and integrated resort projects of the size and scope which we and the LVS Group currently operate and plan to develop in the future, including those on Parcels 5 and 6. The costs and expenses payable by our Group or the LVS Group, as applicable, under the Shared Services Agreement for such design, development and construction consultancy services will be calculated on a cost plus basis. Typically, the allocation is done on the basis of the estimated salary and benefits for the employees of the LVS Group or our Group, as applicable, and the hours worked by such employees providing such services. The aggregate total consideration expected to be paid for



such design, development and construction consultancy services provided by the LVS Group to our Group for each of the years ending December 31, 2009, 2010 and 2011 on an annual basis will not exceed US\$1.5 million, US\$5.1 million and US\$5.0 million, respectively, based on the historical figures related to such services of US\$3.2 million, US\$5.9 million, US\$5.1 million and US\$0.6 million for the years ended December 31, 2006, 2007 and 2008, and the six months ended June 30, 2009, respectively, and the extent and volume of the services our Group expects the LVS Group to provide during such periods. The aggregate total consideration expected to be paid for such design, development and construction consultancy services provided by our Group to the LVS Group for each of the years ending December 31, 2009, 2010 and 2011 on an annual basis will not exceed US\$3.0 million, US\$2.3 million and US\$0.7 million, respectively, based on the historical figures related to such services of US\$0.3 million, US\$0.4 million, US\$0.5 million and US\$1.5 million for the years ended December 31, 2006, 2007 and 2008, and the six months ended June 30, 2009, respectively, and the extent and volume of the services provided by our Group to the LVS Group for each of the years ending December 31, 2009, 2010 and 2011 on an annual basis will not exceed US\$3.0 million, US\$2.3 million and US\$0.7 million, respectively, based on the historical figures related to such services of US\$0.3 million, US\$0.4 million, US\$0.5 million and US\$1.5 million for the years ended December 31, 2006, 2007 and 2008, and the six months ended June 30, 2009, respectively, and the extent and volume of the services our Group expects to provide the LVS Group during such periods.

# 2. Joint International Marketing and Retail Leasing, Management and Marketing Services

The LVS Group has agreed to provide to our Group joint international marketing services targeting VIP players and premium players who wish to patronize our Group's properties in addition to those of the LVS Group, and retail leasing, management and marketing services relating to the retail malls owned or operated by our Group. The aggregate total consideration expected to be paid for such services provided by the LVS Group to our Group for each of the years ending December 31, 2009, 2010 and 2011 on an annual basis will not exceed US\$19.8 million, US\$19.9 million and US\$21.0 million, respectively, based on the historical figures related to such services of US\$3.5 million, US\$14.4 million, US\$20.2 million and US\$8.0 million for the years ended December 31, 2006, 2007 and 2008, and the six months ended June 30, 2009, respectively, and the extent and volume of the services our Group expects the LVS Group to provide during such periods.

# Category III—Continuing Connected Transactions Subject to Reporting, Announcement and Independent Shareholders' Approval Requirements Under Listing Rule 14A.35

# 1. Second Trademark Sub-License Agreement

Pursuant to the Second Trademark Sub-License Agreement, Las Vegas Sands, LLC (as licensor) granted to our Group a license to use the trademarks and the service marks set out in "Statutory and General Information" in Appendix VII to this prospectus (a) in the Restricted Zone for the development, operation and marketing of casinos, hotels, integrated resorts and associated facilities located in the Restricted Zone and (b) in the rest of the world, for the marketing of our business in the Restricted Zone. Nothing in the Second Trademark Sub-Licence Agreement shall grant to the licensee or any permitted sublicensee the right to use any licensed marks for the purpose of carrying on any Internet gaming business, even when the portal or the primary users targeted are domiciled within the Restricted Zone. The Second Trademark Sub-License Agreement shall remain in effect for an initial term of slightly over twelve and a half years commencing from the Listing Date and ending on December 31, 2022, so that its term is aligned with the initial term of VML's Subconcession which expires on June 26, 2022. The Second Trademark Sub-License Agreement may be renewed upon the agreement of both parties on such terms as the parties may mutually agree, subject to compliance with the Listing Rules.

The parties are permitted to terminate the Second Trademark Sub-License Agreement prior to the expiration of its initial term by mutual agreement. The licensor is also entitled, upon the compulsion of any law of any of the jurisdictions within the Restricted Zone, to terminate the grant of a license. The Second Trademark Sub-License Agreement shall terminate automatically,



without any notice to the licensee, in the event that LVS is no longer a Controlling Shareholder, or in the event of any sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the licensee, to any person or legal entity which is not a subsidiary or affiliate of LVS, our Company or the licensor.

Under the Second Trademark Sub-License Agreement: (a) for each of the full fiscal years under the initial term through the full fiscal year ending December 31, 2012, the licensee will pay the licensor an annual royalty at the rate of 1.5% of the total gross revenue of The Venetian Macao, 1.5% of the total gross non-gaming revenue and Paiza-related gaming revenue of the Sands Macao and 1.5% of the total gross gaming revenue of the Plaza Casino at the Plaza Macao (the "Relevant Royalty"), provided that the total royalty payable in respect of those three properties in each such fiscal year will be capped at US\$20.0 million per full fiscal year, and (b) for each of the subsequent full fiscal years under the initial term, commencing with the full fiscal year ending December 31, 2013 and ending with the full fiscal year ending December 31, 2022, the licensee will pay the licensor an annual royalty being the lesser of the Relevant Royalty or the annual caps set out below, such annual caps reflecting an increase of 20.0% for each subsequent year (the "Incremental Rate Caps"):

Voor	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Year Cap (US\$ in millions)	24.0	28.8	34.6	41.5	49.8	59.7	71.7	86.0	103.2	123.8
Cap (US\$ in millions)										

Each subsequent Casino Gaming property that we operate which utilizes any of the licensed marks in connection with generating the relevant revenue, will pay (a) for each of the first three fiscal calendar years after commencement of operations of each subsequent property, a royalty fee of 1.5% of the respective gross revenues of the operations in connection with which such licensed marks are used (each, the "Subsequent Casino Gaming Property Royalty"), subject to a US\$20.0 million cap per fiscal year, and (b) for the fiscal calendar years thereafter until expiration of the initial term, the licensee will pay the licensor an annual royalty being the lesser of the Subsequent Casino Gaming Property Royalty or the annual caps set out below, such annual caps reflecting an increase of 20.0% for each subsequent year:

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Note: This assumes, for illustrative purposes, that the Casino Gaming properties open on January 1, 2012 and have the right to use the licensed marks for 11 years under the initial term.

The annual caps set out in (a) and (b) above shall apply separately to each of the future Casino Gaming properties which will be developed and operated on Parcels 5 and 6, Parcels 7 and 8, and Parcel 3 to the extent the operations of such Casino Gaming properties utilize any of the licensed marks.

The following table presents a breakdown of the relevant revenues during the Track Record Period:

For the year ended December 31,	For the six months end June 30,		
2006 2007 200	2008 200		

 Total gross revenue of The Venetian Macao <sup>(1)</sup> Total gross non-gaming revenue of the Sands Macao <sup>(1)</sup> Total Paiza-related gaming revenue of the Sands Macao	585.5		2,383.5 81:7 689.1 51.2		1,142.2 34.3 286.4 83.7
Total gross gaming revenue of the Plaza Casino at the Plaza Macao	638.3	1,230.2	3,205.6	1,536.1	1,546.6
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The gross revenue used in calculating royalty payments as presented above is different from the revenue as shown in the Accountant's Report set out in Appendix I to this prospectus. Net gaming revenue is arrived at after deducting from gross revenue those commissions rebated directly or indirectly through Gaming Promoters to deducting from gross revenue those commissions rebated directly or indirectly through Gaming Promoters to customers, cash discounts and other cash incentives to customers related to gaming play. Net non-gaming revenue is arrived at after deducting from gross revenue goods and services that are provided to customers on a complimentary basis.

To the extent any monthly royalty payment would cause the aggregate payments for any fiscal year to surpass the Incremental Rate Cap for that particular year, the licensee shall only pay the remaining difference to meet the Incremental Rate Cap for that fiscal year. Royalty payments shall recommence at the start of the next fiscal year pursuant to the applicable Incremental Rate Cap for that year. All royalties shall be calculated on a monthly basis and paid within 30 days of the end of the prior month. The royalty formula has been agreed based on an assessment of a sampling of royalty rates under trademark license agreements executed or proposed to be executed for comparable transactions where the royalty rate payable under such agreements fell within a range of 1.0% to 3.0% of gross revenues. Based on these comparables, the initial cap of the Relevant Royalty was set at US\$20.0 million, which is an effective annual royalty rate of approximately 1.0% of the total gross revenue of The Venetian Macao, the total gross non-gaming revenue of the Sands Macao and the total gross gaming revenue of the Plaza Casino at the Plaza Macao for the fiscal year 2008. The initial cap of the subsequent Casino Gaming Property Royalty was set at US\$20.0 million, which is an effective annual royalty rate of approximately 1.0% of the total gross revenue of The Venetian Macao for the fiscal year 2008. Subsequent to the initial term, the 20.0% by which the annual caps will increase for each subsequent year is based on the compound annual growth in the Macau gaming industry from fiscal years 2004 to 2008.

Our Directors consider that such rate is not worse than the rate that could be obtained by our Group under a license granted on normal commercial terms or under similar license agreements made between independent parties. No royalties were paid prior to 2009. Any change to the basis of calculation of the license fee will be subject to the approval of our independent Shareholders unless the Second Trademark Sub-License Agreement is no longer a non-exempt continuing connected transaction requiring independent Shareholders' approval under the Listing Rules. The Company will disclose in the financial statements included in its interim and annual reports to be issued after Listing, the license fees paid in connection with the Second Trademark Sub-License Agreement during the same period.

The licensor agrees not to sell, assign, or otherwise dispose of any licensed mark, other than in the ordinary course of business after reasonable prior consultation with the licensee. In the event that the licensee considers the relevant licensed mark material to the existing business of the licensee or any permitted sublicensee, the licensee shall have the first right to purchase such licensed mark together with all connected intangible assets forming part of the same brand bundle ("Right of First Refusal") for such consideration as represents the fair market value of such brand bundle as determined by an independent professional trademark evaluator. However, such Right of First Refusal shall be limited only to those instances in which the licensor has decided to sell, assign, or otherwise dispose of the relevant licensed mark in all jurisdictions where the licensor owns them globally in order to avoid a situation in which a particular family of marks is owned by different affiliates or subsidiaries of the licensor in limited geographic jurisdictions.

In addition, the Second Trademark Sub-License Agreement also includes a confirmation that our Group does not owe the licensor or LVS any royalty payments for the prior license of the trademarks covered by the Second Trademark Sub-License Agreement. The purpose of such confirmation is to ensure that our Group has no liability in respect of the claims to historical royalties deemed to be received from our Group and imputed as income to LVS with respect to its U.S. consolidated tax returns pursuant to U.S. transfer pricing rules and regulations. For the avoidance of doubt, the imputed royalty for the six months ended June 30, 2009 shall not count towards the annual cap as the imputed amount was not in fact paid.

If the Second Trademark Sub-License Agreement is terminated or expires, we will not be able to continue using any of LVS's trademarks, including the "Sands" and "Venetian" trademarks, and would have to rebrand our businesses. In such an event, our Company believes that it will nevertheless still be able to rebrand itself to an equivalent level within an acceptable period of time with minimal disruption to its business. This is especially the case as our Company



believes that since our establishment and opening, our Group's properties have quickly attracted a high number of visitors coming from different parts of the world. As such, a lot of our Group's customers are already very familiar with our Group's properties in Macau in terms of location, the development, the facilities attached, the amenities offered and themes of the properties. Such familiarity of our Group's properties is likely to reduce any negative impact on our Group's business should a re-branding exercise be necessary.

At the end of each financial year, the independent non-executive Directors will review the transactions under the Second Trademark Sub-License Agreement for the purpose of stating in the annual report and accounts whether they have been entered into (1) in the ordinary and usual course of business of our Group; (2) either on normal commercial terms or, if there are no sufficient comparable transactions to judge whether they are on normal commercial terms, on terms no less favorable to our Group than terms available to or from (as appropriate) independent third parties; and (3) in accordance with the Second Trademark Sub-License Agreement on terms that are fair and reasonable and in the interests of our Shareholders as a whole.

Based on the above, our Directors, including our independent non-executive Directors, are of the opinion that a term exceeding three years is required for the Second Trademark Sub-License Agreement, and that the term of slightly over twelve and a half years, coupled with the termination provisions, is beneficial to our Group, and confirm that it is normal business practice for contracts of this type to be of such duration.

The Joint Sponsors are also of the view that it is normal business practice for agreements such as the Second Trademark Sub-License Agreement to be of relatively long durations, and a duration of slightly over twelve and a half years is within normal business practice. Given VML's business in Macau is subject to the terms and conditions under the Subconcession Contract and the initial 20-year term of the Subconcession expires on June 26, 2022, securing the right to use the relevant brand names during the initial term of the Subconcession will provide stability to the operations of our Group. The Joint Sponsors consider that, given the importance of the relevant brand names to the continued business operations of our Group, the Second Trademark Sub-License Agreement is put in place to protect our Shareholders and our Group from unnecessary risks of losing the right to use the relevant brand names during the term of the Subconcession. Therefore, the Joint Sponsors believe a waiver from strict compliance with the applicable disclosure, reporting and independent shareholders' approval requirements under the Listing Rules for a period of slightly over twelve and a half years is reasonable and is in line with normal business practice.

# Listing Rules Implication

# Category I—Continuing Connected Transactions Exempt From Reporting, Announcement And Independent Shareholders' Approval Requirements Under Listing Rule 14A.33

As at least one of the relevant applicable percentage ratios set out in the Listing Rules for determining the value of a connected transaction (excluding the profits ratio and the equity capital ratio which are not applicable) for the continuing connected transactions set out in items 1, 2 and 4 in Category I is expected to be less than 0.1% on an annual basis, such transactions are exempt from the Category I is expected to be less than 0.1% on an annual basis, such transactions are exempt from the Listing reporting, announcement and independent shareholders' approval requirements under the Listing Rules. The continuing connected transaction set out in item 3 in Category I is an exempt continuing connected transaction under Rule 14A.33(2) of the Listing Rules.

Category II—Continuing Connected Transactions Exempt From Independent Shareholders' Approval Requirements But Subject to Reporting and Announcement Requirements Under Listing Rule 14A.34 As at least one of the relevant applicable percentage ratios set out in the Listing Rules for determining the value of a connected transaction (excluding the profits ratio and the equity capital ratio

which are not applicable) for the continuing connected transactions set out in Category II is expected to be equal to or more than 0.1% but less than 2.5% on an annual basis, such transactions are exempt from the independent shareholders' approval requirements but are subject to the reporting and announcement requirements under the Listing Rules.

# Category III—Continuing Connected Transaction Subject to Reporting, Announcement and Independent Shareholders' Approval Requirements Under Listing Rules 14A.35

As at least one of the relevant applicable percentage ratios set out in the Listing Rules for determining the value of a connected transaction (excluding the profits ratio and the equity capital ratio which are not applicable) for the continuing connected transaction set out in Category III is expected to be more than 2.5% on an annual basis, such transaction is subject to the reporting, announcement and independent shareholders' approval requirements under the Listing Rules.

### **Application for Waiver**

As at least one of the relevant applicable percentage ratios set out in the Listing Rules for determining the value of a connected transaction (excluding the profits ratio and the equity capital ratio which are not applicable) for the continuing connected transactions set out in Category II is expected to be equal to or more than 0.1% but less than 2.5% on an annual basis, such transactions are exempt from the independent shareholders' approval requirements but are subject to the reporting and announcement requirements under the Listing Rules.

As at least one of the relevant applicable percentage ratios set out in the Listing Rules for determining the value of a connected transaction (excluding the profits ratio and the equity capital ratio which are not applicable) for the continuing connected transaction set out in Category III is expected to be more than 2.5% on an annual basis, such transaction is subject to the reporting, announcement and independent shareholders' approval requirements under the Listing Rules.

As the transactions contemplated under Category II (i.e., the reciprocal design, development and construction consultancy services and the joint international marketing and retail leasing, management and marketing services) and Category III (i.e., the Second Trademark Sub-License Agreement) are entered into in the ordinary course of business on a continuing basis, our Directors are of the view that disclosure and approval of these transactions in full compliance with the Listing Rules would impose unnecessary administrative costs on us and would hence be impracticable. We have accordingly applied for and the Stock Exchange has granted to us a waiver from strict compliance with the announcement and independent shareholders' approval requirements under Rules 14A.47 and 14A.48 of the Listing Rules, respectively, in connection with the transactions described above for a period of slightly over twelve and a half years for the Second Trademark Sub-Licence Agreement and three financial years for the other transactions following the Listing Date, provided that the annual value of the transactions does not exceed the caps for the relevant period specified. We will comply with the requirements set out in Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules, including Listing Rules 14A.35(1), 14A.35(2), 14A.36 to 14A.40 and 14A.45, as amended from time to time, governing such continuing connected transactions.

Upon expiry of the applicable waiver, our Company will be required to comply with the thenapplicable requirements of the Listing Rules or, alternatively, obtain any waivers from strict compliance with such requirements, if such waivers are available.

Each of our Directors (including our independent non-executive Directors) is of the view that the continuing connected transactions mentioned above were entered into in the ordinary and usual course of our business upon normal commercial terms, and that the terms of such continuing connected transactions and the annual caps set out above are fair and reasonable and in the interest of our Shareholders as a whole.

The Joint Sponsors are of the view that (i) the continuing connected transactions set out above for which waivers were sought have been entered into in the ordinary and usual course of our

business, on normal commercial terms and are fair and reasonable and in the interest of our Shareholders as a whole; and (ii) the proposed annual caps for these continuing connected transactions referred to above are fair and reasonable and in the interest of our Shareholders as a whole.

As each of the relevant applicable percentage ratios set out in the Listing Rules for determining the value of a connected transaction (excluding the profits ratio and the equity capital ratio which are not applicable) for the continuing connected transactions set out in items 1, 2 and 4 in Category I is expected to be less than 0.1% on an annual basis, such transactions are exempt from the reporting, announcement and independent shareholders' approval requirements under the Listing Rules. The continuing connected transaction set out in item 3 in Category I is an exempt continuing connected transaction under Rule 14A.33(2) of the Listing Rules. As such, no waiver was applied for in respect of the transactions set out in Category I.

# Payments by Our Group Which Do Not Constitute Continuing Connected Transactions

The Shared Services Agreement also documents certain historical arrangements in which our Group and the LVS Group have coordinated efforts to obtain insurance coverage and information technology products and services from third-party service providers. These arrangements will continue after the Listing Date. Such arrangements permit our Group together with the LVS Group to leverage our combined negotiating power for such services or coverage.

With respect to insurance coverage, LVS has executed various insurance policies that provide global coverage for its subsidiaries (including coverage for certain members of our Group). We bear that portion of the premiums charged for such insurance coverage that is proportionate to our share of the insurance coverage. In the event of losses suffered by any members of our Group, the indemnification from the insurers under such policies for such losses will be paid to us.

With respect to information technology products and services, LVS has entered into various enterprise level agreements in order to meet the combined requirements of its subsidiaries (including the requirements of members of our Group). We bear that portion of the cost for such information technology products and services which is proportionate to our share of the use of such information technology products and services.

The above arrangements are not considered continuing connected transactions between our Group and the LVS Group as the LVS Group is not providing our Group with any services or products and *vice versa*.

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#### DIRECTORS

Our Board of Directors consists of eight Directors, three of whom are independent non-executive Directors. The following table sets forth certain information concerning our Directors:

Name	Age	Title
Sheldon Gary Adelson	76	Chairman and Non-executive Director
Jeffrey Howard Schwartz	48	Non-executive Director
Irwin Abe Siegel	68	Non-executive Director
Steven Craig Jacobs	47	Chief Executive Officer, President-Macau and Executive Director
Stephen John Weaver	48	Chief Development Officer and Executive Director
Iain Ferguson Bruce.	68	Independent Non-executive Director
Yun Chiang	42	Independent Non-executive Director
David Muir Turnbull	54	Independent Non-executive Director

#### **Executive Directors**

Steven Craig Jacobs, aged 47, is our Chief Executive Officer, President-Macau and executive Director. Mr. Jacobs has been President-Macau of LVS from May 2009 and has worked with LVS since March 2009. From 1994 through 2008, Mr. Jacobs served as the President and CEO of the Vagus Group Inc ("VGI"), an international management services company specializing in travel and hospitality. Through VGI, Mr. Jacobs assumed a variety of senior executive roles in companies including at Louvre Hotels, U.S. Franchise Systems, Hyatt and Best Western International. Mr. Jacobs holds a Bachelor of Arts from Harvard University. Mr. Jacobs was appointed as our executive Director on August 18, 2009.

Stephen John Weaver, aged 48, is our Chief Development Officer and executive Director. Mr. Weaver joined our Group in August 2005 and has served as the President of Asian Region since October 2006, and is responsible for overseeing all development and government relations activities in Macau, including real estate development transactions, retail mall leasing, and other business development-related activities. He has broad experience in all elements of property development and business management, initially gained through 12 years of private practice as a property lawyer and subsequently in senior management positions with Savills and Jones Lang LaSalle. Mr. Weaver holds a Bachelor of Laws degree from Queensland University of Technology and a Master of Business Administration from the University of Southern Queensland, having completed the relevant long distance learning courses of both universities. Mr. Weaver is a solicitor of the Supreme Court of Queensland and High Court of Australia. Mr. Weaver was appointed as our executive Director on August 18, 2009.

#### **Non-executive Directors**

Sheldon Gary Adelson, aged 76, is the Chairman of our Board of Directors and our

non-executive Director. Mr. Adelson has been the Chairman of the Board of LVS, Chief Executive Officer and a director of LVS since August 2004. Mr. Adelson has been Chairman of the board, Chief Executive Officer and a director of Las Vegas Sands, LLC (or its predecessor) since April 1988, when Las Vegas Sands LLC was formed to own and operate the former Sands Hotel and Casino. Mr. Adelson has extensive experience in the convention, trade show and tour and travel businesses. Mr. Adelson also has investments in other business enterprises. Mr. Adelson created and developed the COMDEX Trade Shows, including the COMDEX/Fall Trade Show, which was the world's largest computer show in the 1990s, all of which were sold to Softbank Corporation in April 1995. Mr. Adelson also created and developed the Sands Expo Center, which he grew into one of the largest privately owned convention and trade show destinations in the United States before transferring it to LVS in July

2004. He has been President and Chairman of the board of Interface Group Holding Company, Inc. since the mid-1970s and Chairman of the board of LVS's affiliate Interface-Group Massachusetts, LLC and its predecessors since 1990. Mr. Adelson joined us and was appointed as our Chairman and non-executive Director on August 18, 2009.

Jeffrey Howard Schwartz, aged 48, is our non-executive Director. Mr. Schwartz has been a director of LVS since March 2009. He is the chairman of the board and co-founder of Global Logistic Properties, which controls the largest platform of logistics facilities in Asia. Mr. Schwartz was the chief executive officer of ProLogis, a company listed on the NYSE, from January 2005 through November 2008, and served as the chairman of the board and director of ProLogis from May 2007 through November 2008. Mr. Schwartz also served as a director of ProLogis European Properties, a company listed on both the EuroNext and Luxembourg exchanges. Mr. Schwartz was president of international operations of ProLogis from March 2003 to December 2004, and was Asia president and chief operating officer from March 2002 to December 2004. He had been associated with ProLogis in varying capacities since 1994. Mr. Schwartz was appointed as our non-executive Director on October 14, 2009.

Irwin Abe Siegel, aged 68, is our non-executive Director. Mr. Siegel has been a director of LVS since February 2005. He was a director of Las Vegas Sands, Inc. from February 2005 until July 2005. Mr. Siegel is a certified public accountant and was a partner (specializing in the hospitality industry) in the international accounting and consulting firm of Deloitte & Touche LLP from 1973 to 2003, when he retired. From 1996 through 1999, Mr. Siegel served as the chief executive officer of Deloitte Touche LLP's operations in the former Soviet Union. Mr. Siegel has been working as a business consultant since 2003. Mr. Siegel has served on the boards of directors of many charitable and civic organizations and is the immediate past president of the Weinstein Hospice in Atlanta, Georgia, U.S.A. Mr. Siegel was appointed as our non-executive Director on October 14, 2009.

### Independent Non-executive Directors

lain Ferguson Bruce, aged 68, is our independent non-executive Director. Mr. Bruce joined KPMG in Hong Kong in 1964 and was elected to its partnership in 1971. He was the senior partner of KPMG from 1991 until his retirement in 1996 and served as chairman of KPMG Asia Pacific from 1993 to 1997. He has been a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland since 1964 and is a fellow of the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants. He is also a fellow of The Hong Kong Institute of Directors and a member of The Hong Kong Securities Institute. Mr. Bruce is currently an independent non-executive director of Paul Y. Engineering Group Limited, Tencent Holdings Limited, Vitasoy International Holdings Limited and Wing On Company International Limited, all listed on the Stock Exchange. Mr. Bruce is also a non-executive director of Noble Group Limited, a company listed on the Singapore Exchange Limited, of China Medical Technologies, Inc., a company listed on NASDAQ, and of Yingli Green Energy Holding Company Limited, a company listed on the New York Stock Exchange. Mr. Bruce is a steward of The Hong Kong Jockey Club, an independent nonexecutive director of Citibank (Hong Kong) Limited and is the Chairman of KCS Limited. Mr. Bruce was appointed as our independent non-executive Director on October 14, 2009. Mr. Bruce has over 44 years of experience in the accounting profession and possesses the accounting and related financial management expertise required under rule 3.10(2) of the Listing Rules.

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Science degree, cum laude, from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, or Virginia Tech. Ms. Chiang was appointed as our independent non-executive Director on October 14, 2009.

David Muir Turnbull, aged 54, is our independent non-executive Director. Mr. Turnbull graduated from Cambridge University in 1976 with a Bachelor of Arts degree with honors in Economics and subsequently obtained a Master of Arts degree. He joined the Swire Group upon graduation and held a variety of senior management positions during his 30 years with the group. Mr. Turnbull also held a number of positions in companies listed on the Stock Exchange including chairman of Swire Pacific Ltd. and Cathay Pacific Airways Ltd. from January 2005 until January 2006, chairman of Hong Kong Aircraft Engineering Company Ltd. from March 1995 until August 2006, non-executive director of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation from January 2005 until December 2005, nonexecutive director of Air China Ltd. from May 2005 until December 2005 and non-executive director of Hysan Development Co. Ltd. from May 2005 until January 2006. From July 2006 to March 2008, Mr. Turnbull also served as a director of Allco Finance Group Limited, a company listed on the Australian Stock Exchange. In July 2008, Mr. Turnbull was appointed as the Executive Chairman of Pacific Basin Shipping Company, a company listed on the Stock Exchange and has served an independent non-executive director since May 2006. In July 2006, he was appointed as an independent non-executive director of Green Dragon Gas Limited, a company listed on the Alternative Investment Market, a sub-market of the London Stock Exchange. In November 2008, he was appointed as the chairman of Seabury Aviation and Aerospace Asia (Hong Kong) Ltd, a subsidiary of Seabury Group LLC. Mr. Turnbull was appointed as our independent non-executive Director on October 14, 2009.

Save as disclosed in this prospectus, none of our Directors has had any relationships with any Directors, senior management or other substantial or Controlling Shareholders of our Company. As of the Latest Practicable Date, save as disclosed in "Statutory and General Information—Further Information about Our Directors and Substantial Shareholders and Experts" in Appendix VII to this prospectus, each of our Directors does not have any interest or short positions in the shares or underlying shares in our Company within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO.

Save as disclosed in this prospectus, there is no other information in respect of our Directors that is discloseable pursuant to Rules 13.51(2)(a) to (v) of the Listing Rules and there is no other matter that needs to be brought to the attention of our Shareholders.

#### SPECIAL ADVISER TO THE BOARD

**Michael Alan Leven**, aged 71, is Special Adviser to our Board. Mr. Leven is the President and Chief Operating Officer of LVS and its wholly-owned subsidiary, Las Vegas Sands, LLC, having been appointed on April 1, 2009. Mr. Leven has been a member of LVS's board of directors since August 2004. Mr. Leven has served as the Chief Executive Officer of the Georgia Aquarium since September 2008. From January 2006 through September 2008, Mr. Leven was the Vice Chairman of the Marcus Foundation, Inc., a non-profit foundation. Until December 2006, Mr. Leven was the Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and President of U.S. Franchise Systems, Inc., the company he founded in 1995 that developed and franchised the Microtel Inns & Suites and Hawthorn Suites hotel brands. He was previously the president and chief operating officer of Holiday Inn Worldwide, president of Days Inn of America, and president of Americana Hotels.

On account of his extensive prior experience in the gaming and hospitality industries, we appointed Mr. Leven to be Special Adviser to the Board on October 14, 2009. Mr. Leven will attend and participate at meetings of the Board, and be provided notice of meetings of the Board together with materials to be considered by the Board. However, Mr. Leven's role is only advisory and he does not have the right to vote at any such meetings or to direct any course of action to the Directors, and he will also be required to observe the same duties of confidentiality and fidelity to our Company as a

Director would be subject to. Mr. Leven will not receive any compensation from us (or LVS) in connection with his role as Special Adviser to the Board.

### SENIOR MANAGEMENT

Steven Craig Jacobs, aged 47, is our Chief Executive Officer, President-Macau and executive Director. His biographical details are set out in "-Directors-Executive Directors."

Stephen John Weaver, aged 48, is our Chief Development Officer and executive Director. His biographical details are set out in "-Directors-Executive Directors."

**Toh Hup Hock**, aged 44, is our Chief Financial Officer. He is currently a director of some of our PRC, Cayman, Macau and Hong Kong subsidiaries. Mr. Toh joined our Group in April 2007 after a 15 year career with General Electric Company ("GE"). During his tenure at GE, Mr. Toh held a number of chief financial officer and similar positions in Asia including for GE Lighting Asia, GE Consumer Products Asia, GE Consumer & Industrial Asia and GE Plastics Greater China. Mr. Toh holds a Bachelor of Science in Accounting from Murdoch University and a Masters in Business Administration from the University of Queensland. Mr. Toh is a full member of CPA Australia.

Luís Nuno Mesquita de Melo, aged 45, is our General Counsel and Joint Company Secretary. Mr. Melo holds a law degree from the University of Lisbon's faculty of law. Mr. Melo originally joined VML as an Associate General Counsel in September 2005, and became Senior Vice-President and General Counsel of VML in September 2008. In October 2008, Mr. Melo became a director of VML and all of its Macau subsidiaries. Prior to joining our Group, he was a lecturer at the University of Lisbon Law School from 1985 to 1990. Mr. Melo joined the Macau Government in 1990 as a lawyer working for the Legislative Modernization Commission working extensively in revising and modernizing the Macau legal system and legislation in preparation for the Administration handover from Portugal to the PRC. He also held various advisory roles to the Legislative Assembly of Macau, including legal adviser to the President, from 1992 to 1997 and the office of Assistant (legal affairs) to the Minister of Economy of Portugal in 1997. In addition, he was also in private practice and was a partner of the law firm J.A. Pinto Ribeiro & Associados from December 1997 to 2005 and a founding partner of Augusto Mateus & Associados, Sociedade de Consultores Lda., a company engaged in economic and consultancy studies and entrepreneurial development and restructuring strategies.

Matthew Paul Pryor, aged 42, has been with our Group since January 2003. He joined our Group as a Director of Construction and Project Management and since then has risen to the position of Senior Vice President-Asia. Mr. Pryor has over 19 years of experience in the strategic development and management of a wide range of construction projects including retail, commercial, residential and hospitality with/for private and public sector clients. Mr. Pryor is a professional associate of the Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors.

Peter P. Wu, aged 36, has been working with our Group since August 2008. Mr. Wu is currently the Vice President of Operations at the Sands Macao. Mr. Wu has over 15 years of supervisory, corporate and senior management experience at privately held and start-up gaming, entertainment and hospitality companies. Prior to joining our Group, Mr. Wu held various senior management positions at Macau Studio City (Hong Kong) Limited, Black Gaming, LLC and Harrah's Entertainment. Mr. Wu holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in journalism and mass media from Rutgers University in New Jersey, U.S.A. and a Master of Management in hospitality from Cornell University, New York, U.S.A.

Mark Andrew McWhinnie, aged 52, has been working with our Group since June 2006. Mr. McWhinnie currently holds the position of Vice President Hotel Operations, The Venetian Macao Resort Hotel. Prior to joining our Group, Mr. McWhinnie held various general manager and managing director positions in organizations such as Ishin/Hotels Group, Presidential Plaza Hotel, Beijing, and Sheraton Resorts, Denarau Island. Mr. McWhinnie holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in hotel and catering management from Strathclyde University, Scotland.

David Reese Sylvester, aged 45, has been working with our Group since October 2005. During his employment, Mr. Sylvester was appointed as Vice President Retail Asia, Sands Retail. Mr. Sylvester has over 20 years of experience in the development and management of shopping centers in the Asia Pacific region. Over the course of his career, he has been involved in more than 40 major retail projects. Prior to working with our Group, Mr. Sylvester was Group General Manager of GIC Real Estate's retail assets in Australia and China. He had a 12-year career with Jones Lang LaSalle and was previously the head of Jones Lang LaSalle's international retail leasing for Asia, based in Hong Kong. Mr. Sylvester established his career in the retail industry with Westfield and Lend Lease. Mr. Sylvester was a licensed real estate agent in Victoria, Australia and Hong Kong.

Andrew David Billany, aged 47, has been working with our Group since January 2004. He joined as a Director of Special Projects. In January 2007, he was promoted to Vice President of Hotel Operations-Sands. He currently holds the role of Vice President, Parcel 2 and Paiza Macau. Mr. Billany has over 26 years of experience in the hospitality and food and beverage industries. Mr. Billany holds a certificate in cookery for the catering industry from the City and Guilds of London Institute, United Kingdom.

## JOINT COMPANY SECRETARIES

Luís Nuno Mesquita de Melo, aged 45, is our General Counsel and Joint Company Secretary. His biographical details are set out in "-Senior Management."

Ho Siu Pik, aged 45, is our Joint Company Secretary for the purpose of Listing Rule 8.17. Ms. Ho is a director of the Corporate Services Division of Tricor Services Limited and an associate member of both the Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators and the Hong Kong Institute of Chartered Secretaries. Ms. Ho has about 20 years of experience in providing corporate secretarial services.

#### BOARD COMMITTEES

### **Audit Committee**

We established an audit committee on October 14, 2009 with effect from the Listing Date with written terms of reference in compliance with the Listing Rules. The primary duties of the audit committee are to review and supervise our financial reporting process and internal control systems, to nominate and monitor external auditors and to perform other duties and responsibilities assigned by the Board.

The audit committee consists of three members, namely, lain Ferguson Bruce (being the chairman with professional qualifications in accountancy) and Chiang Yun, both of whom are independent non-executive Directors, and Irwin Abe Siegel, our non-executive Director.

### **Remuneration Committee**

We established a remuneration committee on October 14, 2009 with effect from the Listing Rules. The primary duties of the remuneration committee are to evaluate and make recommendations to our Board regarding the remuneration of our Directors and senior management.

The remuneration committee consists of three members, namely, David Muir Turnbull (being the chairman of the remuneration committee), Iain Ferguson Bruce and Jeffrey Howard Schwartz.

#### COMPLIANCE ADVISOR

We have appointed CLSA as our compliance advisor pursuant to Rule 3A.19 of the Listing Rules. Pursuant to Rule 3A.23 of the Listing Rules, the compliance advisor will provide advice to us when consulted by us in the following circumstances:

· before the publication of any regulatory announcement, circular or financial report;

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- when a transaction, which might be a notifiable or connected transaction, is contemplated including share issues and share repurchases;
- when we propose to use the proceeds of the Global Offering in a manner different from that detailed in this prospectus or when our business activities, developments or results deviate from any forecast, estimate, or other information in this prospectus; and
- when the Stock Exchange makes an inquiry to us regarding unusual movements in the price or trading volume of the Shares.

The term of this appointment shall commence on the Listing Date and is expected to end on the date on which we distribute our annual report in respect of the financial results for the first full financial year commencing after the Listing Date.

#### SHARE OPTION SCHEME

Our Company has conditionally adopted the Share Option Scheme, the purpose of which is to, amongst others, motivate our Directors, senior management and employees to optimize their future contributions to our Group and/or reward them for their past contributions and/or to attract and retain or otherwise maintain on-going relationships with such participants who are significant to or whose contributions are or will be beneficial to the performance, growth or success of our Group. The principal terms of the Share Option Scheme are summarized in "Statutory and General Information—Share Option Scheme" in Appendix VII to this prospectus.

# **COMPENSATION OF DIRECTORS**

The aggregate remuneration received by our Directors (including fees, salaries, contributions to pension schemes, housing allowances, share-based compensation benefits and other allowances and benefits in kind and discretionary bonuses) from us for the years ended December 31, 2006, 2007 and 2008 and the six months ended June 30, 2009 was approximately US\$1.6 million, US\$4.0 million, US\$2.6 million and US\$1.3 million, respectively. Under the arrangements currently in force, we estimate the aggregate remuneration (including fees, salaries, contributions to pension schemes, housing allowances, share-based compensation benefits and other allowances and benefits in kind, excluding discretionary bonuses) payable to our Directors for the year ending December 31, 2009 to be US\$5.2 million.

The aggregate amount of salary and other allowances and benefits, share-based compensation benefits, bonus and contribution to pensions schemes paid by us to the five highest paid individuals of our Company during the years ended December 31, 2006, 2007 and 2008 and the six months ended June 30, 2009 was approximately US\$6.2 million, US\$12.5 million, US\$10.3 million and US\$3.3 million, respectively.

No remuneration was paid by us to our Directors or the five highest paid individuals as an inducement to join or upon joining us or as a compensation for loss of office in respect of the years ended December 31, 2006, 2007 and 2008 or the six months ended June 30, 2009. Further, none of our Directors had waived any remuneration during the same period.

Except as disclosed above, no other payments have been paid or are payable, in respect of the years ended December 31, 2006, 2007 and 2008 or the six months ended June 30, 2009, by us or any of our subsidiaries to our Directors.

The Directors anticipate that they will periodically review the compensation levels of key executives of our Group. Based on our Group's performance and the executives' respective contributions to our Group, the Directors may, with the approval of our remuneration committee, grant salary increases or pay bonuses (which may be in the form of cash or share options) to key executives of our Group. These increases or bonuses could result in the incurrence of compensation expense at levels that are significantly higher than those incurred by our Group in prior periods.

Our Directors may also receive options to be granted under the Share Option Scheme.

### SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDERS

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So far as our Directors are aware, the following persons will, immediately following the completion of the Global Offering, the Capitalization Issue and the mandatory and automatic exchange of the Bonds for Shares (and taking no account of any Shares which may be sold pursuant to the exercise of the Over-allotment Option or any Shares to be issued pursuant to the exercise of options which may be granted under the Share Option Scheme), have the following beneficial interests or short positions in our Shares or underlying Shares which would fall to be disclosed to us under the provisions of Divisions 2 and 3 of Part XV of the SFO, or who is, directly or indirectly, interested in 10.0% or more of the nominal value of any class of share capital carrying rights to vote in all circumstances at general meetings of any other member of our Group:

		Based on an O HK\$10		Based on an O HK\$13	
Name of Shareholder	Nature of Interest and Capacity	Number of Shares	Approximate Percentage of Shareholding	Number of Shares	Approximate Percentage of Shareholding
Venetian Venture Development Intermediate II	Beneficial owner	5,657,814,885	70.3%	5,663,416,548	71.5%
Venetian Venture Development Intermediate I	Interest in a controlled corporation	5,657,814,885	70.3%	5,663,416,548	71.5%
LVS Dutch Intermediate Holding BV	Interest in a controlled corporation	5,657,814,885	70.3%	5,663,416,548	71.5%
LVS Dutch Holding BV	Interest in a controlled corporation	5,657,814,885	70.3%	5,663,416,548	71.5%
LVS Dutch Finance CV	Interest in a controlled corporation	5,657,814,885	70.3%	5,663,416,548	71.5%
LVS (Nevada) International Holdings Inc	Interest in a controlled corporation	5,657,814,885	70.3%	5,663,416,548	71.5%
Venetian Casino Resort, LLC	Interest in a controlled corporation	5,657,814,885	70.3%	5,663,416,548	71.5%
Las Vegas Sands, LLC	Interest in a controlled corporation	5,657,814,885	70.3%	5,663,416,548	71.5%
LVS	Interest in a controlled corporation	5,657,814,885	70.3%	5,663,416,548	71.5%
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his family and trusts<sup>(1)</sup> ...... Interest in a controlled 5,657,814,885 70.3% 5,663,416,548 71.5% corporation

(1) Mr. Adelson, his family members and trusts for the benefit of Mr. Adelson and/or his family members are interested in 52.0% of the issued share capital of LVS, which in turn is interested in the entire share capital of Las Vegas Sands LLC. Las Vegas Sands LLC is interested in the entire share capital of Venetian Casino Resort, LLC, which is in turn interested in LVS (Nevada) International Holdings Inc. LVS (Nevada) International Holdings Inc. LVS (Nevada) International Holdings Inc is interested in the entire share capital of LVS Dutch Finance BV which is in turn interested in LVS Dutch Holding BV. LVS Dutch Finance BV is interested in the entire share capital of VVDI (I). Therefore, Mr. Adelson and LVS are deemed or taken to be interested in the Shares owned by VVDI (II) for the purposes of the SFO.

# SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDERS

If the Over-allotment Option is exercised in full, the shareholding held by each of the abovementioned substantial Shareholders will be 68.0% (assuming the Offer Price is HK\$10.38) and 69.1% (assuming the Offer Price is HK\$13.88), respectively.

Save as disclosed in this prospectus, the Directors are not aware of any other person who will, immediately following the completion of the Global Offering, the Capitalization Issue and the mandatory and automatic exchange of the Bonds for Shares, have a beneficial interest or short position in our Shares or underlying Shares which would fall to be disclosed to us under the provisions of Divisions 2 and 3 of Part XV of the SFO, or who is, directly or indirectly, interested in 10.0% or more of the nominal value of any class of share capital carrying rights to vote in all circumstances at general meetings of any other member of our Group.

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### SHARE CAPITAL

# AUTHORIZED AND ISSUED SHARE CAPITAL

The following is a description of the authorized and issued share capital of our Company in issue and to be issued as fully paid or credited as fully paid immediately before and following the completion of the Global Offering, the Capitalization Issue and the mandatory and automatic exchange of the Bonds for Shares:

Authorized share	canital:	US\$
	Shares	160,000,000
Issued and to be Global Offering	issued, fully paid or credited as fully paid upon completion of the and the Capitalization Issue and the mandatory and automatic e Bonds for Shares (assuming the Offer Price is HK\$10.38):	US\$
1	Share in issue as of the date of this prospectus	0.01
6,279,999,999	Shares to be issued under the Capitalization Issue <sup>(1)</sup>	62,800,000
1,270,000,000	Shares to be issued pursuant to the Global Offering	12,700,000
497,858,661	Shares to be issued upon the mandatory and automatic exchange of the Bonds for Shares	4,978,587
8,047,858,661	Total	80,478,587
Global Offering	issued, fully paid or credited as fully paid upon completion of the g, the Capitalization Issue and the mandatory and automatic exchange or Shares (assuming the Offer Price is HK\$13.88):	US\$
1	Share in issue as of the date of this prospectus	0.01
6,279,999,999	Shares to be issued under the Capitalization Issue <sup>(2)</sup>	62,800,000
1,270,000,000	Shares to be issued pursuant to the Global Offering	12,700,000
372,297,822	Shares to be issued upon the mandatory and automatic exchange of the Bonds for Shares	3,722,978
7,922,297,822	Total	79,222,978

(1) This includes 22,185,115 Shares to be issued to CDC at the request of LVS (through VVDI (II)) pursuant to the CDC Settlement and 600,000,000 Sale Shares.

(2) This includes 16,583,452 Shares to be issued to CDC at the request of LVS (through VVDi (II)) pursuant to the CDC Settlement and 600,000,000 Sale Shares.

### ASSUMPTIONS

The above table assumes that the Global Offering, the Capitalization Issue have become unconditional. However, it takes no account of the exercise of any options granted or to be granted under the Share Option Scheme (see "Statutory and General Information—Share Option Scheme" in Appendix VII to this prospectus), any Shares which may be issued or repurchased by us pursuant to the general mandates granted to our Directors to issue Shares (see "—General Mandate to Issue Shares" below) or the general mandate granted to our Directors to repurchase Shares (see "—General Mandate to Repurchase Shares" below).

### RANKING

The Shares are ordinary shares in the share capital of our Company and rank equally with all Shares currently in issue or to be issued and, in particular, will rank in full for all dividends or other distributions declared, made or paid on the Shares in respect of a record date which falls after the date of this prospectus.

## SHARE CAPITAL

# **GENERAL MANDATE TO ISSUE SHARES**

Subject to the conditions stated in "Structure of the Global Offering—Conditions of the Global Offering," our Directors have been granted a general unconditional mandate to allot, issue and deal with Shares with a total nominal value of not more than the sum of:

- (i) 20.0% of the total nominal value of the share capital of our Company in issue immediately following the completion of the Global Offering, the Capitalization Issue and the mandatory and automatic exchange of the Bonds for Shares; and
- (ii) the total nominal value of the share capital of our Company repurchased by us (if any) under the general mandate to repurchase Shares referred to in "--General Mandate to Repurchase Shares" below.

This general mandate to issue Shares will expire:

- (A) at the conclusion of our Company's next annual general meeting; or
- (B) at the end of the period within which we are required by any applicable law or our Articles of Association to hold our next annual general meeting; or
- (C) when varied or revoked by an ordinary resolution of our Shareholders in general meeting,

whichever is the earliest.

For further details of this general mandate, see "Statutory and General Information—Resolutions in Writing of the Sole Shareholder of Our Company passed on November 8, 2009" in Appendix VII to this prospectus.

# GENERAL MANDATE TO REPURCHASE SHARES

Subject to the conditions stated in "Structure of the Global Offering—Conditions of the Global Offering," our Directors have been granted a general unconditional mandate to exercise all the powers of our Company to repurchase Shares with a total nominal value of not more than 10% of the aggregate nominal value of our share capital in issue immediately following the completion of the Global Offering, the Capitalization Issue and the mandatory and automatic exchange of the Bonds for Shares.

This general mandate relates only to repurchases made on the Stock Exchange, or on any other stock exchange on which the Shares are listed (and which is recognized by the SFC and the Stock Exchange for this purpose), and made in accordance with the Listing Rules. A summary of the relevant Listing Rules is set out in "Statutory and General Information—Further Information About Our Group— Repurchases by Our Company of its Own Securities" in Appendix VII to this prospectus.

This general mandate to repurchase Shares will expire:

- (A) at the conclusion of our Company's next annual general meeting; or
- (B) at the end of the period within which we are required by any applicable law or our Articles of

Association to hold our next annual general meeting; or

(C) when varied or revoked by an ordinary resolution of our Shareholders in general meeting,

whichever is the earliest.

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#### **FUTURE PLANS**

See "Business—Business Strategies" for a detailed description of our future plans.

#### USE OF PROCEEDS

We estimate that the net proceeds to our Company from the Global Offering, assuming an Offer Price of HK\$12.13 per Share, being the midpoint of the Offer Price range set forth in this prospectus, will be approximately HK\$14,715.0 million (US\$1,898.7 million), after deducting underwriting commissions and estimated offering expenses payable by us in connection with the Global Offering.

We currently intend to apply such net proceeds as follows:

- approximately HK\$6,347.3 million (US\$819.0 million) will be used to repay all of the shareholders' loans and intercompany payables outstanding immediately prior to the completion of the Global Offering which are owed by us or our subsidiaries to LVS and certain of LVS's U.S. subsidiaries;
- approximately HK\$3,875.0 million (US\$500.0 million) will be used in conjunction with supplemental financing to finance the completion of the construction of the integrated resort on Parcels 5 and 6 in our Cotal Strip development in Macau;
- approximately HK\$2,325.0 million (US\$300.0 million) will be used to repay a portion of our Macau Credit Facility;
- approximately HK\$775.0 million (US\$100.0 million) will be used for general corporate purposes; and
- the balance of approximately HK\$1,392.8 million (US\$179.7 million) will be used, subject to the then current economic conditions and based upon what the Directors consider to be in the best interest of our Company, either for financing the completion of the construction of the integrated resort on Parcels 5 and 6 in our Cotal Strip development in Macau, or an incremental repayment of a portion of the Macau Credit Facility, as described above.

If the Offer Price is set at the high end of the indicative Offer Price range, being HK\$13.88 per Share, the net proceeds to our Company from the Global Offering will increase by approximately HK\$2,139.2 million (US\$276.0 million). We intend to apply the additional net proceeds either for financing the completion of the construction of the integrated resort on Parcels 5 and 6 in our Cotai Strip development, or an incremental repayment of a portion of the Macau Credit Facility, as described above.

If the Offer Price is set at the low end of the indicative Offer Price range, being HK\$10.38 per Share, the net proceeds to our Company from the Global Offering will decrease by approximately HK\$2,139.2 million (US\$276.0 million). We first intend to reduce the original balance of net proceeds to be allocated towards either the financing of the completion of construction of the integrated resort on Parcels 5 and 6 in our Cotai Strip development, or the incremental repayment of a portion of our Macau Credit Facility by HK\$1,392.8 million (US\$179.7 million), as described above. We then intend to reduce the portion of net proceeds allocated towards general corporate purposes by HK\$746.4 million (US\$96.3 million). The HK\$3,875.0 million (US\$500.0 million) of net proceeds to be used in conjunction with supplemental financing to finance the completion of construction of the integrated resort on Parcels 5 and 6 in our Cotai Strip development in Macau will still be available if the Offer Price is set at the low end of the indicative Offer Price range.

We estimate that the net proceeds to the Selling Shareholder from the Global Offering, assuming an Offer Price of HK\$12.13 per Share, being the midpoint of the Offer Price range set forth in this prospectus, will be approximately HK\$7,005.1 million (US\$903.9 million) before any exercise of the Over-allotment Option and after deducting underwriting commissions and estimated offering expenses payable by the Selling Shareholder in connection with the Global Offering. We will not receive any proceeds from the sale of the Sale Shares (including any exercise of the Over-allotment Option).

# HONG KONG UNDERWRITERS

Goldman Sachs (Asia) L.L.C. Citigroup Global Markets Asia Limited Barclays Capital Asia Limited BNP Paribas Capital (Asia Pacific) Limited UBS AG, Hong Kong Branch CLSA Limited GuocoCapital Limited

# UNDERWRITING ARRANGEMENTS AND EXPENSES

# Hong Kong Public Offering

# Hong Kong Underwriting Agreement

Pursuant to the Hong Kong Underwriting Agreement, we are offering the Hong Kong Public Offer Shares for subscription on and subject to the terms and conditions of this prospectus and the Application Forms at the Offer Price. Subject to the Listing Committee granting the listing of, and permission to deal in, the Shares in issue and to be issued as mentioned in this prospectus and to certain other conditions set out in the Hong Kong Underwriting Agreement, the Hong Kong Underwriters have agreed severally to subscribe or procure subscribers to subscribe for the Hong Kong Public Offer Shares which are being offered but are not taken up under the Hong Kong Public Offering on the terms and conditions of this prospectus and the Application Forms.

The Hong Kong Underwriting Agreement is conditional on and subject to the International Placing Agreement having been signed and becoming unconditional.

### Grounds for Termination

(ii)

The obligation of the Hong Kong Underwriters to subscribe or procure subscribers for the Hong Kong Public Offer Shares is subject to termination by notice in writing given to us by Goldman Sachs, Citi and UBS (jointly on behalf of the Hong Kong Underwriters) if:

- (a) there develops, occurs, exists or comes into force:
  - (i) any change or development involving a prospective change, or any event or series of events resulting in or representing a change or development involving a prospective change, in local, national, regional or international financial, political, military, industrial, economic, fiscal or market conditions (including, without limitation, conditions in stock and bond markets, money and foreign exchange markets and inter-bank markets, a change in the system under which the value of the Hong Kong currency is linked to that of the currency of the United States or a devaluation of the patacas or Renminbi against any foreign currencies) in or affecting Hong Kong, Macau, the Cayman Islands, the PRC, the United States or the European Union (or any member thereof);
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any new law or regulation or any change in existing law or regulation, or any change in the interpretation or application thereof by any court or other competent authority in or affecting Hong Kong, Macau, the Cayman Islands, the PRC, the United States or the European Union (or any member thereof); or

(iii) any event or series of events in the nature of force majeure (including, without limitation, acts of government, strikes, lock-outs, fire, explosion, flooding, civil commotion, acts of war, acts of terrorism (whether or not responsibility has been claimed); acts of God, accident or interruption or delay in transportation) in or affecting Hong Kong, Macau, the Cayman Islands, the PRC; the United States or the European Union (or any member thereof); or

- (1) any suspension or limitation on trading in shares or securities generally on the (iv) Stock Exchange, the New York Stock Exchange, the Nasdaq National Market, the London Stock Exchange or the Shanghai Stock Exchange or (2) a material disruption in commercial banking activities or foreign exchange trading or securities settlement or clearance services in or affecting Hong Kong, Macau, the United States, the European Union (or any member state thereof), the Cayman Islands or the PRC; or
- any change or prospective change in taxation or exchange controls, currency (V) exchange rates or foreign investment regulations in the PRC, Hong Kong, Macau, the Cayman Islands, the United States or the European Union (or any member thereof) adversely affecting an investment in the Shares; or
- (vi) any litigation or claim being threatened or instigated against any member of our Group; Öľ
- (vii) the commencement by any regulatory body or organization of any public action against a Director in his capacity as a director or any member of our Group or a formal announcement by any regulatory body or organization that it intends to take any such action,

and which, in respect of any of paragraphs (i) to (vii) above in the joint opinion of Goldman Sachs, Citi and UBS (on behalf of the Hong Kong Underwriters):

- is or will be or will likely be materially adverse to, or materially and prejudicially affect, (A) the business or financial or trading position or prospects of our Group as a whole; or
- has or will have or will likely have a material adverse effect on the success of the (B) Global Offering and/or make it impracticable or inadvisable for any material part of the Hong Kong Underwriting Agreement, the Hong Kong Public Offering or the Global Offering to be performed or implemented as envisaged; or
- makes or will make it inadvisable or inexpedient to proceed with the Hong Kong Public (C) Offering and/or the Global Offering or the delivery of the Offer Shares on the terms and in the manner contemplated by this prospectus; or
- there has come to the notice of Goldman Sachs, Citi and UBS after the date of the Hong (b) Kong Underwriting Agreement:
  - that any statement contained in this prospectus, the Application Forms, the formal (i) notice and any announcements in the agreed form issued by our Company in connection with the Hong Kong Public Offering (including any supplement or amendment thereto) was or has become untrue, incorrect, inaccurate or misleading in any material respect; or
  - any matter has arisen or has been discovered which would, had it arisen immediately (iii) before the date of this prospectus, not having been disclosed in this prospectus, constitute a material omission therefrom; or
- any of the warranties given by the warrantors (including our Company) in the Hong Kong Underwriting Agreement is (or would when repeated be) untrue or misleading in any material respect; provided, however, where any of the warranties has been given on a materiality basis, then this termination right will be exercisable with immediate effect jointly by Goldman Sachs, Citi and UBS when such warranty is (or would when repeated be) untrue or misleading in any respect; or
  - (iv) any event, act or omission which gives or is likely to give rise to any material liability of any of the warrantors (including our Company) in the Hong Kong Underwriting Agreement pursuant to the indemnities given by them under the Hong Kong Underwriting Agreement; or

- (v) any breach of any of the obligations of the warrantors (including our Company) under the Hong Kong Underwriting Agreement that has or will have or is likely to have a material adverse effect on the success of the Global Offering; or
- (vi) any material adverse change or prospective material adverse change in the business, results of operations, or in the financial or trading position of our Group as a whole.

# Undertakings to the Hong Kong Stock Exchange Pursuant to the Listing Rules

### (a) Undertaking By Our Company

Pursuant to Rule 10.08 of the Listing Rules, we have undertaken to the Stock Exchange that we will not issue any further Shares or securities convertible into equity securities (whether or not of a class already listed) or enter into any agreement to such issue within six months from the date on which our securities first commence dealing on the Stock Exchange (whether or not such issue of Shares or securities will be completed within six months from the commencement of dealing), except pursuant to (i) the Global Offering, (ii) the Capitalization Issue, any capital reduction or consolidation or sub-division of Shares, (iii) the mandatory and automatic exchange of the Bonds for Shares upon the Listing, (iv) the issue of Shares to Clive B. Jones, Jose Vai Chi "Cliff" Cheong and Darryl "Dax" S. Turok at the request of LVS pursuant to the CDC Settlement or (v) the exercise of any options granted under the Share Option Scheme or the grant of any options under the Share Option Scheme or for the circumstances provided under Rule 10.08 of the Listing Rules.

# (b) Undertaking By the Controlling Shareholders

Pursuant to Rule 10.07 of the Listing Rules, each of the Controlling Shareholders has undertaken to the Stock Exchange that, save as disclosed in this prospectus and except pursuant to the Global Offering (including the Over-allotment Option), it will not and shall procure that the relevant registered holder(s) will not:

- (1) in the period commencing on the date by reference to which disclosure of its shareholding is made in this prospectus and ending on the date which is six months from the date on which dealings in our Shares commence on the Stock Exchange, dispose of, nor enter into any agreement to dispose of or otherwise create any options, rights, interests or encumbrances in respect of, any of the securities of our Company in respect of which it is shown in this prospectus to be the beneficial owner; and
- (2) in the period of six months commencing on the date on which the period referred to in paragraph (b)(1) above expires, dispose of, nor enter into any agreement to dispose of or otherwise create any options, rights interests or encumbrances in respect of, any of the securities referred to in paragraph (b)(1) above if, immediately following such disposal or upon the exercise or enforcement of such options, rights, interests or encumbrances, it would cease to be a controlling shareholder for the purposes of the Listing Rules.

Pursuant to Note 3 to Rule 10.07(2) of the Listing Rules, each of the Controlling Shareholders has undertaken to the Stock Exchange and to our Company that within the period commencing on the date by reference to which disclosure of its shareholding is made in this prospectus and ending on the date which is 12 months from the date on which dealings in our Shares commence on the Stock Exchange, it will:

- (1) when it pledges or charges any securities of our Company beneficially owned by it in favor of an authorized institution pursuant to Note 2 to Rule 10.07(2), immediately inform our Company of such pledge/charge together with the number of securities so pledged/ charged; and
- (2) when it receives indications, either verbal or written, from the pledgee/chargee that any of the pledged/charged securities will be disposed of, immediately inform our Company of such indications.

# Undertakings Pursuant to the Hong Kong Underwriting Agreement

### (a) Undertakings by our Company

Pursuant to the Hong Kong Underwriting Agreement, we have undertaken with each of the Joint Global Coordinators, the Joint Bookrunners, the Joint Sponsors and the Hong Kong Underwriters that at any time from the date of the Hong Kong Underwriting Agreement until the expiry of six months from the Listing Date (the *First Six-month Period*), we shall not without the prior written consent of Goldman Sachs or Citi acting severally and not jointly (on behalf of the Hong Kong Underwriters) (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed) and unless in compliance with the requirements of the Listing Rules:

- (a) offer, accept subscription for, allot, issue, sell, contract to allot, issue or sell, sell any option or contract to purchase, grant or agree to grant any option, right or warrant to purchase or subscribe for, either directly or indirectly, conditionally or unconditionally, any of its share capital or other securities of our Company (including but not limited to any securities convertible into, exercisable or exchangeable for, or that represent the right to receive any such share capital or securities or any interest therein); or
- (b) enter into any swap or other arrangement that transfers to another, in whole or in part, any of the economic consequences of ownership of such share capital or securities or any interest therein,

whether any of the foregoing transactions described in paragraph (a) or (b) above is to be settled by delivery of share capital or such other securities, in cash or otherwise or publicly disclose that we will or may enter into any transaction described above, provided that the foregoing restrictions shall not apply to the issue of Shares by us pursuant to (i) the Global Offering, (ii) the Capitalization Issue, any capital reduction or consolidation or sub-division of Shares, (iii) the mandatory and automatic exchange of the Bonds for Shares upon the Listing, (iv) the issue of Shares to Clive B. Jones, Jose Vai Chi "Cliff" Cheong and Darryl "Dax" S. Turok at the request of LVS pursuant to a settlement agreement dated June 3, 2009 entered into by LVS or (v) the exercise of any options granted under the Share Option Scheme or the grant of any options under the Share Option Scheme.

# (b) Undertaking by the Controlling Shareholders

Pursuant to the Hong Kong Underwriting Agreement, each of LVS and the Selling Shareholder has undertaken with each of the Joint Global Coordinators, the Joint Bookrunners, the Joint Sponsors, the Hong Kong Underwriters and our Company that it shall not, and shall procure that the relevant registered holder(s) shall not, without the prior written consent of Goldman Sachs or Citi acting severally and not jointly (on behalf of the Hong Kong Underwriters) (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed) and unless in compliance with the requirements of the Listing Rules:

(a) at any time during the First Six-month Period offer, pledge, charge, sell, contract to sell, sell any option or contract to purchase, grant or agree to grant any option, right or warrant to purchase for, lend or otherwise transfer or dispose of, nor enter into any agreement to dispose of, or otherwise create any other rights, interests or encumbrances of, either directly or indirectly, conditionally or unconditionally, any of the share capital, debt capital or other securities of our Company or any interest therein held by it (including, but not limited to, any

securities that are convertible into or exercisable or exchangeable for, or that represent the right to receive, any such share capital or other securities of our Company or any interest therein) or enter into any swap or other arrangement that transfers, in whole or in part, any of the economic consequences of ownership of such share capital, whether any of the foregoing transactions is to be settled by delivery of share capital or such other securities, in cash or otherwise, or offer to or agree to do any of the foregoing or announce any intention to do so, provided that the restrictions shall not apply to (i) any lending of Shares pursuant to the Stock Borrowing Agreement or (ii) the sale of the Sale Shares by the Selling Shareholder pursuant to the International Offering, including pursuant to the exercise of the Over-allotment Option; and



at any time during the period of six months commencing on the date on which the First Six-(b) month Period expires (the Second Six-month Period), offer, pledge, charge, sell, contract to sell, sell any option or contract to purchase, grant or agree to grant any option, right or warrant to purchase or subscribe for, lend or otherwise transfer or dispose of, nor enter into any agreement to dispose of, or otherwise create any other rights, interests or encumbrances of, either directly or indirectly, conditionally or unconditionally, any of the share capital, debt capital or other securities of our Company or any interest therein held by it (including, but not limited to, any securities that are convertible into, exercisable or exchangeable for, or that represent the right to receive, any such share capital or other securities of our Company or any interest therein) as at the Listing Date or enter into any swap or other arrangement that transfers, in whole or in part, any of the economic consequences of ownership of such share capital, whether any of the foregoing transactions are to be settled by delivery of share capital or such other securities, in cash or otherwise, or offer to or agree to do any of the foregoing or announce any intention to do so if, immediately following such transaction, it would cease to be the controlling shareholder (as defined in the Listing Rules) of our Company.

Pursuant to the Hong Kong Underwriting Agreement, each of LVS and the Selling Shareholder has further undertaken with the Joint Global Coordinators, the Joint Bookrunners, the Joint Sponsors, the Hong Kong Underwriters and our Company that, within the period commencing on the date of this prospectus and ending on the date which is 12 months after the Listing Date, it will immediately inform our Company, the Joint Global Coordinators, the Joint Bookrunners and the Joint Sponsors of:

- (a) any pledges or charges of any Shares or other securities of our Company beneficially owned by it in favor of an authorized institution (as defined in the Banking Ordinance (Chapter 155 of the Laws of Hong Kong)) for a bona fide commercial loan, together with the number of Shares or other securities of our Company so pledged or charged; and
- (b) any indications received by it, either verbal or written, from the pledgee or chargee of any Shares or other securities of our Company pledged or charged that such Shares or other securities of our Company so pledged or charged will be disposed of.

Our Company has agreed and undertaken to the Joint Global Coordinators, the Joint Bookrunners, the Joint Sponsors and the Hong Kong Underwriters that upon receiving such information in writing from LVS or the Selling Shareholder, we shall, as soon as possible, notify the Stock Exchange and make a public disclosure in relation to such information in accordance with the Listing Rules.

### Indemnity

We have agreed to indemnify the Hong Kong Underwriters for certain losses which they may suffer, including losses arising from their performance of their obligations under the Hong Kong Underwriting Agreement and any breach by us of the Hong Kong Underwriting Agreement.

#### Commission

The Hong Kong Underwriters will receive an aggregate underwriting and selling commission of 3.0% on the aggregate Offer Price payable for the Hong Kong Public Offer Shares, out of which they will pay any sub-underwriting commissions. In addition, we may pay to the Hong Kong Underwriters an additional incentive fee of 0.75% of the Offer Price multiplied by the total number of Hong Kong Public Offer Shares. For unsubscribed Hong Kong Public Offer Shares reallocated to the International Offering, the underwriting commission will not be paid to the Hong Kong Underwriters but will instead be paid, at the rate applicable to the International Offering, to the Joint Bookrunners and the relevant International Underwriters.

Hong Kong Underwriters' Interest in Our Company

Save for its obligations under the Hong Kong Underwriting Agreement, none of the Hong Kong Underwriters has any shareholding interests in our Company or any of our subsidiaries or any right

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(whether legally enforceable or not) to subscribe for or to nominate persons to subscribe for securities in our Company or any of our subsidiaries.

### International Offering

#### International Placing Agreement

In connection with the International Offering, we and the Selling Shareholder expect to enter into the International Placing Agreement with the International Underwriters. Under the International Placing Agreement, the International Underwriters, subject to certain conditions, will agree severally to purchase the International Offer Shares being offered pursuant to the International Offering.

We and the Selling Shareholder will agree to indemnify the International Underwriters against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the U.S. Securities Act.

It is expected that the International Placing Agreement may be terminated on similar grounds as the Hong Kong Underwriting Agreement. Potential investors are reminded that in the event that the International Placing Agreement is not entered into, the Global Offering will not proceed.

#### **Over-allotment Option**

It is expected that the Selling Shareholder will grant to the International Underwriters the Overallotment Option, which is exercisable by the Stabilizing Manager (on behalf of the International Underwriters) from the Listing Date until 30 days after the last day for the lodging of applications under the Hong Kong Public Offering, to require the Selling Shareholder to sell up to an aggregate of 187,000,000 additional Shares, representing no more than 10.0% of the Offer Shares, at the same price per Share under the International Offering, to, among other things, cover over-allocations in the International Offering, if any.

#### Total Expenses

The Underwriters will receive a commission of 3.0% of the aggregate Offer Price of all the Offer Shares, out of which they will pay any sub-underwriting commission, and may receive an additional incentive fee of 0.75% of the Offer Price multiplied by the total number of Offer Shares (subject to the exercise of the Over-allotment Option). The aggregate commissions and fees, together with Stock Exchange listing fees, SFC transaction levy and Stock Exchange trading fee, legal and other professional fees and printing and all other expenses relating to the Global Offering, which are estimated to amount in aggregate to approximately HK\$690.1 million (US\$89.0 million) (assuming an Offer Price of HK\$12.13 per Share (being the mid-point of the indicative Offer Price range of between HK\$10.38 and HK\$13.88 per Share) and the Over-allotment Option is not exercised at all), are payable and borne by our Company, save for the commissions relating to the Offer Shares to be sold by the Selling Shareholder pursuant to the International Offering, which will be borne by the Selling Shareholder.

### Independence of the Joint Sponsors

CLSA satisfies the independence criteria applicable to sponsors set out in Rule 3A.07 of the Listing Rules.

Goldman Sachs does not satisfy the independence criteria applicable to sponsors under Rule 3A.07 of the Listing Rules because Goldman Sachs has current business relationships with our Company and/or the substantial shareholder of our Company within the meaning of Rule 3A.07(9) of the Listing Rules, including, among others, acting as the placing agent for the Bonds issued by VVDI (II) and the arranger for certain amendments to our Group's existing financing documents, the approval of which was obtained from the relevant lenders on August 12, 2009, which may be considered to affect Goldman Sachs's independence in performing its duties as a sponsor as set out in Chapter 3A of the Listing Rules.

### PRICE PAYABLE ON APPLICATION

The Offer Price will not be more than HK\$13.88 per Offer Share and is expected to be not less than HK\$10.38 per Offer Share. Applicants under the Hong Kong Public Offering should pay, on application, the maximum price of HK\$13.88 per Offer Share plus brokerage of 1.0%, SFC transaction levy of 0.004% and Stock Exchange trading fee of 0.005% amounting to a total of HK\$5,608.02 per board lot of 400 Shares.

If the Offer Price, as finally determined in the manner described below, is lower than HK\$13.88 per Offer Share, being the maximum price, appropriate refund payments (including the brokerage, the SFC transaction levy and the Stock Exchange trading fee attributable to the surplus application monies) will be made to successful applicants, without interest. Further details are set out in "How to Apply for Hong Kong Public Offer Shares."

### DETERMINING THE OFFER PRICE

The Offer Price is expected to be fixed by agreement between the Joint Bookrunners (jointly on behalf of the Underwriters) the Selling Shareholder and us on the Price Determination Date. The Price Determination Date is expected to be on or before Saturday, November 21, 2009 and in any event, not later than Friday, November 27, 2009.

The Offer Price will not be more than HK\$13.88 per Share and is expected to be not less than HK\$10.38 per Share, unless otherwise announced, as further explained below, not later than the morning of the last day for lodging applications under the Hong Kong Offering.

The Joint Bookrunners (jointly on behalf of the Underwriters) may, where considered appropriate, based on the level of interest expressed by prospective professional, institutional, corporate and other investors during the book-building process, and with our consent, reduce the number of Offer Shares being offered under the Global Offering and/or the Indicative Offer Price range below that stated in this prospectus at any time prior to the morning of the last day for lodging applications under the Hong Kong Public Offering. In such a case, we will, as soon as practicable following the decision to make such reduction, and in any event not later than the morning of the last day for the lodging of applications under the Hong Kong Public Offer Shares and/or the indicative Offer Price range. Upon issue of the reduction in the number of Offer Shares and/or the revised Offer Price range. Upon issue of such a notice, the number of Offer Shares and/or the revised Offer Price range. Such notice will also include confirmation or revision, as appropriate, of the working capital statement, the offer statistics as currently set out in "Summary," and any other financial information which may change as a result of such reduction.

If applications for Hong Kong Public Offer Shares have been submitted, then even if the number of Offer Shares and/or the Offer Price range is so reduced such applications cannot be subsequently withdrawn.

In the absence of any notice being published in the South China Morning Post (in English) and the Hong Kong Economic Times (in Chinese) of a reduction in the number of Offer Shares and/or the indicative Offer Price range stated in this prospectus on or before the morning of the last day for lodging applications under the Hong Kong Public Offering, the number of Hong Kong Public Offer Shares and/or the Offer Price, if agreed upon with us, will under no circumstances be fewer than the number of Offer Shares or be set outside the Offer Price range as stated in this prospectus.

If, for any reason, we, the Selling Shareholder and the Joint Bookrunners (jointly on behalf of the Underwriters) are unable to reach agreement on the Offer Price, the Global Offering will not become unconditional and will lapse.

An announcement of the Offer Price, the level of applications and basis of allocations of the Hong Kong Public Offer Shares are expected to be published on or before Friday, November 27, 2009.

### CONDITIONS OF THE GLOBAL OFFERING

Acceptance of all applications for the Offer Shares will be conditional on:

- the Listing Committee of the Stock Exchange granting listing of, and permission to deal in, (a) the Shares in issue, the Offer Shares being offered pursuant to the Global Offering (subject only to allotment), the Shares to be issued pursuant to the Capitalization Issue and upon the mandatory and automatic exchange of the Bonds for Shares and the Shares which may be issued upon the exercise of the options which may be granted under the Share Option Scheme, and such listing and permission not subsequently having been revoked prior to the commencement of dealings in the Shares on the Stock Exchange;
- the Offer Price having been duly determined and the execution and delivery of the Price (b) Determination Agreement on or around the Price Determination Date; and
- the execution of the International Placing Agreement, and the obligations of the (C) Underwriters under the Underwriting Agreements becoming and remaining unconditional (including, if relevant, as a result of the waiver of any conditions by Goldman Sachs, Citi and UBS, on behalf of the Underwriters) and such obligations not being terminated in accordance with the terms of the respective agreements, in each case, on or before the dates and times specified in the Underwriting Agreements (unless and to the extent such conditions are validly waived on or before such dates and times).

The consummation of each of the International Offering and the Hong Kong Public Offering is conditional upon, among other things, the other becoming unconditional and not having been terminated in accordance with their respective terms.

If the above conditions are not fulfilled or waived prior to the times and dates specified, the Global Offering will lapse and the Stock Exchange will be notified immediately. Notice of the lapse of the Global Offering will be caused to be published by us in the South China Morning Post (in English) and the Hong Kong Economic Times (in Chinese) on the next day following such lapse.

In the above eventuality, all application monies will be returned to the applicants, without interest and on the terms set out in "How to Apply for Hong Kong Public Offer Shares." In the meantime, all application monies will be held in a separate bank account or separate bank accounts with the receiving banker or other bank(s) licensed under the Banking Ordinance (Chapter 155 of the Laws of Hong Kong).

Share certificates for the Offer Shares are expected to be issued on Friday, November 27, 2009 but will only become valid certificates of title at 8:00 a.m. on the Listing Date, provided that (i) the Global Offering has become unconditional in all respects and (ii) neither of the Underwriting Agreements has been terminated in accordance with its terms.

### THE GLOBAL OFFERING

The Global Offering comprises the Hong Kong Public Offering and the International Offering. 1,870,000,000 Offer Shares will be initially made available under the Global Offering. Of the Offer Shares under the Global Offering, 1,683,000,000 Offer Shares, comprising 1,083,000,000 new Shares to be offered by us and 600,000,000 Sale Shares to be offered by the Selling Shareholder, will initially be conditionally placed pursuant to the International Offering and the remaining 187,000,000 Offer Shares will initially be offered to the public in Hong Kong under the Hong Kong Public Offering (subject,

in each case, to reallocation on the basis described in "-The Hong Kong Public Offering" below). The Offer Shares included in the International Offering will be conditionally placed pursuant to the International Offering with professional, institutional, corporate and other investors whom we anticipate to have a sizeable demand for the Shares in Hong Kong and other jurisdictions outside the United States in reliance on Regulation S, and in the United States with QIBs in reliance on Rule 144A.

The Hong Kong Public Offering is fully underwritten by the Hong Kong Underwriters and the International Offering is expected to be fully underwritten by the International Underwriters in each case on a several basis, each being subject to the conditions set out in "Underwriting—Underwriting Arrangements and Expenses." The Hong Kong Underwriting Agreement was entered into on Friday, November 13, 2009 and, subject to an agreement on the Offer Price between us, the Selling Shareholder and the Joint Bookrunners (jointly on behalf of the Underwriters), the International Placing Agreement is expected to be entered into on or about the Price Determination Date. The Hong Kong Underwriting Agreement and the International Placing Agreement are expected to be inter-conditional upon each other.

Investors may apply for the Offer Shares under the Hong Kong Public Offering or indicate an interest for the Offer Shares under the International Offering, but may not do both. The Hong Kong Public Offering is open to members of the public in Hong Kong as well as to institutional and professional investors. The International Offering will involve selective marketing of the Offer Shares to institutional and professional investors and other investors anticipated to have a sizeable demand for such Offer Shares. Professional investors generally include brokers, dealers, companies (including fund managers) whose ordinary business involves dealing in shares and other securities and corporate entities which regularly invest in shares and other securities. Prospective professional, institutional and other investors will be required to specify the number of the Offer Shares under the International Offering they would be prepared to acquire either at different prices or at a particular price. This process, known as "bookbuilding," is expected to continue up to, and to cease on or around Saturday, November 21, 2009.

Allocation of the Offer Shares pursuant to the International Offering will be determined by the Joint Bookrunners and will be based on a number of factors including the level and timing of demand, total size of the relevant investor's invested assets or equity assets in the relevant sector and whether or not it is expected that the relevant investor is likely to buy further, and/or hold or sell, Shares, after the listing of the Shares on the Stock Exchange. Such allocation is intended to result in a distribution of Shares on a basis which would lead to the establishment of a solid shareholder base to our benefit and the Shareholders as a whole.

Allocation of Hong Kong Public Offer Shares to investors under the Hong Kong Public Offering will be based solely on the level of valid applications received under the Hong Kong Public Offering. The basis of allocation may vary, depending on the number of Hong Kong Public Offer Shares validly applied for by applicants. Although the allocation of Hong Kong Public Offer Shares could, where appropriate, consist of balloting, which would mean that some applicants may receive a higher allocation than others who have applied for the same number of Hong Kong Public Offer Shares, and those applicants who are not successful in the ballot may not receive any Hong Kong Public Offer Shares.

### **Over-allotment Option**

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In connection with the Global Offering, it is expected that the Selling Shareholder will grant the Over-allotment Option to the International Underwriters. The Over-allotment Option is exercisable by the Stabilizing Manager (on behalf of the International Underwriters) from the Listing Date until 30 days after the last day for the lodging of applications under the Hong Kong Public Offering to require the Selling Shareholder to sell up to an aggregate of 187,000,000 additional Shares, representing 10.0% of the initial Offer Shares, at the Offer Price to cover, among other things, over-allocations in the International Offering, if any. In the event that the Over-allotment Option is exercised, a press announcement will be made.

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### **Stock Borrowing Agreement**

In order to facilitate the over-allocations in connection with the Global Offering, the Stabilizing Manager may choose to borrow Shares from VVDI (II) pursuant to the Stock Borrowing Agreement. Pursuant to the Stock Borrowing Agreement, VVDI (II) will lend up to 187,000,000 Shares, representing 10.0% of the Offer Shares, to the Stabilizing Manager to cover over-allocations.

The stock borrowing arrangement under the stock borrowing agreement will comply with the requirements set out in Rule 10.07(3) of the Listing Rules such that it will not be subject to the restrictions of Rule 10.07(1) of the Listing Rules.

### THE HONG KONG PUBLIC OFFERING

The Hong Kong Public Offering is a fully underwritten public offer (subject to agreement as to pricing and satisfaction or waiver of the other conditions described in "—Conditions of the Global Offering" above) for the subscription in Hong Kong of, initially, 187,000,000 Offer Shares at the Offer Price (representing 10.0% of the total number of Offer Shares initially available under the Global Offering). Subject to the reallocation of Offer Shares between the International Offering and the Hong Kong Public Offer Price of HK\$10.38 per Share) or approximately 2.4% (assuming an Offer Price of HK\$13.88 per Share) of our enlarged issued share capital immediately following the completion of the Global Offering, the Capitalization Issue and the mandatory and automatic exchange of the Bonds for Shares.

The total number of the Offer Shares available under the Hong Kong Public Offering (after taking account of any reallocation referred to below) is to be divided into two pools for allocation purposes: pool A and pool B. The Offer Shares in pool A will be allocated on an equitable basis to applicants who have applied for the Offer Shares with an aggregate subscription price of HK\$5.0 million (excluding the brokerage, the SFC transaction levy and the Stock Exchange trading fee payable) or less. The Offer Shares in pool B will be allocated on an equitable basis to applicants who have applied for the Offer Shares with an aggregate subscription price of more than HK\$5.0 million (excluding the brokerage, the SFC transaction levy and the Stock Exchange trading fee payable) and up to the total value of pool B. Investors should be aware that applications in pool A and applications in pool B may receive different allocation ratios. If the Offer Shares in one (but not both) of the pools are undersubscribed, the surplus Offer Shares will be transferred to the other pool to satisfy demand in the pool and be allocated accordingly. For the purpose of this paragraph only, the "subscription price" for the Offer Shares means the price payable on application therefor (without regard to the Offer Price as finally determined). Applicants can only receive an allocation of the Offer Shares from either pool A or pool B but not from both pools. Multiple or suspected multiple applications and any application for more than 50% of the 187,000,000 Offer Shares initially included in the Hong Kong Public Offering (that is, 93,500,000 Offer Shares) will be rejected. Each applicant under the Hong Kong Public Offering will also be required to give an undertaking and confirmation in the Application Form submitted by him that he and any person(s) for whose benefit he is making the application have not indicated an interest for or taken up and will not indicate an interest for or take up any Offer Shares under the International Offering, and

such applicant's application will be rejected if the said undertaking and/or confirmation is breached and/or untrue (as the case may be).

The allocation of Offer Shares between the Hong Kong Public Offering and the International Offering is subject to adjustment. Paragraph 4.2 of Practice Note 18 of the Listing Rules requires a clawback mechanism to be put in place which would have the effect of increasing the number of Offer Shares under the Hong Kong Public Offering to a certain percentage of the total number of Offer Shares offered in the Global Offering if certain prescribed total demand levels are reached. An application has been made for, and the Stock Exchange has granted, a waiver from strict compliance with paragraph 4.2 of Practice Note 18 of the Listing Rules such that, in the event of over-applications



in the Hong Kong Public Offering, the Joint Bookrunners shall apply a clawback mechanism following the closing of the application lists on the following basis:

- it the number of the Offer Shares validly applied for under the Hong Kong Public Offering represents less than 10 times the number of the Offer Shares initially available for subscription under the Hong Kong Public Offering, then Offer Shares will be reallocated to the Hong Kong Public Offering from the International Offering, so that the total number of the Offer Shares available under the Hong Kong Public Offering will be 187,000,000 Offer Shares, representing 10.0% of the Offer Shares initially available under the Global Offering;
- if the number of the Offer Shares validly applied for under the Hong Kong Public Offering represents 10 times or more but less than 40 times the number of the Offer Shares initially available for subscription under the Hong Kong Public Offering, then the number of the Offer Shares to be reallocated to the Hong Kong Public Offering from the International Offering will be increased so that the total number of the Offer Shares available under the Hong Kong Public Offering will be 280,500,000 Offer Shares, representing 15.0% of the Offer Shares initially available under the Global Offering;
- If the number of the Offer Shares validly applied for under the Hong Kong Public Offering represents 40 times or more but less than 50 times the number of the Offer Shares initially available for subscription under the Hong Kong Public Offering, then the number of Offer Shares to be reallocated to the Hong Kong Public Offering from the International Offering will be increased so that the total number of the Offer Shares available under the Hong Kong Public Offering will be 374,000,000 Offer Shares, representing 20.0% of the Offer Shares initially available under the Global Offering; and
- if the number of the Offer Shares validly applied for under the Hong Kong Public Offering represents 50 times or more the number of the Offer Shares initially available for subscription under the Hong Kong Public Offering, then the number of Offer Shares to be reallocated to the Hong Kong Public Offering from the International Offering will be increased, so that the total number of the Offer Shares available under the Hong Kong Public Offering will be 467,500,000 Offer Shares, representing 25.0% of the Offer Shares initially available under the Global Offering.

In each such case, the additional Offer Shares reallocated to the Hong Kong Public Offering will be allocated between pool A and pool B and the number of Offer Shares allocated to the International Offering will be correspondingly reduced.

The Offer Shares to be offered in the Hong Kong Public Offering and the International Offering may, in certain circumstances, be reallocated as between these offerings at the discretion of the Joint Bookrunners. Subject to the foregoing paragraph, the Joint Bookrunners may in their discretion reallocate Offer Shares from the International Offering to the Hong Kong Public Offering to satisfy valid applications under the Hong Kong Public Offering. In addition, if the Hong Kong Public Offering is not fully subscribed, the Joint Bookrunners will have the discretion (but shall not be under any obligation) to reallocate to the International Offering all or any unsubscribed Hong Kong Public Offer Shares in such amounts as they deem appropriate.

References in this prospectus to applications, Application Forms, application or subscription monies or the procedure for application relate solely to the Hong Kong Public Offering.

### THE INTERNATIONAL OFFERING

1,683,000,000 Offer Shares, will be initially offered comprising 1,083,000,000 new Shares to be offered by us and 600,000,000 Sale Shares to be offered by the Selling Shareholder, pursuant to the International Offering, representing 90.0% of the Offer Shares under the Global Offering. The International Offer Shares will represent approximately 20.9% (assuming an Offer Price of HK\$10.38 per Share) or approximately 21.2% (assuming an Offer Price of HK\$13.88 per Share) of our enlarged issued share capital immediately following the completion of the Global Offering, the Capitalization Issue and the mandatory and automatic exchange of the Bonds for Shares.



Pursuant to the International Offering, the International Offer Shares will be conditionally placed by the International Underwriters or through selling agents appointed by them. Offer Shares will be placed with certain professional, institutional, corporate and other investors anticipated to have a sizeable demand for Offer Shares in Hong Kong and other jurisdictions outside the United States in reliance on Regulation S, and in the United States with QIBs in reliance on Rule 144A. The International Offering is subject to the Hong Kong Public Offering becoming unconditional.

We have applied to the Stock Exchange for, and the Stock Exchange has granted, a waiver from strict compliance with Rule 10.04 of the Listing Rules so as to permit the Bondholders to indicate an interest, and subscribe for Shares as ordinary placees, in the International Offering.

Such waiver has been granted on the following conditions:

- the terms and conditions of the Bonds were based on arm's length negotiations between (a) VVDI (II) and the Bondholders;
- each of the Bondholders is a third party who is not connected with our Company or its (b) subsidiaries;
- each of the nine investor groups holding the Bonds will own less than 2.0% of the issued (c) share capital of our Company immediately following the completion of the Global Offering, the Capitalization Issue and the mandatory and automatic exchange of the Bonds for Shares, and without taking into account any Shares which may be subscribed by each Bondholder in the International Offering;
- Goldman Sachs confirms that no preferential treatment will be given to the Bondholders in (d) the allocation of Shares to them if they indicate an interest, and subscribe for Shares as ordinary placees, in the International Offering; and
- none of the nine investor groups holding the Bonds will become substantial shareholders (e) (as defined under the Listing Rules) of our Company following the completion of the Global Offering, the Capitalization Issue and the mandatory and automatic exchange of the Bonds for Shares.

In addition, the waiver has been granted on the basis that Goldman Sachs has confirmed that no preferential treatment will be given to the Bondholders in the allocation of Shares to them if they indicate an interest, and subscribe for Shares as ordinary placees in the International Offering. Notwithstanding the waiver, we will continue to comply with the requirement under Rule 8.08(3) of the Listing Rules such that not more than 50.0% of our Shares held in public hands at the time of Listing are beneficially owned by the three largest public shareholders of our Company.

### **APPLICATION FOR LISTING ON THE STOCK EXCHANGE**

We have applied to the Listing Committee for the listing of, and permission to deal in, the Shares in issue, the Offer Shares being offered pursuant to the Global Offering (subject only to allotment), the Shares to be issued pursuant to the Capitalization Issue and upon the mandatory and automatic exchange of the Bonds for Shares and the Shares which may be issued upon the exercise of the options which may be granted under the Share Option Scheme.

Save as disclosed in this prospectus, no part of our Share or loan capital is listed on or dealt in on any other stock exchange and no such listing or permission to list is being or proposed to be sought in the near future.

### **DEALING ARRANGEMENTS**

Assuming that the Hong Kong Public Offering becomes unconditional at or before 8:00 a.m. in Hong Kong on Monday, November 30, 2009, it is expected that dealings in Shares on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange will commence at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, November 30, 2009.

### UNDERWRITING ARRANGEMENTS

The Hong Kong Public Offering is fully underwritten by the Hong Kong Underwriters under the terms of the Hong Kong Underwriting Agreement. The International Offering is expected to be fully underwritten by the International Underwriters. The Hong Kong Public Offering and the International Offering are subject to the conditions set out in "Underwriting—Underwriting Arrangements and Expenses." In particular, the Joint Bookrunners (on behalf of the Underwriters), the Selling Shareholder and us must agree on the Offer Price. The Hong Kong Underwriting Agreement and the International Placing Agreement are expected to be inter-conditional upon each other.

We expect on or about Saturday, November 21, 2009, shortly after determination of the Offer Price, to enter into the International Placing Agreement relating to the International Offering.

Details of the underwriting arrangements, the Hong Kong Underwriting Agreement and the International Placing Agreement are summarized in "Underwriting."

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There are three ways to make an application for the Hong Kong Public Offer Shares. You may either (i) use a **WHITE** or **YELLOW** Application Form; (ii) apply online through the designated website of the White Form eIPO Service Provider, referred to herein as the "**White Form eIPO**" service; or (iii) give electronic application instructions to instruct HKSCC to cause HKSCC Nominees to apply for the Hong Kong Public Offer Shares on your behalf.

Except where you are a nominee and provide the required information in your application, you or your joint applicant(s) may not make more than one application (whether individually or jointly) by applying on a WHITE or YELLOW Application Form or applying online through White Form eIPO service or by giving electronic application instructions to HKSCC.

### I. WHO CAN APPLY FOR HONG KONG PUBLIC OFFER SHARES

You can apply for the Hong Kong Public Offer Shares available for subscription by the public on a **WHITE** or **YELLOW** Application Form if you, or any person(s) for whose benefit you are applying, are an individual, and:

- are 18 years of age or older;
- have a Hong Kong address;
- are outside the United States; and
- are not a United States person (as defined in Regulation S) or a legal or natural person of the PRC (except qualified domestic institutional investors).

If you wish to apply for Hong Kong Public Offer Shares online through the White Form eIPO service, in addition to the above you must also:

- have a valid Hong Kong identity card number; and
- be willing to provide a valid e-mail address and a contact telephone number.

If the applicant is a firm, the application must be in the names of the individual members, not the firm's name. If the applicant is a body corporate, the application form must be signed by a duly authorized officer, who must state his or her representative capacity.

If an application is made by a person duly authorized under a valid power of attorney, the Joint Bookrunners (or their agents or nominees) may accept it at its discretion, and subject to any conditions it thinks fit, including production of evidence of the authority of the attorney.

The number of joint applicants may not exceed four.

You may only apply by means of the White Form eIPO service if you are an individual applicant. Corporations or joint applicants may not apply by means of White Form eIPO.

We, the Joint Bookrunners or the White Form eIPO Service Provider (where applicable) or our respective agents have full discretion to reject or accept any application, in full or in part, without assigning any reason.

The Hong Kong Public Offer Shares are not available to existing beneficial owners of Shares, our Directors or chief executive or their respective associates or any other connected persons of our



Company or persons who will become our connected persons immediately upon completion of the Global Offering or United States persons (as defined in Regulation S) or persons who do not have a Hong Kong address.

### II. APPLYING BY USING AN APPLICATION FORM

### Which Application Form to Use

Use a WHITE Application Form if you want the Hong Kong Public Offer Shares issued in your own name.

Use a **YELLOW** Application Form if you want the Hong Kong Public Offer Shares issued in the name of HKSCC Nominees and deposited directly into CCASS for credit to your CCASS Investor Participant stock account or your designated CCASS Participant's stock account.

Hong Kong Public Offer Shares are not available to existing beneficial owners

### Where to Collect the Application Forms

You can collect a WHITE Application Form and this prospectus during normal business hours from 9:00 a.m. on Monday, November 16, 2009 until 12:00 noon on Thursday, November 19, 2009 from:

Goldman Sachs (Asia) L.L.C. 68th Floor Cheung Kong Center 2 Queen's Road Central Hong Kong

> BNP Paribas Capital (Asia Pacific) Limited Suite 6415, 64/F Two International Finance Centre 8 Finance Street Central Hong Kong

Citigroup Global Markets Asia Limited 50/F Citibank Plaza 3 Garden Road Central Hong Kong

CLSA Equity Capital Markets Limited 18/F, One Pacific Place 88 Queensway Hong Kong Barclays Capital Asia Limited 42nd Floor, Citibank Tower 3 Garden Road Central Hong Kong

UBS AG, Hong Kong Branch 52/F, Two International Finance Centre 8 Finance Street Central Hong Kong

or any of the following branches of Standard Chartered Bank (Hong Kong) Limited, Bank of China (Hong Kong) Limited, The Bank of East Asia, Limited and Industrial and Commercial Bank of China (Asia) Limited:

(a) Standard Chartered Bank (Hong Kong) Limited

()		Branch Name	Address
Hong Kong Island		Des Voeux Road Branch	Standard Chartered Bank Building, 4-4A, Des Voeux Road Central, Central
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San Po Kong Branch

Shop C2, G/F & 1/F to 2/F, Lee Wing Building, No. 156-162 Hennessy Road, Wanchai

1A Yue Man Square, Kwun Tong Shop B, G/F, 1/F & 2/F, 617-623 Nathan Road, Mongkok Shop A, G/F, Perfect Industrial Building, 31 Tai Yau Street, San Po

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	Branch Name	Address
New Territories	Tsuen Wan Branch	Shop C, G/F & 1/F, Jade Plaza, 298 Sha Tsui Road, Tsuen Wan
	Tuen Mun Town Plaza Branch	Shop No. G047-G052, Tuen Mun Town Plaza Phase I, Tuen Mun
(b) Bank of China (Hong	Kong) Limited	
	Branch Name	Address
Hong Kong Island	Bank of China Tower Branch	3/F, 1 Garden Road
	Connaught Road Central Branch	13-14 Connaught Road Central
	Taikoo Shing Branch	Shop G1006, Hoi Sing Mansion, Taikoo Shing
Kowloon	Yau Ma Tei Branch	471 Nathan Road, Yau Ma Tei
	Shanghai Street (Mong Kok) Branch	611-617 Shanghai Street, Mong Kol
	Whampoa Garden Branch	Shop G8B, Site 1, Whampoa Garden, Hung Hom
New Territories	East Point City Branch	Shop 101, East Point City, Tseung Kwan O
	Sheung Shui Branch	61 San Fung Avenue, Sheung Shui

### c) The Bank of East Asia, Limited

	Branch Name	Address
Hong Kong Island	Main Branch	10 Des Voeux Road Central, HK
	399 Hennessy Road Branch	G/F, Eastern Commercial Centre, 399 Hennessy Road, Wanchai
Kowloon	Mongkok North Branch	G/F, Kalok Building, 720-722 Nathan Road, Mongkok
	Jordan Branch	Shop 4-7, Ground Floor, 238 Nathan Road
New Territories	Ha Kwai Chung Branch	202 Hing Fong Road
d) Industrial and Commercia	al Bank of China (Asia) Limited	
	Branch Name	Address
Hong Kong Island	Queen's Road Central Branch	122-126 Queen's Road Central, Central

North Point BranchG/F, 436-438 King's Road, North<br/>PointKowloonTsimshatsui East BranchShop B, G/F, Railway Plaza, 39<br/>Chatham Road South, TsimshatsuiYaumatei Branch542 Nathan Road, YaumateiNew TerritoriesShatin BranchShop 22J, Level 3, Shatin Centre



You can collect a **YELLOW** Application Form and this prospectus during normal business hours from 9:00°a.m. on Monday, November 16, 2009 until 12:00 noon on Thursday, November 19, 2009 from:

- (1) The Depository Counter of HKSCC at 2nd Floor, Viewood Plaza, 199 Des Voeux Road Central, Hong Kong; or
- (2) Your stockbroker, who may have such Application Forms and this prospectus available.

### How to Complete the Application Form

- (i) Obtain an Application Form as described in "---Where to Collect the Application Forms" above.
- (ii) Complete the Application Form in ink and sign it. There are detailed instructions on each Application Form. You should read these instructions carefully. If you do not follow the instructions your application may be rejected and returned by ordinary post together with the accompanying cheque or banker's cashier order to you (or the first-named applicant in the case of joint applicants) at your own risk to the address stated in the Application Form.
- (iii) Each Application Form must be accompanied by payment, in the form of either one cheque or one banker's cashier order. You should read the detailed instructions set out in the Application Form carefully as an application is liable to be rejected if the cheque or banker's cashier order does not meet the requirements set out in the Application Form.
- (iv) Lodge the Application Form in one of the collection boxes by the time and at one of the locations as described in "---Where to Collect the Application Forms" above.

In order for the YELLOW Application Forms to be valid:

- (i) If the application is made through a designated CCASS Participant (other than a CCASS Investor Participant):
  - the designated CCASS Participant must endorse the form with its company chop (bearing its company name) and insert its participant I.D. in the appropriate box in the Application Form.
- (ii) If the application is made by an individual CCASS Investor Participant:
  - the Application Form must contain the CCASS Investor Participant's name and Hong Kong Identity Card number; and
  - the CCASS Investor Participant must insert its participant I.D. in the appropriate box in the Application Form.
- (iii) If the application is made by a joint individual CCASS Investor Participant:
  - the Application Form must contain all joint CCASS Investor Participants' names and the Hong Kong Identity Card numbers; and
  - the participant I.D. must be inserted in the appropriate box in the Application Form.
- (iv) If the application is made by a corporate CCASS Investor Participant:
  - the Application Form must contain the CCASS Investor Participant's company name and Hong Kong Business Registration number; and
- the participant I.D. and company chop (bearing its company name) must be inserted in the appropriate box in the Application Form.

Incorrect or incomplete details of the CCASS Participant or the omission or inadequacy of participant I.D. or other similar matters may render the application invalid.

Nominees who wish to submit separate applications in their names on behalf of different beneficial owners are requested to designate on each Application Form in the box marked "For nominees" account numbers or other identification codes for each beneficial owner or, in the case of joint beneficial owners, for each joint beneficial owner.

If your application is made through a duly authorized attorney, we and the Joint Bookrunners, as our agents, may accept it at our discretion, and subject to any conditions we think fit, including evidence of the authority of your attorney. We and the Joint Bookrunners, as our agents, will have full discretion to reject or accept any application, in full or in part, without assigning any reason.

### III. APPLYING THROUGH WHITE FORM eIPO

### General

- (a) If you are an individual and meet the criteria set out in "---Who Can Apply for the Hong Kong Public Offer Shares" above, you may apply through White Form eIPO by submitting an application through the designated website at <u>www.eipo.com.hk</u>. If you apply through White Form eIPO, the Offer Shares will be issued in your own name.
- (b) Detailed instructions for application through the White Form eIPO service are set out on the designated website at <u>www.eipo.com.hk</u>. You should read these instructions carefully. If you do not follow the instructions, your application may be rejected by the White Form eIPO Service Provider and may not be submitted to our Company.
- (c) In addition to the terms and conditions set out in this prospectus, the White Form eIPO Service Provider may impose additional terms and conditions upon you for the use of the White Form eIPO service. Such terms and conditions are set out on the designated website at <u>www.eipo.com.hk</u>. You will be required to read, understand and agree to such terms and conditions in full prior to making any application.
- (d) By submitting an application to the White Form eIPO Service Provider through the White Form eIPO service, you are deemed to have authorized the White Form eIPO Service Provider to transfer the details of your application to our Company and our Hong Kong Share Registrar.
- (e) You may submit an application through the **White Form eIPO** service in respect of a minimum of 400 Hong Kong Public Offer Shares. Each electronic application instruction in respect of more than 400 Hong Kong Public Offer Shares must be in one of the numbers set out in the table in the Application Forms, or as otherwise specified on the designated website at www.eipo.com.hk.
- (f) You may submit your application to the White Form eIPO Service Provider through the designated website at **www.eipo.com.hk** from 9:00 a.m. on Monday, November 16, 2009 until 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, November 19, 2009 or such later time as described in "—When May Applications Be Made—Effect of Bad Weather on the Opening of the Application Lists" below (24 hours daily, except on the last application day). The latest time for completing full payment of application monies in respect of such applications will be 12:00 noon on Thursday, November 19, 2009, the last application day, or, if the application lists are not open on that day, then by the time and date stated in "—When May Applications Be Made—Effect of Bad Weathers Be Made—Effect of Bad Weather on the Opening of the Application Lists" below.
- (g) You will not be permitted to submit your application to the White Form eIPO Service Provider through the designated website at www.eipo.com.hk after 11:30 a.m. on the last day for submitting applications. If you have already submitted your application and obtained an application reference number from the website prior to 11:30 a.m., you will be permitted to continue the application process (by completing payment of application monies) until 12:00 noon on the last day for submitting applications, when the application lists close. If you do not make complete payment of the application monies (including any related fees) on or before 12:00 noon on Thursday, November 19, 2009, or such later time as described "—When May Applications Be Made—Effect of Bad Weather on the Opening of the Application Lists" below, the White Form eIPO Service Provider will reject your application and your application monies will be returned to you in the manner described in the designated website at www.eipo.com.hk.

(h) Warning: The application for Hong Kong Public Offer Shares through the White Form eIPO service is only a facility provided by the White Form eIPO Service Provider to public investors. Our Company, our Directors, the Joint Global Coordinators, the Joint Bookrunners the Joint Sponsors and the Underwriters take no responsibility for such applications, and provide no assurance that applications through the White Form eIPO service will be submitted to our Company or that you will be allotted any Hong Kong Public Offer Shares.

#### **Environmental Protection**

The obvious advantage of **White Form eIPO** is to save the use of paper via the self-serviced and electronic application process. Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited, being the designated White Form eIPO Service Provider, will contribute HK\$2 per each "SANDS CHINA LTD." **White Form eIPO** application submitted via <u>www.eipo.com.hk</u> to support the funding of "Source of DongJiang—Hong Kong Forest" project initiated by Friends of the Earth (HK).

Please note that Internet services may have capacity limitations and/or be subject to service interruptions from time to time. To ensure that you can submit your applications through the **White Form eIPO** service, you are advised not to wait until the last day for submitting applications in the Hong Kong Public Offering to submit your electronic application instructions. In the event that you have problems connecting to the designated website for the **White Form eIPO** service, you should submit a **WHITE** Application Form. However, once you have submitted electronic application instructions and completed payment in full using the application reference number provided to you on the designated website, you will be deemed to have made an actual application and should not submit a **WHITE** Application Form. See "—How Many Applications You May Make" below.

#### Additional Information

For the purposes of allocating Hong Kong Public Offer Shares, each applicant giving electronic application instructions through White Form elPO service to the White Form elPO Service Provider through the designated website at <u>www.eipo.com.hk</u> will be treated as an applicant.

If your payment of application monies is insufficient, or in excess of the required amount, having regard to the number of Hong Kong Public Offer Shares for which you have applied, or if your application is otherwise rejected by the White Form eIPO Service Provider, the White Form eIPO Service Provider may adopt alternative arrangements for the refund of monies to you. Please refer to the additional information provided by the White Form eIPO Service Provider on the designated website at <u>www.eipo.com.hk</u>.

## IV. APPLYING BY GIVING ELECTRONIC APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS TO HKSCC

#### General

CCASS Participants may give **electronic application instructions** via CCASS to HKSCC to apply for the Hong Kong Public Offer Shares and to arrange payment of the monies due on application and payment of refunds. This will be in accordance with their participant agreements with HKSCC and

the General Rules of CCASS and the CCASS Operational Procedures.

If you are a CCASS Investor Participant, you may give electronic application instructions through the CCASS Phone System by calling 2979 7888 or through the CCASS Internet System (https://ip.ccass.com) (using the procedures contained in HKSCC's "An Operating Guide for Investor Participants" in effect from time to time).

HKSCC can also input electronic application instructions for you if you go to:

Hong Kong Securities Clearing Company Limited Customer Service Centre 2/F Vicwood Plaza 199 Des Voeux Road Central Hong Kong

and complete an input request form. Prospectuses are available for collection from the above address.

If you are **not a CCASS Investor Participant**, you may instruct your broker or custodian who is a CCASS Clearing Participant or a CCASS Custodian Participant to give **electronic application instructions** via CCASS terminals to apply for the Hong Kong Public Offer Shares on your behalf.

You are deemed to have authorized HKSCC and/or HKSCC Nominees to transfer the details of your application, whether submitted by you or through your broker or custodian, to our Company and our Hong Kong Share Registrar.

### Application for Hong Kong Public Offer Shares by HKSCC Nominees on your behalf

Where a WHITE Application Form is signed by HKSCC Nominees on behalf of persons who have given electronic application instructions to apply for the Hong Kong Public Offer Shares:

- (i) HKSCC Nominees is only acting as a nominee for those persons and shall not be liable for any breach of the terms and conditions of the WHITE Application Form or this prospectus;
- (ii) HKSCC Nominees does the following things on behalf of each such person:
  - agrees that the Hong Kong Public Offer Shares to be allotted shall be issued in the name of HKSCC Nominees and deposited directly into CCASS for the credit of the stock account of the CCASS Participant who has inputted electronic application instructions on that person's behalf or that person's CCASS Investor Participant stock account;
  - undertakes and agrees to accept the Hong Kong Public Offer Shares in respect of which that person has given electronic application instructions or any lesser number;
  - undertakes and confirms that that person has not applied for or taken up any Offer Shares under the International Offering nor otherwise participated in the International Offering;
  - (if the electronic application instructions are given for that person's own benefit) declares that only one set of electronic application instructions has been given for that person's benefit;
  - (if that person is an agent for another person) declares that that person has only given one set of electronic **application instructions** for the benefit of that other person and that that person is duly authorized to give those instructions as that other person's agent;
  - understands that the above declaration will be relied upon by us, the Directors and the Joint Bookrunners in deciding whether or not to make any allotment of Hong Kong Public Offer Shares in respect of the electronic application instructions given by that person and that that person may be prosecuted if he makes a false declaration;
  - authorizes us to place the name of HKSCC Nominees on our register of members as the holder of the Hong Kong Public Offer Shares allotted in respect of that person's electronic application instructions and to send Share certificate(s) and/or refund monies in accordance with the arrangements separately agreed between our Company and HKSCC;
  - confirms that that person has read the terms and conditions and application procedures set out in this prospectus and agrees to be bound by them;



- confirms that that person has only relied on the information and representations in this
  prospectus in giving that person's electronic application instructions or instructing that
  person's broker or custodian to give electronic application instructions on that
  person's behalf and will not rely on any other information and representations, save as
  set out in any supplement to this prospectus, and that person agrees that neither our
  Company, our Directors, the Joint Global Coordinators, the Joint Bookrunners, the Joint
  Sponsors, the Underwriters or any of the parties involved in the Global Offering will have
  any liability for any such other information or representation;
- agrees that our Company, the Joint Global Coordinators, the Joint Bookrunners, the Joint Sponsors, the Underwriters and any of our or their respective directors, officers, employees, partners, agents or advisors are liable only for the information and representations contained in this prospectus and any supplement thereto;
- agrees to disclose that person's personal data to our Company, our Hong Kong Share Registrar, receiving bankers, the Joint Global Coordinators, the Joint Bookrunners, the Joint Sponsors, the Underwriters and any of our and their respective advisers and agents and any information which they may require about that person for whose benefit the application is made;
- agrees (without prejudice to any other rights which that person may have) that once the application of HKSCC Nominees is accepted, the application cannot be rescinded for innocent misrepresentation;
- agrees that any application made by HKSCC Nominees on behalf of that person pursuant to the electronic application instructions given by that person is irrevocable before Wednesday, December 16, 2009, such agreement to take effect as a collateral contract with our Company and to become binding when that person gives the electronic application instructions and such collateral contract to be in consideration of our Company agreeing that we will not offer any Hong Kong Public Offer Shares to any person before Wednesday, December 16, 2009, except by means of one of the procedures referred to in this prospectus. However, HKSCC Nominees may revoke the application before the fifth day after the time of the opening of the application lists (excluding for this purpose any day which is not a business day) if a person responsible for this prospectus under Section 40 of the Companies Ordinance gives a public notice under that section which excludes or limits the responsibility of that person for this prospectus;
- agrees that once the application of HKSCC Nominees is accepted, neither that application nor that person's electronic application instructions can be revoked, and that acceptance of that application will be evidenced by the announcement of the results of the Hong Kong Public Offering published by us;
- agrees to the arrangements, undertakings and warranties specified in the participant agreement between that person and HKSCC, read with the General Rules of CCASS and the CCASS Operational Procedures, in respect of the giving of electronic application instructions relating to Hong Kong Public Offer Shares;
- · agrees with our Company, for ourselves and for the benefit of each Shareholder (and so that
  - we will be deemed by our acceptance in whole or in part of the application by HKSCC Nominees to have agreed, for ourselves and on behalf of each Shareholder, with each CCASS Participant giving **electronic application instructions**) to observe and comply with the Cayman Companies Law, the Companies Ordinance and the Articles of Association; and

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• agrees that that person's application, any acceptance of it and the resulting contract will be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of Hong Kong.

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### Effect of Giving Electronic Application Instructions to HKSCC

By giving electronic application instructions to HKSCC or instructing your broker or custodian who is a CCASS Clearing Participant or a CCASS Custodian Participant to give such instructions to HKSCC, you (and if you are joint applicants, each of you jointly and severally) are deemed to have done the following things. Neither HKSCC nor HKSCC Nominees shall be liable to us or any other person in respect of the things mentioned below:

- instructed and authorized HKSCC to cause HKSCC Nominees (acting as nominee for the relevant CCASS Participants) to apply for the Hong Kong Public Offer Shares on your behalf;
- instructed and authorized HKSCC to arrange payment of the maximum Offer Price, brokerage, SFC transaction levy and Stock Exchange trading fee by debiting your designated bank account and, in the case of a wholly or partially unsuccessful application and/or the Offer Price is less than the initial price per Offer Share paid on application, refund of the application monies, in each case including brokerage, SFC transaction levy and Stock Exchange trading fee, by crediting your designated bank account; and
- instructed and authorized HKSCC to cause HKSCC Nominees to do on your behalf all the things which it is stated to do on your behalf in the WHITE Application Form.

### **Minimum Subscription Amount and Permitted Numbers**

You may give or cause your broker or custodian who is a CCASS Clearing Participant or a CCASS Custodian Participant to give **electronic application instructions** in respect of a minimum of 400 Hong Kong Public Offer Shares. Such instructions in respect of more than 400 Hong Kong Public Offer Shares must be in one of the numbers set out in the table in the Application Forms. No application for any other number of Hong Kong Public Offer Shares will be considered and any such application may be rejected.

### Allocation of Hong Kong Public Offer Shares

For the purposes of allocating Hong Kong Public Offer Shares, HKSCC Nominees will not be treated as an applicant. Instead, each CCASS Participant who gives **electronic application instructions** or each person for whose benefit each such instructions is given will be treated as an applicant.

### Section 40 of the Companies Ordinance

For the avoidance of doubt, we and all other parties involved in the preparation of this prospectus acknowledge that each CCASS Participant who gives or causes to give **electronic application instructions** is a person who may be entitled to compensation under Section 40 of the Companies Ordinance.

#### Personal Data

The section of the Application Form headed "Personal Data" applies to any personal data held by our Company, our Hong Kong Share Registrar, the receiving bankers, the Joint Global Coordinators, the Joint Bookrunners, the Joint Sponsors, the Underwriters and any of our or their respective advisors and agents about you in the same way as it applies to personal data about applicants other than HKSCC Nominees.

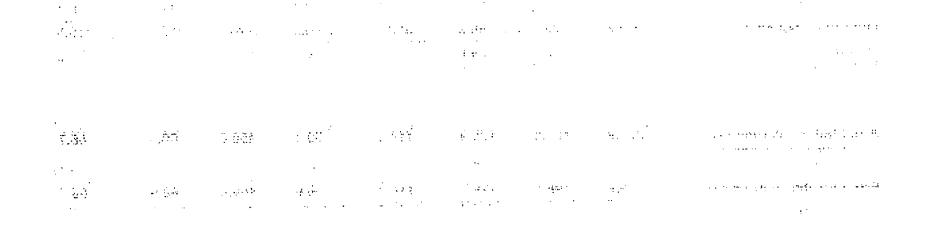
Warning

The application for the Hong Kong Public Offer Shares by giving electronic application instructions to HKSCC is only a facility provided to CCASS Participants. We, our Directors, the Joint Global Coordinators, the Joint Bookrunners, the Joint Sponsors and the Underwriters take no



(1) Adjusted EBITDAR is profit before interest, income taxes, depreciation and amortization (net of amortization of show production costs), pre-opening expense, development expense, net foreign exchange losses or gains, loss or gain on disposal of property and equipment, corporate expense, land lease expense, share-based compensation, loss on modification of debt and fair value losses or gains on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss. Adjusted EBITDAR is used by management as the primary measure of operating performance of our Group's properties and to compare the operating performance of our Group's properties with that of its competitors. However, adjusted EBITDAR should not be considered in isolation; construed as an alternative to profit or operating profit; as an indicator of our IFRS operating performance, other combined operations or cash flow data; or as an alternative to cash flow as a measure of liquidity. Adjusted EBITDAR presented in this prospectus may not be comparable to other similarly titled measures of other companies. In addition, our adjusted EBITDAR presented in this prospectus may differ from adjusted EBITDAR presented by LVS for its Macau segment in its filings with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. For a quantitative reconciliation of adjusted EBITDAR to its most directly comparable IFRS measurement, operating profit for the years ended December 31, 2006, 2007 and 2008, for the six months ended June 30, 2008 and 2009 and for the three months ended September 30, 2008 and 2009, see "--Summary of Results of Operations---Adjusted EBITDAR."

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### **Combined Balance Sheets**

Complined balance Sheets	As of December 31,			As of Ju	As of	
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2009	September 30, 2009
	US\$ (audited)	US\$ (audited)	US\$ (audited)	US\$ (audited)	HK\$	US\$ (unaudited)
			(in I	millions)		
ASSETS						
Current assets	1.7	8.4	10.9	10.1	78.4	9.9
Inventories Trade and other receivables and	1.6	0,4	10.5	10.1	10.7	0.0
prepayments, net	17.7	240.0	287.9	244.3	1,893.6	268.6
Restricted cash	233.4	59.2	124.1	172.1	1,333.9	196.7
Cash and cash equivalents	278.5	439.4	417.8	340.6	2,639.8	394.7
Total current assets	531.2	747.0	840.7	767.2	5,945.7	869.9
Non-current assets						
Investment properties, net		292.7	338.0	621.7	4,818.5	663.2
Leasehold interests in land, net	8.6	234.6	274.4 5 025 9	284.5 5,008.0	2,205.2 38,811.7	281.5 4,991.8
Property and equipment, net	2,008.7 3.5	3,568.7 5.5	5,235.8 46.2	43.7	339.0	41.6
Intangible assets, net	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.2	1.2	0.1
Financial assets at fair value						
through profit or loss	0.5	0.0	······			2.2
Other assets	2.4	34.7	60.8	58.2	451.2	54.1
Trade and other receivables and		25.1	91.5	61.7	478.0	21.2
prepayments, net	232.1	. 20.1		·····		
Total non-current assets	2,255.7	4,161.5	6,046.9	6,078.0	47,104.8	6,055.8
	2,786.9	4,908.5	6,887.6	6,845.2	53,050.5	6,925.6
Total assets	2,700.9	4,300.0				
LIABILITIES						
Current liabilities Trade and other payables	544.2	912.3	1,982.0	1,977.9	15,329.1	1,414.0
Current income tax liabilities	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.4	3.0	0.3
Borrowings	0.3	6.3	44.3	70.8	548.8	87.9
Total current liabilities	544.6	918.6	2,026.6	2,049.2	15,880.9	1,502.1
Non-current liabilities	<u>,</u>				·····	****
Trade and other payables	0.3	6.8	12.7	12.9	99.8	13.0
Borrowings	1,387.1	2,935.2	3,598.9	3,471.7	26,905.4	4,009.6
Total non-current liabilities	1,387.4	2,942.1	3,611.5	3,484.5	27,005.1	4,022.6
Total liabilities	1,932.0	3,860.7	5,638.1	5,533.7	42,886.1	5,524.7
EQUITY						·····
Capital and reserves attributable to						
equity holders of our Company						
Combined capital			~~~~~			
Capital reserve	80.0	80,0	80.0	80.0 6.3	620.4 48.9	80.7 6.3
Statutory reserve	6.2	6.2	6.2	0.0	40.5	0.0
Share-based compensation reserve			17.5	21.4	165.7	23.5
Currency translation reserve	0.5	(2.8)	5.6	5.8	45.1	5.8
Retained earnings	768.2	964.4	1,140.1	1,198.0	9,284.3	1,284.6
Total equity	855.0	1,047.9	1,249.5	1,311.5	10,164.5	1,400.9
Total equity and liabilities	2,786.9	4,908.5	6,887.6	6,845.2	53,050.5	6,925.6
Net current liabilities	(13.4)	(171.6)	(1,185.8)	(1,282.0)	(9,935.2)	(632.3)
• • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	2,242.4	3,989.9	4,861.1	4,796.1	37,169.6	5,423.5
Total assets less current liabilities	<u>د،</u> د٠٠٠			·····		

# MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

The following discussion and analysis of our financial condition and results of operations should be read in conjunction with our audited combined financial information as of and for the years ended December 31, 2006, 2007 and 2008 and the six months ended June 30, 2009, including the notes thereto, included in the "Accountant's Report" set out in Appendix I to this prospectus. Our audited combined financial information has been prepared in accordance with IFRS. Our combined financial information as of September 30, 2009 and for the three months ended September 30, 2008 and 2009 (except for adjusted EBITDAR data), as extracted from our condensed combined financial information for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2009 that was reviewed by our reporting accountant in accordance with ISRE 2410, reflects all adjustments that our management believes are necessary for the fair presentation of such information under IERS. The following discussion involves forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties. For additional information regarding these risks and uncertainties. See "Risk Factors."

#### **OVERVIEW**

We are the leading developer, owner and operator of integrated resorts and casinos in Macau as measured by EBITDA for the year ended December 31, 2008 and the six months ended June 30, 2009.<sup>(1)</sup> We are the largest operator of integrated resorts in Macau, which contain not only gaming areas but also meeting space, convention and exhibition halls, retail and dining areas and entertainment venues. We believe that our integrated resorts are unique to Macau and differentiate us from our competitors. VML, our subsidiary, holds one of six concessions or subconcessions permitted by the Macau Government to operate casinos or gaming areas in Macau. Macau is the largest gaming market in the world as measured by casino gaming revenue and is the only location in China offering legalized casino gaming.

We own The Venetian Macao, the Sands Macao and the Plaza Macao. We also own one of the largest convention and exhibition halls in Asia, Macau's largest entertainment venue, The CotaiArena<sup>™</sup>, and one of three major high speed ferry companies operating between Hong Kong and Macau. Our luxury and mid-market retail malls feature over 380 shops with well-known retail brands such as Calvin Klein, Cartier, Chanel, Esprit, Gucci, Hermès, Louis Vuitton, Nike and Prada as well as the Malo Clinic and Spa, one of Asia's largest medical and beauty spas. As of June 30, 2009, our properties featured 3,554 suites and hotel rooms, 1,098 table games, 3,631 slot machines, over 60 different restaurants and food outlets, as well as other integrated resort amenities.

Our business strategy is to develop Cotai and to leverage our integrated resort business model to create Asia's premier gaming, leisure and convention destination. Our ultimate plans for Cotai include five interconnected integrated resorts, which leverage a wide range of branded hotel and resort offerings to attract different segments of the market. When completed, we expect our Cotai Strip development to contain over 20,000 hotel rooms, over 1.6 million square feet of MICE space, over 2.0 million square feet of retail malls, six theaters and other amenities. We believe our business strategy and development plan will allow us to achieve more consistent demand, longer average lengths of stay in our hotels and higher margins than more gaming-centric facilities.

### FACTORS AFFECTING OUR RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

Key factors affecting our financial condition and results of operations include:

Growth of Macau's Gaming and Tourism Markets

Macau is the only region in China offering legal casino gaming. In addition to Macau's unique position as the only gaming enclave in China, the gaming and tourism markets in Macau have also historically benefited from a combination of macroeconomic and demographic drivers.

(1) Based on publicly available information, including company financial reports.

Historically, Macau's gaming industry was a monopoly. Following the liberalization of Macau's gaming industry and the continued development of Macau's tourism and transportation infrastructure, the number of casinos in Macau increased from 15 as of December 31, 2004 to 32 as of June 30, 2009 and total gaming revenue increased from approximately US\$5.4 billion in 2004 to approximately US\$13.7 billion in 2008, reflecting a CAGR of 26.0%. During the six months ended June 30, 2009, total gaming revenue was approximately US\$6.4 billion. Casino gaming has consistently accounted for the majority of gaming revenues generated in Macau.

In 2006, casino gaming revenue in Macau surpassed that of Las Vegas, making Macau the largest gaming market in the world by casino gaming revenue. In 2008, Macau's casino gaming revenue was almost twice as large as that of Las Vegas and over three times as large as that of Atlantic City.

The majority of visitors to Macau in recent years have been from mainland China and Hong Kong, accounting for 81.2% of visitors during 2008 according to Macau Government statistics. Mainland China is one of the world's fastest growing major economies and is expected to continue to contribute significantly to the gaming and tourism markets in Macau. Hong Kong enjoys one of the highest per capita income levels in the region, has convenient transportation links to Macau and is expected to be a continued significant source of visitors. Moreover, strong economic growth leading to large and growing middle and upper-middle classes in Asia with large disposable income has also contributed, and we expect to continue to contribute, to the increase in the number of visitors to Macau. In addition to mainland China and Hong Kong, other major sources of visitation include Thailand, Taiwan, South Korea and Japan, among others. See "Industry Overview."

While the general global and regional economic slowdown has resulted in a recent decline in the number of visitors to and gaming revenue in Macau, we believe that, over the long term, the economy of mainland China and the region generally is likely to grow significantly, and that, accordingly, the growth of Macau's gaming and tourism markets is likely to continue. See "Risk Factors—Risks Relating to Our On-going Operations—Our business is particularly sensitive to reductions in discretionary consumer spending resulting from downturns in the economy or other factors."

### The Development and Opening of Our Properties

Our results of operations are significantly affected by the development and opening of our properties. The commencement of operations of a property can be, and historically has been, the primary driver for changes in our results of operations. When a property commences operations, we begin recording the related revenues and expenses as well as depreciation and interest expense. In 2006, our only property in operation was the Sands Macao, while The Venetian Macao and the Plaza Macao opened in August 2007 and August 2008, respectively. In addition, expenses incurred prior to the opening of a property could be significant. For example, in 2008, we incurred significant preopening costs in connection with the Plaza Macao. We anticipate our pre-opening costs for the year ending December 31, 2009 will be significant due to the suspension of our construction of Parcels 5 and 6 of our Cotai Strip development, as expenses associated with the development are not capitalized during the suspension period. For the six months ended June 30, 2009, these suspension costs accounted for US\$41.8 million of the total pre-opening expenses of US\$52.4 million.

### Future Focus on High Margin Gaming Business Segments

We seek to attract mass market players as well as high-end VIP and premium players. As of June 30, 2009, our properties contained approximately 849,000 square feet of gaming space, 1,098 table games and 3,631 slot machines, of which 797 tables were dedicated to mass market play. We believe that the non-gaming elements of our properties will also attract an increasing number of mass market players. Our management estimates that our mass market table revenues generate a gross margin that is approximately four times higher than that of our typical VIP player table revenues. This is primarily because we do not pay our mass market players commissions to attract their business and

we do not provide extensive complimentary services, such as hotel rooms, meals or other amenities. Because mass market players do not require extensive complimentary services, their consumption of our non-gaming services contribute to our non-gaming revenues.

At the same time, we are focused on increasing the premium player market segment of our rolling chip volume. Our management estimates that our premium player table revenues generate a gross margin that is approximately 1.0 to 1.5 times higher than our typical VIP player table revenues. This is primarily because the commissions we typically pay to premium players are lower than those we pay to Gaming Promoters. We plan to increase our market share in the premium player market segment through direct marketing efforts and by leveraging our Paiza brand and offering amenities that enable us to differentiate our properties from those of our competitors, many of whom are more reliant on Gaming Promoters for their VIP patronage. We offer some of our premium players lodging in our exclusive Paiza suites and mansions, which include private gaming and concierge services.

The following table summarizes the breakdown of gaming revenue and gross gaming profit between mass market play and rolling chip play, which includes VIP and premium players:

	For the year ended December 31, 2008	For the six months ended June 30, 2009
Gross Gaming Revenue Rolling Chip Play Mass Market Play	56.9% %	54.2% _45.8%
	100.0%	100.0%
Gross Gaming Profit Rolling Chip Play Mass Market Play	27.6% 72.4%	18.1% 81.9%
	<u>100.0</u> %	<u>100.0</u> %

We expect the mass market proportion of our business to continue to increase in the future as players in this segment are increasingly drawn to Macau by the combination of gaming, MICE and leisure offerings at our properties and elsewhere in the market.

### **Business Operational Efficiency Initiatives**

We established a cost savings program in early 2008 to improve operational efficiencies and eliminate positions that have become redundant. This program includes initiatives to decrease payroll expenses as well as non-payroll related expenses, such as utilities, bank charges and operating supplies. We have right-sized the number of gaming tables and optimized transportation services for our staff and guests. Our cost savings program remains an important component of our operating strategy and although we have already completed the majority of our headcount reduction, we expect to implement the remaining cost savings initiatives by December 31, 2009. Management believes that these cost savings will provide enhanced operating leverage once the global economy improves. and the product of the state of

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### **Finance Costs and Depreciation**

We are a growing company with significant financial needs. Since opening the Sands Macao in 2004, we opened The Venetian Macao and the Plaza Macao and commenced our ferry operations. The commencement and continued operation of these projects are quires significant apital expenditures. As tof: December 31, 2006, 2007 and 2008, four meticurrent liabilities were US\$13:4 million; US\$171.6 million and US\$1,185.8 million; respectively. As of June 30, 2009, our net current liabilities were US\$1,282/0 million (HK\$9,935.2 million) of which US\$1,233.8 million (HK\$9,562.2 million) were payables to related companies that will be repaid by or extinguished upon completion of the Global Offering. As of December 31, 2006, 2007 and 2008 and as of June 30, 2009, our total

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borrowings amounted to US\$1,387.5 million, US\$2,941.5 million, US\$3,643.2 million and US\$3,542.5 million (HK\$27.5 billion), respectively. In addition, as of December 31, 2006, 2007 and 2008 and as of June 30, 2009, we had total capital commitments of US\$4,277.0 million, US\$10,163.5 million, US\$7,719.0 million and US\$2,187.3 million (HK\$16,951.6 million), respectively.

Our results of operations have been, and will continue to be, affected by increased pre-opening expenses, depreciation and amortization, and interest expense. When we place an asset in service, we cease to capitalize interest expense and begin to incur depreciation. When construction of our projects is suspended, as in the case of Parcels 5 and 6 of our Cotai Strip development, our results of operations are materially impacted as we cannot capitalize certain operating and financing expenses incurred during the suspension period. During such periods, we continue to incur costs to maintain the development sites.

Historically, we relied substantially on our operating cash flow, borrowings from third parties as well as equity contributions and other financing from the LVS Group to meet our financing needs. Our major financings are the Macau Credit Facility and the Ferry Financing Facility. See "-Description of Material Indebtedness." We intend to fund our capital expenditure plans through a combination of debt and equity financings and internal resources, including the proceeds of the Global Offering. See "-Capital Expenditures."

#### Competition

We compete in the casino gaming industry as well as the hotel, MICE and retail businesses. VML is one of six Concessionaires or Subconcessionaires that is permitted to operate gaming facilities in Macau. Although no additional operators are currently permitted to enter the gaming industry in Macau, we expect competition among the existing six Concessionaires or Subconcessionaires to continue and, in certain instances, intensify. Largely as a result of a combination of increased volume and increasing competition, we have increased the amount of credit extended to our premium players and Gaming Promoters. Credit table games play represented approximately 5.1%, 10.7%, 23.7%, 18.2% and 29.4% in the years ended December 31, 2006, 2007 and 2008 and the six months ended June 30, 2008 and 2009, respectively, of total table games play. See "---Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates---Allowance for Doubtful Accounts." Although we have not been operating in Macau for as long as some of our other competitors, we believe that we enjoy a first-mover advantage by having introduced Las Vegas-style casinos in Asia. We expect competition in Macau to intensify with the opening of new larger-scaled resorts, including those we intend to open as well as those to be opened by our competitors. Competition for the hotel, MICE and retail businesses in Macau has recently increased and we expect such trend to continue in the near future. In addition, our operations compete with similar businesses in other parts of Asia, including key tourism markets such as Hong Kong and Singapore. See "Industry Overview."

### BASIS OF PRESENTATION

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LVS owned and controlled our Company before the Reorganization and continues to hold a controlling interest in our Company after the Reorganization. The Reorganization is considered as a business combination under common control in a manner similar to pooling of interests. The financial information includes the combined financial position, results and cash flows of the companies now comprising our Group as if the existing group structure had been in existence throughout the Track Record Period or since the respective dates of incorporation/establishment or acquisition, whichever is the shorter period.

The financial information has been prepared in accordance with IFRS under the historical cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss. The preparation of the financial information in conformity with IFRS requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates and requires management to exercise its judgment in applying our Group's accounting policies. See "--Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates."

### SUMMARY OF RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

	For D	the year en ecember 31	ded ,	For the six months ended June 30,		For the thr ended Sep	ee months tember 30,
	2006	2007	2008	2008	2009	2008	2009
	(audited)	(audited)	(audited)	(unaudited)	(audited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)
	(			(US\$ in milli	ons)		
Net revenues	1,281.1	1,966.2	3,053.3	1,490.6	1,500.6	796.7	846.0
	902.8	1,722.3	2,759.3	1,318.7	1,390.5	719.6	715.8
Operating expenses	378.3	243.9	294.0	171.9	110.1	77.1	130.2
Operating profit	375.8	196.1	175.9	114.1	58.1	60.0	86.7
Profit before income tax Profit for the year/period	375.8	196.1	175.7	114.0	58.0	60.0	86.7
Adjusted EBITDAR <sup>(1)</sup> (unaudited)	457.7	514.3	686.0	349.2	337.7	171.8	228.2

The following table summarizes our results of operations:

(1) Adjusted EBITDAR is defined in "-Adjusted EBITDAR."

The following table summarizes certain line items as a percentage of net revenues:

	For the year ended December 31,		For the six months ended June 30,		For the three months ended September 30,		
	2006	2007	2008	2008	2009	2008	2009
Operating expenses Operating profit Profit before income tax Profit for the year/period	70.5% 29.5% 29.3% 29.3%	87.6% 12.4% 10.0% 10.0%	90.4% 9.6% 5.8% 5.8%	88.5% 11.5% 7.7% 7.6%	92.7% 7.3% 3.9% 3.9%	90.3% 9.7% 7.5% 7.5%	84.6% 15.4% 10.2% 10.2%
Adjusted EBITDAR <sup>(1)</sup> (unaudited)	35.7%	26.2%	22.5%	23.4%	22.5%	21.6%	27.0%

(1) Adjusted EBITDAR is defined in "-Adjusted EBITDAR."

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#### Adjusted EBITDAR

The following table sets forth the reconciliation of adjusted EBITDAR to profit. Adjusted EBITDAR Is profit before interest, income taxes, depreciation and amortization (net of amortization of show production costs), pre-opening expense, development expense, net foreign exchange losses or gains, loss or gain on disposal of property and equipment, corporate expense, land lease expense, sharebased compensation, loss on modification of debt and fair value losses or gains on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss. With respect to adjusted EBITDAR for each of our properties, we make allocations of the shared support expenses based on revenue attributable to each property. Adjusted EBITDAR is used by management as the primary measure of operating performance of our Group's properties and to compare the operating performance of our Group's properties with that of its competitors. However, adjusted EBITDAR should not be considered in isolation; construed as an alternative to profit or operating profit; as an indicator of our IFRS operating performance, other combined operations or cash flow data; or as an alternative to cash flow as a measure of liquidity. Adjusted EBITDAR presented in this prospectus may not be comparable to other similarly titled measures of other companies. In addition, our adjusted EBITDAR presented in this prospectus may differ from adjusted EBITDAR presented by LVS for its Macau segment in its filings with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

	For the year ended December 31,		For the six months ended June 30,		For the thre		
	2005	2007	2008	2008	2009	2008	2009
	<u> </u>		(U	S\$ in millior	is)		
Adjusted EBITDAR							
(unaudited)	457.7	514.3	686.0	349.2	337.7	171.8	228.2
Share-based compensation granted to employees							
by LVS	(4.1)	(9.6)	(15.2)	(7.3)	(3.5)	(4.0)	(2.0)
Corporate expense	(0.4)	(2.7)	(14.7)	(4.3)	(4.7)	(7.7)	(1.7)
Land lease expense	(0.8)	(9.8)	(11.9)	(5.9)	(6.1)	(2.9)	(3.1)
Pre-opening expense <sup>(1)</sup>	(33.2)	(138.0)	(111.4)	(37.9)	(52.0)	(29.4)	(12.3)
Development expense	(2.7)	<b>B</b> 100000	·	-101-1-000			<u></u>
Depreciation and amortization	(35.2)	(104.0)	(268.2)	(123.4)	(158.4)	(69.7)	(80.1)
Amortization of show production costs			1.9		2.1	0.8	1.1
Net foreign exchange (losses)/ gains	(0.7)	(5.2)	29.2	2.6	(0.1)	18.4	0.4
(Loss)/gain on disposal of property and equipment Fair value (losses)/gains on	(1.9)	(0.6)	(1.6)	(1.2)	(4.9)	(0.0)	0.3
financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	(0.5)	(0.6)	(0.0)	0.1		(0.0)	(0.5)
Operating profit	378.3	243.9	294.0	171.9	110.1	77.1	130.2
Interest income Interest expense, net of amounts	27.8	29.2	4.8	2.5	0.3	1.4	0.2
capitalized	(30.3)	(77.0)	(122.9)	(60.2)	(52.2)	(18.6)	(43.5)
Loss on modification of debt	()	(·····)	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	·/	······	·	(0.2)

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Profit before income tax	375.8	196.1	175. <del>9</del>	114.1	58.1	60.0	86.7
Income tax (expenses)/credits	(0.0)	0.0	(0.2)	(0.1)	(0.2)	0.0	(0.1)
Profit for the year/period	375.8	196.1	175.7	114.0	58.0	60.0	86.7
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(1) Pre-opening expense excludes share-based compensation expense of US\$1.5 million, US\$3.8 million, US\$0.9 million, US\$0.2 million and US\$0.4 million for the years ended December 31, 2006, 2007 and 2008 and for the six months ended June 30, 2008 and 2009, respectively. Pre-opening expense for the three months ended September 30, 2008 and 2009 excludes share-based compensation expense of US\$0.4 million and US\$0.1 million, respectively.

### KEY COMPONENTS OF OUR OPERATING RESULTS

The key components of our operating results are set forth below.

Net casino revenue: Gross casino revenue is the aggregate of gaming wins and losses. We record commissions rebated directly or indirectly through Gaming Promoters to customers, cash discounts and other cash incentives to customers related to gaming play as a reduction to gross casino revenue to obtain net casino revenue. We segregate table games into two groups, consistent with the Macau market's convention: rolling chip play, which are all VIP and premium players, and non-rolling chip play, which are mostly non-VIP players. The volume measurement for rolling chip play is non-negotiable gaming chips wagered and lost. The volume measurement for non-rolling chip play is table games drop. Rolling chip volume and non-rolling chip volume measurements are not comparable as amounts wagered are substantially higher than amounts dropped. Slot handle is the gross amount wagered or coins placed into slot machines in aggregate for the relevant period.

We measure rolling chip table games win as a percentage of rolling chip volume, non-rolling chip table games win as a percentage of non-rolling chip drop and slot hold as a percentage of slot handle. Win or hold percentage represents the percentage of rolling chip volume and non-rolling chip drop or handle, respectively, that is won by the casino and recorded as casino revenue. In our experience, average win percentages remain steady when measured over extended periods of time but can vary considerably within shorter time periods as a result of the statistical variances that are associated with games of chance in which large amounts are wagered. Additionally, management actions in terms of adjusting table games mix may also affect win percentage for table games.

Net room revenue: Gross room revenue is revenue derived from occupancy of our hotel rooms. Rooms that are offered to our customers on a complimentary basis are recorded as a deduction from gross revenue to obtain net revenue.

We measure our performance by occupancy, ADR and revenue per available room. Complimentary rooms, which are set at a discount from standard walk-in rates, are included in the calculation of these measures. Room occupancy rate is the average percentage of available hotel rooms occupied during a period while ADR is the average price of occupied rooms per day. Revenue per available room represents a summary of average daily rates and occupancy. Because not all available rooms are occupied, average daily rates are normally higher than revenue per available room. Reserved rooms where the guests do not show up for their stay and lose their deposit may be re-sold to walk-in guests. These rooms are considered to be occupied twice for statistical purposes since the original deposit and the payment by the walk-in guest are both recorded as revenue. In cases where a significant number of rooms are re-sold, occupancy rates may be in excess of 100% and revenue per available room may be higher than the average daily rate. Room revenues are not material for the Sands Macao as these rooms are primarily provided to customers on a complimentary basis.

Net food and beverage revenue: Gross food and beverage revenue is derived from the sale of food and beverage offerings in outlets that we own and operate, including those located in our hotel facilities. Food and beverage services offered on a complimentary basis are recorded as a deduction

from gross revenue to obtain net revenue. ÷ ; .

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Mall revenue: Mall revenue is derived from our granting the right of use to retailers in The Grand Canal Shoppes at The Venetian Macao and The Shoppes at Four Seasons, and related management fees, other license fees and levies. Payments from our retailers are calculated based on periodic fixed amounts; on turnover based formulas, or a combination thereof. Net convention, ferry; retail and other revenue: Gross convention, ferry, retail and other revenue el es el are derived from the services rendered for the leasing of convention and meeting space, entertainment revenue from theater shows, concerts and sporting events, ferry ticket sales, retail sales and other

services. Services that are offered on a complimentary basis are recorded as a deduction from gross revenue to obtain net revenue.

*Casino expenses:* Casino expenses consist primarily of gaming taxes and a gaming premium, rolling commissions paid to Gaming Promoters (net of amounts indirectly rebated to customers), payroll expenses and gaming supplies. Gaming taxes include a 35.0% special gaming tax and a 4.0% special levy on casino revenues payable to the Macau Government. The gaming premium consists of a fixed portion and a variable portion based on the number of VIP gaming tables, mass market gaming tables and gaming machines, including slot machines. See "The Subconcession."

*Room expenses:* Room expenses consist primarily of payroll expenses, supplies and laundry expenses.

Food and beverage expenses: Food and beverage expenses include the costs associated with our food and beverage outlets, as well as operating supplies and payroll expenses.

Mall expenses: Mall expenses primarily include the costs associated with common area maintenance, promotional activities and mall management services.

Convention, ferry, retail and other expenses: These expenses include, but are not limited to, expenses for ferry fuel and maintenance, payroll and operating expenses.

*Provision for doubtful accounts:* Our provision for doubtful accounts primarily relates to receivables due from our gaming patrons and retailers. Provision for doubtful accounts can vary over short periods of time because of factors specific to the customers or retailers who owe us money at any given time. We believe that the amount of our provision for doubtful accounts in the future will depend upon the state of the economy, our credit standards, our risk assessments and the judgment of management responsible for granting credit.

General and administrative expenses: General and administrative expenses include payroll, marketing and advertising and other property operating expenses.

*Pre-opening expenses:* Pre-opening expenses represent payroll expenses, professional fees and other costs incurred prior to the opening of new ventures, which are expensed as incurred.

### **RECENT DEVELOPMENTS**

### Project Financing Commitments for Parcels 5 and 6

#### Project Facilities

As of the Latest Practicable Date, our wholly owned indirect subsidiary, VOL, has received commitments from a group of commercial banks and financial institutions, including from affiliates of all the Joint Bookrunners, to provide project financing of an aggregate principal amount of US\$1.45 billion or equivalent to VOL to be used primarily to finance a portion of the total project costs expected to be incurred in relation to the recommencement of the development and construction of Phases I and II of the integrated resort on Parcels 5 and 6. VOL is actively seeking to obtain commitments from other commercial banks and financial institutions to provide additional project financing in the aggregate principal amount of up to US\$300.0 million or equivalent, which, if obtained, would result in VOL having total commitments for project financing of US\$1.75 billion. VOL is in advanced discussions with certain commercial banks and financial institutions to provide such additional project financing, and will continue to solicit commitments for additional project financing until it has received its targeted aggregate commitments of at least US\$1.75 billion.

Assuming aggregate commitments of US\$1.75 billion are obtained, the project financing is currently expected to consist of (i) a US\$750.0 million or equivalent funded Term Loan Facility I ("TLF I") available for up to 30 days after closing of the project financing; (ii) a US\$750.0 million or equivalent delayed draw Term Loan Facility II ("TLF II") available for up to 18 months after closing of the project financing; and (iii) a US\$250.0 million or equivalent Revolving Credit Facility ("RCF") available until one month prior to maturity of the project financing (collectively, the "Proposed Project Facilities").

The material terms of the Proposed Project Facilities set forth in the current term sheet on which the existing and future commitment letters from the group of commercial banks and financial institutions are, or will be, based are described below.

#### Conditions to Funding Under the Proposed Project Facilities

The final extension of the Proposed Project Facilities is subject to certain conditions being satisfied prior to funding, including, amongst others, (i) completion of an initial public offering by our Company on the Stock Exchange, with at least US\$500.0 million of the proceeds dedicated for use in connection with Phases I and II of Parcels 5 and 6 that, together with any cash flow projected to be generated by the operations at Parcels 5 and 6 (supplemented, if necessary and subject to mutual agreement with the proposed lenders, by cash flow from our existing operating properties in Macau) during the development phase and with the aggregate net proceeds of the Proposed Project Facilities, are sufficient, to complete Phases I and II of Parcels 5 and 6; (ii) the signing and delivery of satisfactory legal, security and other documentation; (iii) the appointment of construction, insurance and environmental consultants and the delivery of reasonably acceptable reports by such consultants; (iv) confirming or obtaining all necessary governmental approvals or permits for work to date and work in progress, including all relevant planning and building approvals relating to the development of Phases I and II of Parcels 5 and 6; (v) obtaining approval from the Macau Government for a mortgage on the land concession for Parcels 5 and 6 (and the related improvements thereon) to secure the obligations under the Proposed Project Facilities; (vi) completion of satisfactory due diligence and a formal valuation report confirming the gross development value of Parcels 5 and 6 to be at least an amount to be agreed between VOL, our Company and the coordinators of the Proposed Project Facilities and (vii) in respect of certain commercial banks and financial institutions only, a satisfactory arrangement under which VML operates the gaming areas located at the integrated resort on Parcels 5 and 6.

In addition, the commitment of Barclays Bank PLC, an affiliate of one of the Joint Bookrunners, is subject to the net proceeds of at least US\$1.0 billion of the Global Offering being used to repay the outstanding intercompany payables and shareholder loans owed to the LVS Group and provide funding to the LVS Group.

The facility agreement for the Proposed Project Facilities is currently expected to be entered into by the parties, and the first loan proceeds are expected to be drawn down, in the first quarter of 2010. The commitments of the prospective lenders under the Proposed Project Facilities will expire on or around April 30, 2010, if the definitive documentation for the Proposed Project Facilities is not entered into by such date.

#### Interest and Fees

The interest rate on the Proposed Project Facilities is currently expected to be HIBOR (if in Hong Kong dollars) or LIBOR (if in U.S. dollars), as applicable, plus a margin of 4.50% per annum. A standby

fee at the rate of 2.00% per annum and 1.50% per annum will be charged on the daily undrawn portion of TLF II and RCF, respectively, payable on a quarterly basis in arrears.

### Final Maturity Date and Repayment

The final maturity date of the Proposed Project Facilities will be the date falling five years from the date of first drawdown under TLF I (the "Final Maturity Date"). The aggregate principal balance of each of the TLF I and TLF II will be repayable pro rate in quarterly installments pursuant to an agreed upon amortization schedule commencing on the quarter ending March 31, 2013, and the RCF will be repayable in full on the Final Maturity Date. The aggregate principal amount outstanding under TLF I

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and TLF II shall also be mandatorily prepaid prograta with certain asset sale proceeds, insurance proceeds, debt incurrence proceeds and with an agreed upon percentage of excess cash flow generated by the project, subject to certain reinvestment rights and exceptions.

#### Security

Security for the Proposed Project Facilities will consist of a first priority security interest in substantially all of the assets of VOL and its subsidiaries, which are designated as restricted subsidiaries (collectively, the "VOL Restricted Group"), including, but not limited to, substantially all tangible personal, real and mixed property and all intangible assets, intercompany notes and receivables and contract and leasehold rights of the VOL Restricted Group, subject to certain agreed upon exceptions. The Proposed Project Facilities will also require the VOL Restricted Group to provide a negative pledge standard and customary for project financings of the type contemplated by the Proposed Project Facilities pursuant to which the VOL Restricted Group agrees not to provide a pledge of certain collateral for the benefit of other creditors of the VOL Restricted Group.

#### Covenants

VOL will be required to comply with certain financial covenants including a maximum consolidated leverage ratio, a minimum consolidated interest coverage ratio, and a maximum maintenance capital expenditure covenant, and other affirmative and negative covenants standard and customary for project financings similar to the Proposed Project Facilities, with certain customary and agreed upon exceptions and carve-outs.

#### Events of Default

The Proposed Project Facilities will be subject to standard and customary events of defaults for project financings similar to the Proposed Project Facilities and, consistent with those financings agreements involving our affiliates, including but not limited to: (i) substantial operations of Phase I of Parcels 5 and 6 not commencing within 12 months after the initial expected commencement date for such operations, subject to force majeure extensions; (ii) VOL failing to pay principal, interest and fees when due, subject to applicable grace periods; (iii) the costs necessary to complete Phases I and II of Parcels 5 and 6 are projected to exceed the funds available to VOL, (iv) the VOL Restricted Group breaches the representations and warranties or fails to comply with the financial, affirmative and negative covenants set forth in the definitive documentation with respect to the Proposed Project Facilities, subject to applicable grace periods; (v) we breach our sponsor obligations, (vi) the occurrence of certain cross-defaults with respect to other indebtedness of the VOL Restricted Group or, in certain circumstances, our Group; (vii) there is a change of control whereby (a) LVS ceases to own, directly or indirectly, 35.0% of our voting securities; (b) we cease to own, directly or indirectly, at least 50.1% of VOL; or (c) VOL ceases to own, directly or indirectly, 100% of each other member of the VOL Restricted Group (subject to the usufruct agreement and mandatory minority shareholder requirements in accordance with applicable Macau law) or certain unrestricted subsidiaries; (viii) the termination or suspension of the Subconcession; and (ix) certain circumstances resulting in the delisting of the Shares from the Stock Exchange, subject in certain circumstances to materiality thresholds and grace periods.

### Guarantee and Undertakings from Our Company

In connection with the final extension of the Proposed Project Facilities to VOL, we will give an unconditional, unsecured payment and performance guarantee with customary terms and conditions to the lenders under the Proposed Project Facilities. In addition, subject to certain extensions, we have undertaken to ensure the completion of Phases I and II of Parcels 5 and 6 on or before December 31, 2012. The guarantee and undertakings require us to, among other things, obtain all material occupational licenses required to commence substantial operations and to fund all cost overruns, funding and interest shortfalls in relation to the construction of Phases I and II of Parcels 5 and 6.

# Three Months Ended September 30, 2009 Compared to the Three Months Ended September 30, 2008

The selected combined financial information as of and for the three months ended September 30, 2008 and 2009 (except for adjusted EBITDAR data) reflects all adjustments that our management believes are necessary for the fair presentation of such information under IFRS. Results for interim periods are not indicative of results for the full year.

#### Net Revenues

Our net revenues consisted of the following:

	For the thre	For the three months ended September 3			
	2008	2009	Percent Change		
	(US\$ in r	nillions, exc	ept percentages)		
Casino	692.1	751.0	8.5%		
Rooms	34.2	31.3	(8.5)%		
Food and beverage	13.4	13.8	3.0%		
Mall	36.9	28.5	(22.8)%		
Convention, ferry, retail and other	_20.1	21.5	7.0%		
Total net revenues	796.7	<u>846.0</u>	6.2%		

Net revenues were US\$846.0 million for the three months ended September 30, 2009, an increase of US\$49.3 million, or 6.2%, compared to US\$796.7 million for the three months ended September 30, 2008. The increase was primarily due to the full quarter of operations of the Plaza Macao, which opened in August 2008. This increase was partially offset by decreases in room and mall revenues primarily due to the global economic downturn and the resulting decrease in consumer spending.

Net casino revenues for the three months ended September 30, 2009 were US\$751.0 million, an increase of US\$58.9 million, or 8.5%, compared to US\$692.1 million for the three months ended September 30, 2008. Net casino revenues of the Sands Macao and Plaza Macao increased by US\$31.8 million and US\$38.9 million, respectively, as a result of a higher win percentage at the Sands Macao and a full quarter of operations of the Plaza Macao. These increases were partially offset by a decrease of US\$11.8 million in net casino revenue at The Venetian Macao.

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The following table summarizes the results of our casino activity:

	For the three months ended September 30		
	2008	2009	Percent Change
	US\$ in millio	ns, except perc	entages and points)
The Venetian Macao			
Total net casino revenues	432.6	420.8	(2.7)%
Non-rolling chip table games drop	930.6	834.9	(10.3)%
Non-rolling chip table games win percentage	19.7%	23.0%	3.3 pts
Rolling chip volume	9,778.7	9,062.2	(7.3)%
Rolling chip win percentage	3.1%	2.8%	(0.3) pts
Slot handle	549.9	609.7	10.9%
Slot hold percentage	7.8%	7.5%	(0.3) pts
Sands Macao			
Total net casino revenues	243.6	275.4	13.1%
Non-rolling chip table games drop	652.3	626.4	(4.0)%
Non-rolling chip table games win percentage	17.9%	19.0%	1.1 pts
Rolling chip volume	7,256.4	5,479.1	(24.5)%
Rolling chip win percentage	2.4%	3.4%	1.0 pts
Slot handle	273.1	327.5	19.9%
Slot hold percentage	7.3%	6.6%	(0.7) pts
Plaza Macao			
Total net casino revenues	15.9	54.8	244.7%
Non-rolling chip table games drop	16.7	82.9	396.4%
Non-rolling chip table games win percentage	18.4%	22.3%	3.9 pts
Rolling chip volume	165.2	2,183.7	1,221.9%
Rolling chip win percentage	8.3%	2.3%	(6.0) pts
Slot handle	7.9	60.6	667.1%
Slot hold percentage	6.4%	5.4%	(1.0) pts

Net room revenues for the three months ended September 30, 2009 were US\$31.3 million, a decrease of US\$2.9 million, or 8.5%, compared to US\$34.2 million for the three months ended September 30, 2008. This decrease resulted primarily from our introduction of lower room rates at The Venetian Macao in response to declining occupancy resulting from global economic downturn, the outbreak of swine flu in the region and visa restrictions for residents of mainland China. The decrease in net room revenues at The Venetian Macao was partially offset by the full quarter of operations of the Plaza Macao.

The following table summarizes our room activity. The suites at the Sands Macao are primarily provided to gaming patrons on a complimentary basis and therefore related statistics have not been included.

	For the three months ended September 3		
	2008	2009	Percent Change
	(US\$, ex	cept percent	ages and points)
The Venetian Macao			
Gross room revenues (in millions)	51.1	45.0	(11.9)%
Average daily rate	211	198	(6.2)%
Occupancy rate	92.1%	88.1%	(4.0) pts
Revenue per available room	194	175	(9.8)%
Plaza Macao			
Gross room revenues (in millions)	0.5	5.5	1,000.0%
Average daily rate	440	294	(33.2)%
Occupancy rate	31.4%	56.2%	24.8 pts
Revenue per available room	138	165	19.6%

Note: Information in this table takes into account rooms provided to customers on a complimentary basis that are recorded at discounted rates.



Net food and beverage revenues for the three months ended September 30, 2009 were US\$13.8 million, a slight increase of US\$0.4 million, or 3.0%, compared to US\$13.4 million for the three months ended September 30, 2008.

Mall revenues for the three months ended September 30, 2009 were US\$28.5 million, a decrease of US\$8.4 million, or 22.8%, compared to US\$36.9 million for the three months ended September 30, 2008. The decrease was primarily attributable to the global economic downturn and the resulting decrease in consumer spending.

Net convention, ferry, retail and other revenues for the three months ended September 30, 2009 was US\$21.5 million, an increase of US\$1.4 million, or 7.0%, compared to US\$20.1 million for the three months ended September 30, 2008. The increase was primarily attributable to an increase in ferry revenues resulting from an increase in the number of sallings as we added new vessels.

#### **Operating Expenses**

Our operating expenses consist of the following:

	For the three months ended September 30,		
	2008	2009	Percent Change
	(US\$ in millions, except percentages)		
Casino	491.1	493.7	0.5%
Rooms	7.6	5.9	(22.4)%
Food and beverage	11.4	10.2	(10.5)%
Mall	9.8	6.7	(31.6)%
Convention, ferry, retail and other	36.7	31.6	(13.9)%
Provision for doubtful accounts	4.7	13.8	193.6%
General and administrative expense	66.3	56.9	(14.2)%
Corporate expense	7.7	1.7	(77.9)%
Land lease expense	2.9	3.1	6.9%
Pre-opening expense	29.8	12.3	(58.7)%
Depreciation and amortization	69.7	80.1	14.9%
Loss/(gain) on disposal of property and equipment	0.0	(0.3)	*******
Fair value losses on financial assets at fair value through profit			н
or loss	0.0	0.5	
Net foreign exchange gains	(18.4)	(0.4)	(97.8)%
Total operating expenses	719.6	715.8	(0.5)%

Operating expenses were US\$715.8 million for the three months ended September 30, 2009, a slight decrease of US\$3.8 million, or 0.5%, compared to US\$719.6 million for the three months ended September 30, 2008. The decrease in operating expenses was primarily attributable to the decrease in pre-opening expenses and general and administrative expense, partially offset by increases in provision for doubtful accounts and deprecation and amortization expenses, as more fully described below.

Casino expenses for the three months ended September 30, 2009 were US\$493.7 million, a slight increase of US\$2.6 million, or 0.5%, compared to US\$491.1 million for the three months ended September 30, 2008. The increase was primarily due to the increase in total gaming tax and gaming premium of US\$15.4 million relating to the increase of gaming revenue. The increase was partially offset by a decrease in payroll-related expenses of US\$11.7 million driven by our cost saving initiatives.

Room expenses for the three months ended September 30, 2009 were US\$5.9 million, a decrease of US\$1.7 million, or 22.4%, compared to US\$7.6 million for the three months ended

September 30, 2008. Payroll-related expenses decreased by US\$1.8 million driven by our cost saving initiatives.

Food and beverage expenses for the three months ended September 30, 2009 were US\$10.2 million, a decrease of US\$1.2 million, or 10.5%, compared to US\$11.4 million for the three months ended September 30, 2008. The decrease in food and beverage related expenses primarily relate to a decrease in payroll-related expenses of US\$4.0 million, which were driven by our cost saving initiatives at The Venetian Macao and the Sands Macao. Total expenses attributable to the newly opened Plaza Macao for the three months ended September 30, 2009 increased by US\$2.0 million due to the full quarter of operations.

Mall expenses for the three months ended September 30, 2009 were US\$6.7 million, a decrease of US\$3.1 million, or 31.6%, compared to US\$9.8 million for the three months ended September 30, 2008, primarily driven by our cost saving initiatives in payroll, utilities and other maintenance expenses.

Convention, ferry, retail and other expenses for the three months ended September 30, 2009 were US\$31.6 million, a decrease of US\$5.1 million, or 13.9%, compared to US\$36.7 million for the three months ended September 30, 2008. The decrease was primarily driven by our cost saving initiatives in payroll and contract entertainment.

Provision for doubtful accounts was US\$13.8 million for the three months ended September 30, 2009 compared to US\$4.7 million for the three months ended September 30, 2008. Of the increase, US\$8.0 million related to our casino operations as we granted more advances to our premium players in relation to the opening of new properties and US\$1.2 million related to mall operations as our tenants experienced difficulties driven by reduced visitation and consumer spending at the properties as a result of the economic downturn.

General and administrative expenses were US\$56.9 million for the three months ended September 30, 2009, a decrease of US\$9.4 million, or 14.2%, compared to US\$66.3 million for the three months ended September 30, 2008. The decrease was primarily driven by our cost saving initiatives in payroll-related expenses, utilities, transportation costs and bank charges, resulting in a decrease of US\$10.4 million at the Sands Macao and The Venetian Macao. The decrease was partially offset by US\$2.6 million attributable to the full quarter of operations at the newly opened Plaza Macao.

Pre-opening expenses were US\$12.3 million for the three months ended September 30, 2009, a decrease of US\$17.5 million, or 58.7%, compared to US\$29.8 million for the three months ended September 30, 2008. Pre-opening expenses for the three months ended September 30, 2009 were primarily related to costs associated with the suspension of construction at Parcels 5 and 6 of our Cotai Strip development, and maintenance of these construction sites. Pre-opening expenses for the three months ended September 30, 2008 were primarily related to the pre-opening activities at the Plaza Macao.

Depreciation and amortization expense was US\$80.1 million for the three months ended September 30, 2009, an increase of US\$10.4 million, or 14.9%, compared to US\$69.7 million for the three months ended September 30, 2008. The increase was primarily the result of US\$8.0 million related to the Plaza Macao and an increase of US\$2.1 million related to The Venetian Macao as we began depreciating areas that were not placed in service during the full three months ended September 30, 2008.



#### Adjusted EBITDAR

The following table summarizes information related to our segments:

	For the three months ended September 30,		
	2008	2009	Percent Change
	(US\$ in millions, except percentages)		
Sands Macao	42.6	75.8	77.9%
The Venetian Macao	135.3	149.5	10.5%
Plaza Macao	2.8	10.1	260.7%
Ferry and other operations	(8.9)	<u>(7.3</u> )	18.0%
Total adjusted EBITDAR	171.8	228.2	32.8%

Adjusted EBITDAR for the three months ended September 30, 2009 was US\$228.2 million, an increase of US\$56.4 million, or 32.8%, compared to US\$171.8 million the three months ended September 30, 2008. This increase was primarily driven by the increase in casino revenues and cost reduction from cost saving initiatives, primarily in payroll, rolling commissions, utilities and other operational areas.

#### Interest Expense

The following table summarizes information related to interest expense:

	For the three months ended September 30,		
	2008	2009	
	(US\$ in millions)		
Interest and other finance cost	45.9	47.4	
Less-capitalized interest	(27.3)	(3.9)	
Interest expense, net	18.6	43.5	

Interest and other finance cost for the three months ended September 30, 2009 was US\$47.4 million, an increase of US\$1.5 million, or 3.3%, compared to US\$45.9 million for the three months ended September 30, 2008. The increase was primarily a result of our Company borrowing US\$582.0 million from the LVS Group for repayment of outstanding intercompany payables owed to certain members of the LVS Group. The US\$23.4 million decrease in capitalized interest was primarily due to the completion of the Plaza Macao and suspension of Parcels 5 and 6. Capitalized interest is expected to be minimal in 2009 as we have discontinued capitalizing interest on the suspended projects of our Cotal Strip development.

### Profit for the Period

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As a result of the foregoing, profit increased from US\$60.0 million for the three months ended September 30, 2008 to US\$86.7 million for the three months ended September 30, 2009.

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#### **RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

### Six Months Ended June 30, 2009 Compared to the Six Months Ended June 30, 2008

### **Net Revenues**

Our net revenues consisted of the following:

	For the six months ended June 30,		
	2008	2009	Percent Change
	(US\$ in millions, except percentages)		
Casino	1,325.4	1,317.1	(0.6)%
Rooms	67.5	55.5	(17.8)%
Food and beverage	24.5	25.4	3.7%
Mall	48.4	64.1	32.4%
Convention, ferry, retail and other	24.8	38.4	5 <b>4.8</b> %
Total net revenues	1,490.6	1,500.6	0.7%

Net revenues were US\$1,500.6 million for the six months ended June 30, 2009, a slight increase of US\$10.0 million, or 0.7%, compared to US\$1,490.6 million for the six months ended June 30, 2008. Net revenues increased primarily due to the opening of The Shoppes at Four Seasons, as well as the expansion of our ferry services. This increase was partially offset by decreases in net casino and room revenues primarily due to the global economic downturn, the outbreak of swine flu in the region and visa restrictions for residents of mainland China.

Net casino revenues for the six months ended June 30, 2009 were US\$1,317.1 million, a decrease of US\$8.3 million, or 0.6%, compared to US\$1,325.4 million for the six months ended June 30, 2008. Net casino revenues of the Sands Macao and The Venetian Macao decreased by US\$77.7 million and US\$5.5 million, respectively, as a result of the global economic downturn that began in the second half of 2008, the outbreak of swine flu in the region and visa restrictions for residents of mainland China. These decreases were partially offset by net casino revenue of US\$75.0 million attributable to the opening of the Plaza Macao.



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The following table summarizes the results of our casino activity:

	For the six months ended June 30,		
	2008	2009	Percent Change
	(US\$ in milli	ons, except pe points)	ercentages and
The Venetian Macao         Total net casino revenues         Non-rolling chip table games drop         Non-rolling chip table games win percentage         Rolling chip volume         Rolling chip win percentage         Slot handle         Slot hold percentage         Sands Macao         Total net casino revenues         Non-rolling chip table games drop	798.8 1,731.6 19.9% 18,599.8 3.0% 819.9 8.3% 526.6 1,381.3 19.8%	points) 793.3 1,623.3 23.2% 18,590.1 2.7% 1,093.8 7.5% 448.9 1,208.4	(0.7)% (6.3)% 3.3 pts (0.1)% (0.3) pts 33.4% (0.8) pts (14.8)% (12.5)%
Non-rolling chip table games win percentage         Rolling chip volume         Rolling chip win percentage         Slot handle         Slot hold percentage	11,789.8 2.7% 514.0 8.2%	9,845.3 2.7% 577.2	(16.5)% 0.0 pts 12.3%
Plaza Macao         Total net casino revenues         Non-rolling chip table games drop         Non-rolling chip table games win percentage         Rolling chip volume         Rolling chip win percentage         Slot handle         Slot hold percentage		75.0 167.5 25.2% 1,125.2 3.2% 100.0 5.7%	

Net room revenues for the six months ended June 30, 2009 were US\$55.5 million, a decrease of US\$12.0 million, or 17.8%, compared to US\$67.5 million for the six months ended June 30, 2008. This decrease resulted primarily from our introduction of lower room rates at The Venetian Macao in response to declining occupancy resulting from the global economic downturn, the outbreak of swine flu in the region and visa restrictions for residents of mainland China. The decrease in net room revenues at The Venetian Macao was partially offset by the opening of the Plaza Macao in August 2008.



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The following table summarizes our room activity. The suites at the Sands Macao are primarily provided to gaming patrons on a complimentary basis and therefore related statistics have not been included.

	For the six months ended June 30,		
·	2008	2009	Percent Change
	(US\$, exce	pt percent	ages and points)
The Venetian Macao			
Gross room revenues (in millions)	94.2	79.5	(15.5)%
Average daily rate	228	209	(8.3)%
Occupancy rate	79.4%	76.7%	(2.7)pts
Revenue per available room	181	160	(11.6)%
Plaza Macao			
Gross room revenues (in millions)		7.9	
Average daily rate		293	
Occupancy rate		41.5%	
Revenue per available room		122	k

Note: Information in this table takes into account rooms provided to customers on a complimentary basis that are recorded at discounted rates.

Net food and beverage revenues for the six months ended June 30, 2009 were US\$25.4 million, an increase of US\$0.9 million, or 3.7%, compared to US\$24.5 million for the six months ended June 30, 2008. The increase was primarily attributable to the opening of the Plaza Macao, which generated revenues of US\$3.7 million. This increase was partially offset by a decrease of US\$2.8 million in revenues from the Sands Macao and The Venetian Macao, which was primarily due to a decrease in occupancy resulting from the global economic downturn, the outbreak of swine flu in the region and visa restrictions for residents of mainland China.

Mall revenues for the six months ended June 30, 2009 were US\$64.1 million, an increase of US\$15.7 million, or 32.4%, compared to US\$48.4 million for the six months ended June 30, 2008. The increase was primarily attributable to the opening of The Shoppes at Four Seasons, which generated revenues of US\$14.1 million, as well as an increase in revenues of US\$1.6 million at The Grand Canal Shoppes at The Venetian Macao partially due to increased mall occupancy.

Net convention, ferry, retail and other revenues for the six months ended June 30, 2009 was US\$38.4 million, an increase of US\$13.6 million, or 54.8%, compared to US\$24.8 million for the six months ended June 30, 2008. The increase was primarily attributable to an increase in ferry revenues resulting from an increase in the number of sailings as we added new vessels. An increase in entertainment revenue of US\$6.1 million was primarily due to the opening of the Cirque du Soleil show, Zaia, in August 2008. These increases were partially offset by a decrease in convention revenues of US\$2.0 million, as well as a decrease in other revenues, primarily due to the global economic downturn, the outbreak of swine flu in the region and visa restrictions for residents of mainland China.

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#### **Operating Expenses**

Our operating expenses consist of the following:

	For the six months ended June 30,		
	2008 2009		Percent Change
	(US\$ in millions, except percentage		
Casino	903.1	916.2	1.4%
Rooms	16.2	14.0	(13.7)%
Food and beverage	21,6	22.7	5.1%
Mali	13.7	16.8	22.7%
Convention, ferry, retail and other	46.2	59.7	29.2%
Provision for doubtful accounts	0.9	18.7	1,977.8%
General and administrative expense	146.8	115.9	(21.1)%
Corporate expense	4.3	4.7	9.3%
Land lease expense	5.9	6.1	3.4%
Pre-opening expense	38.1	52.4	37.5%
Depreciation and amortization	123.4	158.4	28.4%
Loss on disposal of property and equipment	1.2	4.9	308.3%
Fair value losses/(gains) on financial assets at fair value through			
profit or loss	(0.1)		
Net foreign exchange losses/(gains)	(2.6)	0.1	103.9%
	1,318.7	1,390.5	5.4%
Total operating expenses	1,310.7	1,000.0	0.770

Operating expenses were US\$1,390.5 million for the six months ended June 30, 2009, an increase of US\$71.8 million, or 5.4%, compared to US\$1,318.7 million for the six months ended June 30, 2008. The increase in operating expenses was primarily attributable to the opening of the Plaza Macao, and the expansion of our ferry service operations, as well as provision for doubtful accounts, pre-opening expenses and depreciation and amortization, as more fully described below.

Casino expenses for the six months ended June 30, 2009 were US\$916.2 million, an increase of US\$13.1 million, or 1.4%, compared to US\$903.1 million for the six months ended June 30, 2008. The increase was primarily due to the opening of the Plaza Macao. Casino expenses relating to the newly opened Plaza Macao were US\$18.8 million (excluding gaming tax and gaming premium), while other expenses at the Sands Macao and The Venetian Macao increased US\$16.0 million, primarily attributable to increased special events and promotions as well as increased commissions paid to Gaming Promoters. These increases were partially offset by a decrease in total gaming tax and gaming premium of US\$8.5 million, as a result of lower casino revenues, and a decrease in payroll expenses of US\$13.2 million driven by our cost savings initiatives.

Room expenses for the six months ended June 30, 2009 were US\$14.0 million, a decrease of US\$2.2 million, or 13.7%, compared to US\$16.2 million for the six months ended June 30, 2008. Payroll expenses, hotel supplies and other expenses decreased by US\$4.8 million due to lower occupancy and our cost savings initiatives, partially offset by a US\$2.6 million increase in expenses attributable to the newly opened Plaza Macao.

Food and beverage expenses for the six months ended June 30, 2009 were US\$22.7 million, an increase of US\$1.1 million, or 5.1%, compared to US\$21.6 million for the six months ended June 30, 2008. Expenses relating to the newly opened Plaza Macao for the six months ended June 30, 2009 were US\$5.7 million. The increase was partially offset by a US\$4.6 million decrease in cost of sales as a result of lower demand for food and beverage services, as well as a reduction in payroll expenses at the Sands Macao and The Venetian Macao driven by our cost savings initiatives.

Mall expenses for the six months ended June 30, 2009 were US\$16.8 million, an increase of US\$3.1 million, or 22.7%, compared to US\$13.7 million for the six months ended June 30, 2008 primarily attributable to the newly opened Plaza Macao.

Convention, ferry, retail and other expenses for the six months ended June 30, 2009 were US\$59.7 million, an increase of US\$13.5 million, or 29.2%, compared to US\$46.2 million for the six months ended June 30, 2008. The increase was primarily attributable to US\$8.4 million related to the opening of the Cirque du Soleil show, Zaia, at The Venetian Macao and an increase in ferry expenses of US\$5.8 million. These increases were partially offset by a reduction in expenses at the Sands Macao.

Provision for doubtful accounts was US\$18.7 million for the six months ended June 30, 2009, an increase of US\$17.8 million, compared to US\$0.9 million for the six months ended June 30, 2008. Of the increase, US\$9.6 million related to our casino operations as we granted more advances to our premium players in relation to the opening of new properties and US\$8.2 million related to mall operations as our tenants experienced difficulties driven by reduced visitation and consumer spending at the properties as a result of the economic downturn.

General and administrative expenses were US\$115.9 million for the six months ended June 30, 2009, a decrease of US\$30.9 million, or 21.1%, compared to US\$146.8 million for the six months ended June 30, 2008. The decrease was primarily driven by our cost savings initiatives, resulting in a decrease of US\$44.7 million at the Sands Macao and The Venetian Macao. This decrease was primarily related to payroll expenses, utilities, transportation costs and bank charges. The decrease was partially offset by US\$15.5 million attributable to the operations at the newly opened Plaza Macao.

Pre-opening expenses were US\$52.4 million for the six months ended June 30, 2009, an increase of US\$14.3 million, or 37.5%, compared to US\$38.1 million for the six months ended June 30, 2008. Pre-opening expenses for the six months ended June 30, 2009 were primarily related to costs associated with the suspension of construction at Parcels 5 and 6 of our Cotai Strip development, and maintenance of these construction sites, as well as costs relating to the Paiza mansions at the Plaza Macao. Pre-opening expenses for the six months ended June 30, 2008 were primarily related to pre-opening activities at the Plaza Macao.

Depreciation and amortization expense was US\$158.4 million for the six months ended June 30, 2009, an increase of US\$35.0 million, or 28.4%, compared to US\$123.4 million for the six months ended June 30, 2008. The increase was primarily the result of US\$24.6 million related to the Plaza Macao, and an increase of US\$9.1 million related to The Venetian Macao as we began depreciating areas that were not placed in service during the full six months ended June 30, 2008.

#### Adjusted EBITDAR

The following table summarizes information related to our segments:

	For the six months ended June 30			
	2008	2008 2009 P	Percent Change	
	(US\$ in m	illions, exc	ept percentages)	
Sands Macao	119.6	111.4	(6.9)%	
The Venetian Macao	249.7	230.9	(7.5)%	
Plaza Macao		9.8	the second se	
Ferry and other operations	(20.1)	(14.4)	28.4%	

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Total adjusted EBITDAR	349.2	337.7	(3.3)%

Adjusted EBITDAR for the six months ended June 30, 2009 was US\$337.7 million, a decrease of US\$11.5 million, or 3.3%, compared to US\$349.2 million the six months ended June 30, 2008. This decrease was primarily driven by the global economic downturn, the outbreak of swine flu and visa restrictions for residents from mainland China. In addition, provision for doubtful accounts increased significantly. The decrease in adjusted EBITDAR was partially offset by a decrease in general and administrative expenses resulting primarily from our cost savings initiatives.

#### Interest Expense

The following table summarizes information related to interest expense:

	For the six months ended June 30,	
	2008	2009
	(US\$ In n	nillions)
Interest and other finance cost	101.1	56.8
Less—capitalized interest	(40.9)	(4.6)
	60.2	52.2
Interest expense, net		

Interest and other finance cost for the six months ended June 30, 2009 was US\$56.8 million, a decrease of US\$44.3 million, or 43.8%, compared to US\$101.1 million for the six months ended June 30, 2008. The decrease was primarily a result of a reduction in interest rates partially offset by an increase in our borrowings. The US\$36.3 million decrease in capitalized interest was primarily due to the completion of the Plaza Macao, suspension of Parcels 5 and 6, and also a decrease in interest rates. Capitalized interest is expected to be minimal in 2009 as we have discontinued capitalizing interest on the suspended projects of our Cotai Strip development.

### Profit for the Period

As a result of the foregoing, profit decreased from US\$114.0 million for the six months ended June 30, 2008 to US\$58.0 million for the six months ended June 30, 2009.

# Year Ended December 31, 2008 Compared to the Year Ended December 31, 2007

### **Net Revenues**

Our net revenues consisted of the following:

	For the	For the year ended December 31,		
	2007	2008	Percent Change	
	(US\$ in m	nillions, exc	ept percentages)	
	1,846.2	2,669.7	44.6%	
Casino	49.3	140.0	183.9%	
Rooms	28.1	54.3	93.2%	
Food and beverage	24.8	123.0	396.0%	
Mall	17.9	66.4	270.9%	
Convention, ferry, retail and other		3,053.3	<b>55.3%</b>	

Net revenues were US\$3,053.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2008, an increase of US\$1,087.1 million, or 55.3%, compared to US\$1,966.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2007. The increase in net revenues was due primarily to revenues attributable to a full year of operations at The Venetian Macao, which opened in August 2007, and the opening of the Plaza Macao in August 2008: In addition, the expansion of our ferry operations in the second half of 2008 increased visits to our Cotal Strip properties, thereby increasing net revenues.

Net casino revenues for the year ended December 31, 2008 were US\$2,669.7 million, an increase of US\$823.5 million, or 44.6%, compared to US\$1,846.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2007. Revenues resulting from a full year of operation of The Venetian Macao contributed US\$1,061.2 million to such increase while the opening of the Plaza Macao contributed US\$46.1 million, partially offset by a US\$283.8 million decrease at the Sands Macao due primarily to increased competition. Our ferry operations increased visitation to our Cotal Strip properties.

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The following table summarizes the results of our casino activity:

	For the year ended December 31,		
	2007	2008	Percent Change
		\$ in millions, centages and	
The Venetian Macao		r	
Total net casino revenues	549.3	1,610.5	193.2%
Non-rolling chip table games drop	1,115.8	3,530.1	216.4%
Non-rolling chip table games win percentage	17.3%	19.9%	2.6pts
Rolling chip volume	17,071.5	36,893.8	116.1%
Rolling chip win percentage	2.6%	3.0%	0.4pts
Slot handle	490.1	1,941.9	296.2%
Slot hold percentage	7.9%	8.0%	o 0.1pts
Sands Macao			
Total net casino revenues	1,296.9	1,013.1	(21.9)%
Non-rolling chip table games drop	3,525.6	2,626.9	(25.5)%
Non-rolling chip table games win percentage	18.7%	18.9%	0.2pts
Rolling chip volume	26,325.3	25,182.2	(4.3)%
Rolling chip win percentage	3.0%	2.6%	(0.4)pts
Slot handle	1,181.1	1,039.4	(12.0)%
Slot hold percentage	6.9%	7.8%	0.9pts
Plaza Macao			
Total net casino revenues		46.1	
Non-rolling chip table games drop		99.8	*******
Non-rolling chip table games win percentage		21.1%	<b>.</b>
Rolling chip volume		630.1	
Rolling chip win percentage		4.5%	<u> </u>
Slot handle		38.2	
Slot hold percentage		5.6%	, ,

Net room revenues for the year ended December 31, 2008 were US\$140.0 million, an increase of US\$90.7 million, or 183.9%, compared to US\$49.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2007 due primarily to revenues resulting from a full year of operations at The Venetian Macao and the opening of the Plaza Macao. Net room revenues at the Plaza Macao were negatively impacted by a low occupancy rate due to the slow ramp-up of the property.

The following table summarizes the results of our room activity. The suites at the Sands Macao are primarily provided to gaming patrons on a complimentary basis and therefore related statistics have not been included.

	For the year ended December 31,			
·	2007	2008	Percent Change	
	(US\$, except percenta		ages and points)	
The Venetian Macao				
Gross room revenues (in millions)	63.4	200.6	216.5%	
Average daily rate	221	226	2.3%	
Occupancy rate	85.7%	85.3%	(0.4)pts	
Revenue per available room	190	193	1.6%	
Plaza Macao	•			
Gross room revenues (in millions)		3.7		
Average daily rate	<u> </u>	344		
Occupancy rate	Ballion of	32.0%		
Revenue per available room		110		

Note: Information in this table takes into account rooms provided to customers on a complimentary basis that are recorded at discounted rates.



Net food and beverage revenues for the year ended December 31, 2008 were US\$54.3 million, an increase of US\$26.2 million, or 93.2%, compared to US\$28.1 million for the year ended December 31, 2007. The increase was primarily attributable to revenues resulting from a full year of operations at The Venetian Macao.

Mall revenues for the year ended December 31, 2008 were US\$123.0 million, an increase of US\$98.2 million, or 396.0%, compared to US\$24.8 million for the year ended December 31, 2007. The increase was primarily attributable to revenues resulting from a full year of operations at The Grand Canal Shoppes at The Venetian Macao.

Net convention, ferry, retail and other revenues for the year ended December 31, 2008 were US\$66.4 million, an increase of US\$48.5 million, or 270.9%, compared to US\$17.9 million for the year ended December 31, 2007. The increase was primarily attributable to revenues resulting from the expansion of our ferry operations as well as a full year of operations at The Venetian Macao.

### **Operating Expenses**

Our operating expenses consisted of the following:

	For the year ended December 31,			
	2007 2008		Percent Change	
	(US\$ in m	illions, exce	ccept percentages)	
Casino	1,238.0	1,875.4	51.5%	
Rooms	13.1	32.2	145.8%	
Food and beverage	25.6	47.0	83.8%	
Mall	8.3	31.5	279.5%	
Convention, ferry, retail and other.	24.8	109.4	341.1%	
Provision for doubtful accounts	1.2	15.0	1,150.0%	
General and administrative expense	146.6	269.0	83.5%	
Corporate expense	2.7	14.7	451.5%	
Land lease expense	9.8	11.9	21.4%	
Pre-opening expense	141.9	112.3	(20,8)%	
Pre-opening expense	104.0	268.2	157.8%	
Depreciation and amortization Loss on disposal of property and equipment	0.6	1.6	166:7%	
Fair value losses on financial assets at fair value through profit or				
loss	0.6	0.0	(92.6)%	
Net foreign exchange losses/(gains)	5.2	(29.2)	(661.5)%	
Total operating expenses	1,722.3	2,759.3	60.2%	

Operating expenses for the year ended December 31, 2008 were US\$2,759.3 million, an increase of US\$1,037.0 million, or 60.2%, compared to US\$1,722.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2007. The increase in operating expenses was primarily attributable to a full year of operations at The Venetian Macao, the opening of the Plaza Macao and depreciation and amortization costs, as more fully described below.

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Casino expenses for the year ended December 31, 2008 were US\$1,875.4 million, an increase of US\$637.4 million, or 51.5% compared to US\$1,238.0 million for the year ended December 31, 2007. Casino expenses in connection with the opening of the Plaza Macao and the full year of operations of The Venetian Macao for the year ended December 31, 2008 were US\$252.3 million (excluding gaming tax and gaming premium). Gaming tax and gaming premium increased by US\$415.9 million due to ৰু ৰ দুৰ দলত ∦ি related income from casino revenues. needer in the state of the international states and the second states and the second states and the second states and the second states are states and the second states are states and the second states are states ar

Room expenses for the year ended December 31, 2008 were US\$32.2 million, an increase of US\$19.1 million, or 145.8%, compared to US\$13.1 million for the year ended December 31, 2007. This

increase was primarily due to the expenses resulting from a full year of operations at The Venetian Macao and the opening of the Plaza Macao.

Food and beverage expenses for the year ended December 31, 2008 were US\$47.0 million, an increase of US\$21.4 million, or 83.8%, compared to US\$25.6 million for the year ended December 31, 2007. This increase was due primarily to the expenses resulting from a full year of operations at The Venetian Macao and the opening of the Plaza Macao.

Mall expenses for the year ended December 31, 2008 were US\$31.5 million, an increase of US\$23.2 million, or 279.5%, compared to US\$8.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2007. The increase was primarily attributable to mall expenses associated with a full year of operations at The Grand Canal Shoppes at The Venetian Macao.

Convention, ferry, retail and other expenses for the year ended December 31, 2008 were US\$109.4 million, an increase of US\$84.6 million, or 341.1%, compared to US\$24.8 million for the year ended December 31, 2007. The increase was due primarily to US\$46.8 million related to operations of our ferry service as well as US\$37.8 million related to a full year of operations at The Venetian Macao.

Provision for doubtful accounts for the year ended December 31, 2008 was US\$15.0 million, an increase of US\$13.8 million, compared to US\$1.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2007. The increase was the result of granting more advances to our premium players in connection with a full year of operations at The Venetian Macao.

General and administrative expenses for the year ended December 31, 2008 were US\$269.0 million, an increase of US\$122.4 million, or 83.5%, compared to US\$146.6 million for the year ended December 31, 2007. The increase was primarily attributable to the full year of operations at The Venetian Macao and the commencement of operations at the Plaza Macao of US\$112.0 million and US\$9.1 million, respectively. These expenses were mitigated by our cost savings initiatives, which we initiated during the second quarter of 2008.

Corporate expense for the year ended December 31, 2008 was US\$14.7 million, an increase of US\$12.0 million compared to US\$2.7 million for the year ended December 31, 2007. The increase was primarily due to increased payroll expenses as we were building our corporate infrastructure to support our planned growth.

Pre-opening expenses for the year ended December 31, 2008 were US\$112.3 million, a decrease of US\$29.6 million, or 20.8%, compared to US\$141.9 million for the year ended December 31, 2007. Pre-opening expenses for the year ended December 31, 2008 were primarily related to the opening of the Plaza Macao, as well as activities related to our other Cotai Strip developments. Pre-opening expenses for the year ended December 31, 2007 were primarily related to the opening of The Venetian Macao.

Depreciation and amortization expense for the year ended December 31, 2008 was US\$268.2 million, an increase of US\$164.2 million, or 157.8%, compared to US\$104.0 million for the year ended December 31, 2007. The increase was primarily attributable to US\$132.3 million at The Venetian Macao and US\$16.4 million at the Plaza Macao.

Net foreign exchange gains for the year ended December 31, 2008 were US\$29.2 million, compared to net foreign exchange losses of US\$5.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2007. The net foreign exchange gains and losses were primarily associated with U.S. dollar denominated debt held in Macau.

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## Adjusted EBITDAR

The following table summarizes information related to our segments:

	For the year ended December 31,		
	2007	2008	Percent Change
	(US\$ in m	ept percentages)	
	374.1	214.4	(42.7)%
Sands Macao	144.7	497.2	243.6%
The Venetian Macao		7.3	
Plaza Macao	(4.4)	(32.9)	(647.7)%
Ferry and other operations	*	······································	33.4%
Total Adjusted EBITDAR	514.3	686.0	33.4 /0

Adjusted EBITDAR for the year ended December 31, 2008 was US\$686.0 million, an increase of US\$171.7 million, or 33.4%, compared to US\$514.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2007. The increase was primarily attributable to a full year of operations at The Venetian Macao. This was partially offset by increased competition which impacted our Sands Macao operations and resulted in an increase in the commission rate for Gaming Promoters.

#### Interest Expense

The following table summarizes information related to interest expense:

	For the year ender December 31,	
	2007	2008
	(US\$ in n	nillions)
Interest and other finance cost	196.0	205.2
Less-capitalized interest.	<u>(118.9</u> )	(82.3)
Interest expense, net	77.0	122.9
Interest expense, net		

Interest and other finance cost was US\$205.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2008, an increase of US\$9.2 million, or 4.7%, compared to US\$196.0 million for the year ended December 31, 2007. This increase resulted from the substantial increase in our borrowings, which was partially offset by a decrease in interest rates. The decrease in capitalized interest was due primarily to the opening of The Venetian Macao in 2007 and the Plaza Macao in August 2008.

### Profit for the Year

As a result of the foregoing, our profit decreased from US\$196.1 million for the year ended December 31, 2007 to US\$175.7 million for the year ended December 31, 2008.

Year Ended December 31, 2007 Compared to the Year Ended December 31, 2006 Net Revenues

Our net revenues consisted of the following:

Our net revenues consisted on the ronowing.	For the	year ended	December 31,
	2006	2007	Percent Change
and the second secon	(US\$ In m	Illions, exc	ept percentages)
	1,265.2	1,846.2	45.9%
Casino	0.1	49.3	49,200.0%
Food and beverage	12.9	28.1	117.8%
Food and beverage          Mall		24.8	
Convention, ferry, retail and other.	2.9	17.9	. 517.2%
Total net revenues	1,281.1	1,966.2	53.5%

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Net revenues were US\$1,966.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2007, an increase of US\$685.1 million, or 53.5%, compared to US\$1,281.1 million for the year ended December 31, 2006. The increase in net revenues was due primarily to the opening of The Venetian Macao in August 2007. Overall, visitation to The Venetian Macao averaged almost 62,000 visitors per day in the quarter ended December 31, 2007, contributing to the increase in net revenues.

Net casino revenues for the year ended December 31, 2007 were US\$1,846.2 million, an increase of US\$581.0 million, or 45.9%, compared to US\$1,265.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2006. The opening of The Venetian Macao in August 2007 contributed to an increase of US\$549.3 million to net casino revenues, while the growth of our casino operations at the Sands Macao contributed to an increase of US\$31.7 million. In particular, the opening of the hotel tower at the Sands Macao in September 2007, as well as the launch of various promotional programs, contributed to the increase.

The following table summarizes the results of our casino activity:

	For the year ended December 31,			
	2006	2007	Percent Change	
	(U: pei	S\$ in millions, centages and	except points)	
The Venetian Macao				
Total net casino revenues		549.3		
Non-rolling chip table games drop		1,115.8	Non-Press	
Non-rolling chip table games win percentage		17.3%		
Rolling chip volume	<u> </u>	17,071.5		
Rolling chip win percentage		2.6%		
Slot handle		490.1		
Slot hold percentage	<del></del>	7.9%	w	
Sands Macao				
Total net casino revenues	1,265.2	1,296.9	2.5%	
Non-rolling chip table games drop	4,178.7	3,525.6	(15.6)%	
Non-rolling chip table games win percentage	18.6%	18.7%	0.1pts	
Rolling chip volume	17,115.0	26,325.3	53.8%	
Rolling chip win percentage	3.2%	3.0%	(0.2)pts	
Slot handle	1,048.8	1,181.1	12.6%	
Slot hold percentage	7.7%	6.9%	(0.8)pts	

Net room revenues for the year ended December 31, 2007 were US\$49.3 million, an increase of US\$49.2 million as compared to US\$0.1 million for the year ended December 31, 2006. The increase was almost entirely attributable to revenues from The Venetian Macao, which opened in August 2007.

The following table summarizes the results of our room activity. The suites at the Sands Macao are primarily provided to gaming patrons on a complimentary basis and therefore related statistics have not been included.

For the year ended December 31.

	For the year ended becember 51,			
	2006 2007		Percent Change	
	(US	\$, except pe	ercentages)	
The Venetian Macao				
Gross room revenues (in millions)		63.4	<u>·</u>	
Average daily rate		221	BA-Joseph BA	
Occupancy rate		85.7%		
Revenue per available room	<u> </u>	190	—	

Note: Information in this table takes into account rooms provided to customers on a complimentary basis that are recorded at discounted rates.

Net food and beverage revenues for the year ended December 31, 2007 were US\$28.1 million, an increase of US\$15.2 million, or 117.8%, compared to US\$12.9 million for the year ended December 31, 2006. The increase was primarily attributable to US\$14.6 million in revenues from The Venetian Macao and an increase of US\$0.6 million at the Sands Macao due to the increased number of visitors.

Mall revenues for the year ended December 31, 2007 were US\$24.8 million generated by revenues from the opening of The Grand Canal Shoppes at The Venetian Macao.

Net convention, ferry, retail and other revenues for the year ended December 31, 2007 were US\$17.9 million, an increase of US\$15.0 million compared to US\$2.9 million for the year ended December 31, 2006. The increase was primarily attributable to US\$13.6 million related to conventions and entertainment productions at The Venetian Macao.

#### **Operating Expenses**

Our operating expenses consisted of the following:

	For the year ended December 31,			
	2006	2007	Percent Change	
	(US\$ in n	nillions, exc	ept percentages)	
Casino	742,2	1,238.0	66.8%	
Rooms	0.2	13.1	6,450.0%	
Food and beverage	11.5	25.6	122.6%	
Mall	\	8.3	<del></del>	
Convention, ferry, retail and other	3.0	24.8	726.7%	
Provision for doubtful accounts	0.4	1.2	200.0%	
General and administrative expense	68.7	146.6	113.5%	
Corporate expense	0.4	. 2.7	575.0%	
Land lease expense	0.8	9.8	1,125.0%	
Pre-opening expense	34.7	141.9	309.1%	
Development expense	2.7			
Depreciation and amortization	35.2	104.0	195.5%	
Loss on disposal of property and equipment	1.9	0.6	(68.4%)	
Fair value losses on financial assets at fair value through profit or			•	
loss	0.5	0.6	20.0%	
Net foreign exchange losses	0.7	5.2	642.9%	
Total operating expenses	902.8	1,722.3	90.8%	

Operating expenses for the year ended December 31, 2007 were US\$1,722.3 million, an increase of US\$819.5 million, or 90.8%, compared to US\$902.8 million for the year ended December 31, 2006. The increase in operating expenses was primarily attributable to expenses in connection with the opening of The Venetian Macao, pre-opening activities, and depreciation and amortization cost as more fully described below.

Casino expenses for the year ended December 31, 2007 were US\$1,238.0 million, an increase of US\$495.8 million, or 66.8%, compared to US\$742.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2006. Casino expenses for the year ended December 31, 2007 were US\$109.6 million (excluding gaming tax and gaming premium) at The Venetian Macao. Gaming tax and gaming premium contributed to an increase in expenses of US\$322.1 million resulting from an increase in casino revenues. The remaining increase was primarily attributable to additional payroll expenses, special events expense and our rolling chip program at the Sands Macao.

Room expenses for the year ended December 31, 2007 were US\$13.1 million, an increase of US\$12.9 million, compared to US\$0.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2006. This increase was almost entirely attributable to the opening of The Venetian Macao in August 2007.

Food and beverage expenses for the year ended December 31, 2007 were US\$25.6 million, an increase of US\$14.1 million, or 122.6%, compared to US\$11.5 million for the year ended December 31, 2006. This increase was due primarily to the opening of The Venetian Macao in August 2007.

Mall expenses were US\$8.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2007, which resulted from operations of The Grand Canal Shoppes at The Venetian Macao.

Convention, ferry, retail and other expenses for the year ended December 31, 2007 were US\$24.8 million, an increase of US\$21.8 million, compared to US\$3.0 million for the year ended December 31, 2006. This increase was due primarily to convention, entertainment and other expenses attributable to the opening of The Venetian Macao in August 2007.

General and administrative expenses for the year ended December 31, 2007 were US\$146.6 million, an increase of US\$77.9 million, or 113.5%, compared to US\$68.7 million for the year ended December 31, 2006. The increase was attributable to the growth of our operating business, particularly the opening of The Venetian Macao.

Pre-opening expenses for the year ended December 31, 2007 were US\$141.9 million, an increase of US\$107.2 million, or 309.1%, compared to US\$34.7 million for the year ended December 31, 2006. Pre-opening expenses for the year ended December 31, 2007 were primarily related to the opening of The Venetian Macao and activities at our other Cotai Strip developments.

Depreciation and amortization expense for the year ended December 31, 2007 was US\$104.0 million, an increase of US\$68.8 million, or 195.5%, compared to US\$35.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2006. The increase was due primarily to US\$60.0 million related to the opening of The Venetian Macao and a full year of depreciation related to the Sands Macao podium expansion, which was placed into service in August 2006 and resulted in an increase of US\$7.0 million.

### Adjusted EBITDAR

The following table summarizes information related to our segments.

	For the year ended December 31,			
	2006 2007 Percent Cha			
4	(US\$ in millions, except percentages			
Sands Macao	457.7	374.1	(18.3)%	
The Venetian Macao	<u> </u>	144.7		
Ferry and other operations		(4.4)		
Total Adjusted EBITDAR	457.7	514.3	12.4%	

Adjusted EBITDAR for the year ended December 31, 2007 was US\$514.3 million, an increase of US\$56.6 million, or 12.4%, compared to US\$457.7 million for the year ended December 31, 2006. The increase was primarily attributable to the opening of The Venetian Macao, partially offset by increased competition at the Sands Macao.

### Interest Expense

### The following table summarizes information related to interest expense on long-term debt:

	For the year end	For the year ended December 31,		
	2006	2007		
	(US\$ in	millions)		
Interest and other finance cost	84.4	196.0		
Less—capitalized interest	<u>(54.1</u> )	<u>(118.9</u> )		
Interest expense, net	30.3	77.0		

Interest and other finance cost was US\$196.0 million for the year ended December 31, 2007, an increase of US\$111.6 million, or 132.2%, compared to US\$84.4 million for the year ended December 31, 2006. The increase is primarily the result of the substantial increase in our borrowings. Capitalized interest increased US\$64.8 million, primarily related to the construction of The Venetian Macao.

### Profit for the Year

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As a result of the foregoing, our profit decreased from US\$375.8 million for the year ended December 31, 2006 to US\$196.1 million for the year ended December 31, 2007.

### LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

Historically, we have funded our operations through cash generated from our operations, our debt financings, as well as financial support from the LVS Group. Prior to the Global Offering, the LVS Group provided financial support for us in the form of equity contributions, payment of expenses through intercompany payables, shareholders' loans and LVS's confirmation that it would not demand our repayment of certain intercompany obligations owed to the LVS Group prior to the earlier of June 30, 2010 or upon completion of the Global Offering.

On September 4, 2009, our Company borrowed US\$582.0 million from VVDI (II), representing the net proceeds received in connection with VVDI (II)'s issuance of the Bonds. The proceeds of US\$582.0 million received by our Company were on-lent by our Company to certain members of our Group by way of intercompany loans in order to repay outstanding intercompany payables owed to certain members of the LVS Group, primarily related to the funding of construction for Parcels 5 and 6 and certain of its other ancillary operations.

As further described in "Future Plans and Use of Proceeds," upon completion of the Global Offering, our Company plans to use approximately HK\$6,347.3 million (US\$819.0 million) of the net proceeds received in the Global Offering to repay an additional portion of the shareholders' loans and intercompany payables owed to the LVS Group. In addition, concurrent with the completion of the Global Offering, our obligations under the shareholder's loan from VVDI (II) will be satisfied by our Company through issuance of Shares directly to the Bondholders in connection with the mandatory and automatic exchange of the Bonds for Shares. Immediately upon the completion of the Global Offering, we will not have any shareholders' loans or intercompany payables owed to the LVS Group, save in relation to certain intercompany trade payables to related companies. For further details, please see "Relationship with Our Controlling Shareholders--Independence from the LVS Group." We use cash primarily for funding capital expenditures and operating costs. Our capital expenditures relate primarily to our Cotai Strip developments consisting of hotels, malls, MICE, gaming and entertainment facilities, and apart-hotels. In the future, we expect to incur significant additional capital expenditures, which we intend to fund through a combination of debt and equity financings, including the proceeds of the Global Offering, and internal resources (subject to the requirements of our existing financing arrangements). See "Future Plans and Use of Proceeds."

As of September 30, 2009, we had cash and cash equivalents of US\$394.7 million and restricted cash of US\$196.7 million. We plan to utilize MOP700.0 million (US\$87.5 million) of our restricted cash to pay the initial land premium payment under the land concession contract for Parcels 5 and 6 prior to the Listing Date. Except for our discussions to secure potential supplemental financing for our development of Parcels 5 and 6, we currently have no material external debt financing plans for the

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#### Cash Flows—Summary

Our cash flows consisted of the following:

		For the year ended December 31,			onths ended a 30,	For the three r Septem	
	2006	2007	2008	2008	2009	2008	2009
				(US\$ in mi	illions)		
Net cash generated from operating activities Net cash used in investing	478.0	269.6	256.2	204.0	282.6	77.5	243.0
activities	(1,595.3)	(1 454 8)	(1.918.0)	(895.9)	(244.5)	(645.0)	(117.6)
Net cash generated from/ (used in) financing						. ,	, ,
activities	1,237.5	1,346.3	1,637.4	747.9	<u>(115.0</u> )	554.8	<u>(71.8</u> )
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	120.2	161.1	(24.4)	56.0	(76.8)	(12.6)	53.6
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning	450 F	070 E	490.4	439.4	417.8	496.6	340.6
of the year/period Effect of exchange rate on	158.5	278.5	439.4	439.4	417.0	490.0	340.0
cash	(0.3)	(0.2)	2.8	1.2	(0.3)	0.3	0.5
Cash and cash equivalents at end of							
the year/period	278.5	439.4	417.8	496.6	340.6	484.2	394.7

#### Cash Flows—Operating Activities

We derive most of our operating cash flow from our casino, room and mall operations.

Net cash generated from operating activities for the three months ended September 30, 2009 was US\$243.0 million, an increase of US\$165.5 million as compared to US\$77.5 million for the three months ended September 30, 2008. The increase in net cash generated from operating activities was primarily due to a decrease in trade and other receivables and an increase in profit before tax.

Net cash generated from operating activities for the six months ended June 30, 2009 was US\$282.6 million, an increase of US\$78.6 million as compared to US\$204.0 million for the six months ended June 30, 2008. The increase in net cash generated from operating activities was primarily due to a decrease in trade and other receivables, partially offset by decreases in profit before tax and trade and other payables.

Net cash generated from operating activities for the year ended December 31, 2008 was US\$256.2 million, a decrease of US\$13.4 million as compared to US\$269.6 million for the year ended December 31, 2007. The decrease in net cash generated from operating activities was primarily due to a decrease in profit before tax and higher trade and other receivables due primarily to the increase in our granting of casino credit during the year ended December 31, 2008, partially offset by lower levels of leasehold interest in land payments.

Net cash generated from operating activities for the year ended December 31, 2007 was US\$269.6 million, a decrease of US\$208.4 million as compared to US\$478.0 million for the year ended December 31, 2006. The decrease in net cash generated from operating activities was primarily due to an increase in leasehold interest in land payments related to Parcels 1, 2 and 3 and the Sands Macao hotel tower expansion.



### Cash Flows—Investing Activities

Net cash used in investing activities for the three months ended September 30, 2009 was US\$117.6 million, which primarily consisted of capital expenditures and an increase in restricted cash. Capital expenditures amounted to US\$93.2 million, including US\$68.8 million for construction and development activities related to unopened areas and an apart-hotel tower in the Plaza Macao, which is anticipated to be branded and serviced by Four Seasons, and US\$12.3 million for Parcels 5 and 6 of our Cotai Strip development. Restricted cash increased US\$24.6 million during the three months ended September 30, 2009.

Net cash used in investing activities for the six months ended June 30, 2009 was US\$244.5 million, which primarily consisted of capital expenditures and an increase in restricted cash. Capital expenditures amounted to US\$210.2 million, including US\$128.1 million for construction and development activities related to unopened areas and an apart-hotel tower in the Plaza Macao, US\$53.6 million for Parcels 5 and 6 of our Cotai Strip development, and US\$28.5 million for other properties and our other Cotai Strip developments. Restricted cash increased US\$48.0 million during the six months ended June 30, 2009.

Net cash used in investing activities for the year ended December 31, 2008 was US\$1,918.0 million, which primarily consisted of capital expenditures and an increase in restricted cash, partially offset by the settlement of notes receivable. Capital expenditures amounted to US\$1,997.8 million, including US\$959.1 million for construction and development activities related to Parcels 5 and 6 of our Cotai Strip development, US\$503.2 million for the Plaza Macao, US\$198.3 million related to our ferry operations, and US\$337.2 million for other properties and our other Cotai Strip developments. Restricted cash increased US\$64.5 million during the year ended December 31, 2008. Cash generated from investing activities included US\$140.5 million in settlement of notes receivable from the LVS Group.

Net cash used in investing activities for the year ended December 31, 2007 was US\$1,454.8 million, which primarily consisted of capital expenditures, partially offset by a decrease in restricted cash. Capital expenditures amounted to US\$1,736.2 million, including US\$880.1 million for construction and development activities related to The Venetian Macao and US\$856.1 million for the Plaza Macao and our other Cotai Strip developments. Additionally, net cash used in investing activities included a net increase of US\$149.2 million in notes receivables from the LVS Group. Restricted cash decreased US\$406.0 million during the year ended December 31, 2007.

Net cash used in investing activities for the year ended December 31, 2006 was US\$1,595.3 million, which primarily consisted of capital expenditures and an increase in restricted cash. Capital expenditures amounted to US\$1,157.3 million, including US\$908.0 million for construction and development activities related to The Venetian Macao and US\$249.3 million for the Sands Macao and our other Cotai Strip developments. Restricted cash increased US\$465.8 million during the year ended December 31, 2006.

## Cash Flows—Financing Activities

For the three months ended September 30, 2009, net cash flows used in financing activities were US\$71.8 million, primarily attributable to US\$12.5 million in net repayments under our credit facilities, interest paid of US\$38.2 million and financing cost paid of US\$21.9 million. The Group borrowed US\$582.0 million from the LVS Group on September 4, 2009, and repaid outstanding intercompany payables owed by certain members of our Group to the LVS Group.

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For the six months ended June 30, 2009, net cash flows used in financing activities were US\$115.0 million, primarily attributable to US\$127.7 million in net repayments under our credit facilities and interest paid of US\$48.8 million, partially offset by proceeds from the LVS Group of US\$62.3 million.

For the year ended December 31, 2008, net cash flows generated from financing activities were US\$1,637.4 million, primarily attributable to proceeds from the LVS Group of US\$1,163.8 million and borrowings of US\$453.7 million under the Macau Credit Facility and US\$218.6 million under the Ferry Financing Facility, partially offset by interest paid of US\$192.6 million.

For the year ended December 31, 2007, net cash flows generated from financing activities were US\$1,346.3 million, primarily attributable to borrowings of US\$1,551.0 million under the Macau Credit Facility, partially offset by interest paid of US\$181.0 million.

For the year ended December 31, 2006, net cash flows generated from financing activities were US\$1,237.5 million, primarily attributable to net borrowings of US\$1,250.0 million, partially offset by interest paid of US\$74.8 million and payments of deferred financing costs of US\$41.2 million.

#### CAPITAL EXPENDITURES

Capital expenditures were used primarily for new projects, and to renovate, upgrade and maintain existing properties. Set forth below is historical information on our capital expenditures, excluding capitalized interest and construction payables:

	For the year ended December 31,			For the six mo June	For the three months ended September 30,	
	2006	2007	2008	2008	2009	2009
	<u></u>		(U	S\$ in millions)		
The Venetian Macao	908.0	880.1	193.7	64.4	7.8	3.9
Sands Macao	98.6	120.0	38.8	23.3	4.7	0.8
Plaza Macao	69.3	279.2	503.2	343.5	128.1	68.8
Ferry Operations	r	34.1	198.3	146.6	14.8	7.2
Parcels 5 and 6	80.8	391.5	959.1	364.4	53.6	12.3
Other	0.6	31.3	104.7	79.0	<u>    1.1</u>	0.1
Total capital expenditures	1,157.3	1,736.2	1,997.8	1,021.2	210.2	93.2

Our capital expenditure plans are significant. We plan to restart construction once we have sufficient funds necessary to complete Phases I and II. We intend to fully fund the development and construction costs related to Phases I and II with at least US\$500.0 million of the proceeds from the Global Offering, together with project financing of up to US\$1.75 billion that we are currently seeking to obtain from a group of lenders and, to the extent necessary, cash flow from existing and future operations. As of the Latest Practicable Date, we have received aggregate commitments for project financing in the amount of US\$1.45 billion from commercial banks and other financial institutions, including from affiliates of all the Joint Bookrunners, towards the targeted US\$1.75 billion of total project financing that we are seeking. Once we recommence construction, we estimate that it will take approximately 18 months to complete construction of Phase I and another 6 months thereafter to complete the internal fit-out of the additional Sheraton hotel tower in Phase II. We will commence construction of Phase III at a future date as demand and market conditions warrant. As of September 30, 2009, we capitalized construction costs of US\$1,725.4 million on the development of Parcels 5 and 6 and, if supplemental financing is secured, we expect to spend an additional US\$2.2 billion to complete Phases I and II. We intend to fund our capital expenditure plans through a combination of debt and equity financings and internal resources, including a portion of the proceeds of the Global Offering. See "Future Plans and Use of Proceeds."

These investment plans are preliminary and subject to change based upon the execution of our business plan, the progress of our capital projects, market conditions and outlook on future business conditions.

## COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

### Capital Commitments

Our capital commitments are set forth below:

	As of December 31,			As of June 30,	As of September 30,
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2009
		<u></u>	(US\$ 1	n millions)	
Property and equipment Contracted but not provided for Authorized but not contracted for	783.9 3,493.1	1,755.5 8,408.0	1,422.1 6,296.9	289.0 1,898.3	229.2 1,893.9
	4,277.0	10,163.5	7,719.0	2,187.3	2,123.1

As of June 30, 2009, we had capital commitments of US\$2,187.3 million relating to our completed and on-going development projects, which consisted of construction costs, consultancy costs, other capitalized costs and operating capital expenditures. The capital commitments for The Venetian Macao, the Plaza Macao, Parcels 5 and 6, and other properties, including Parcels 3, 7 and 8, are US\$9.6 million, US\$115.4 million, US\$2,004.8 million and US\$57.5 million, respectively. As of September 30, 2009, we had capital commitments of US\$2,123.1 million relating to our completed and on-going development projects. The capital commitments for The Venetian Macao, the Plaza Macao, Parcels 5 and 6, and other properties 3, 7 and 8, are US\$3.2 million, US\$1,994.7 million and US\$52.0 million, respectively.

#### Litigation

We have contingent liabilities in respect of legal claims arising in the ordinary course of business. Management has made certain estimates for potential litigation costs based upon consultation with legal counsel and considered that no significant loss will be incurred beyond the amounts provided as of June 30, 2009. Actual results could differ from these estimates; however, in the opinion of management, it is not anticipated that any material liabilities will arise from the contingent liabilities.

Save as aforesaid or as otherwise disclosed in this prospectus and apart from intra-group liabilities and normal trade payables, we did not have any outstanding loan capital issued and outstanding or agreed to be issued, bank overdrafts, pledges, charges, debentures, mortgages, loans, debt securities or other similar indebtedness or any finance lease commitments, hire purchase commitments, liabilities or acceptances (other than normal trade bills), acceptance creditors or any guarantees or other material contingent liabilities outstanding at the close of business as of September 30, 2009.

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#### WORKING CAPITAL

As of September 30, 2009, being the latest practicable date for the purpose of this working capital statement, we had net current liabilities as follows:

	As of September 30, 2009
	(unaudited)
	(US\$ in millions)
Current assets Inventories Trade and other receivables, net Restricted cash Cash and cash equivalents	394.7
Total current assets	869.9
Current liabilities         Trade and other payable.         Current income tax liabilities         Borrowings	1,414.0 0.3 87.9
Total current liabilities	1,502.1
Net current liabilities	(632.3)

Taking into account the financial resources available to our Group, including our internally generated funds, available credit facilities and the estimated net proceeds from the Global Offering, along with our plan to restart construction of Parcels 5 and 6 only when supplemental financing is secured, our Directors are of the opinion that we have sufficient working capital for our present requirements for at least the next 12 months from the date of this Prospectus.

### **DESCRIPTION OF MATERIAL INDEBTEDNESS**

To fund our existing projects and to finance our working capital requirements, we and our subsidiaries have entered into loan agreements with various financial institutions. We set forth below a summary of the material terms and conditions of these loans.

#### Macau Credit Facility

Our indirect subsidiaries, VML US Finance LLC, as Borrower, and VML, as guarantor, entered into the Macau Credit Facility dated May 25, 2006 with a syndicate of lenders, Goldman Sachs Credit Partners L.P., Lehman Brothers Inc. and Citigroup Global Markets, Inc. as co-syndication agents, joint lead arrangers and joint bookrunners, The Bank of Nova Scotia, as administrative agent, and Banco Nacional Ultramarino, S.A. and Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation, as co-documentation agents, as amended on March 5, 2007 and August 12, 2009, respectively. The Macau Credit Facility is guaranteed by VML and certain of its subsidiaries designated as restricted subsidiaries (collectively, the "Guarantors"). The Borrower's obligations under the Macau Credit Facility and the guarantees of the Guarantors are secured by a first priority security interest in a substantial portion of the Borrower's and Guarantors' assets, other than capital stock, assets securing permitted furniture, fixtures and equipment financings, VML's Subconcession and certain other assets. The Macau Credit Facility consists of three tranches: (i) the Term B Loans, consisting of the Funded Term B Loans, which was a single borrowing at the date of the closing of the Macau Credit Facility on May 25, 2006 and funded on May 26, 2006, and the Delayed Draw Term B Loans, which were available to the Borrower for a period of 12 months following the date of the closing and were fully drawn on May 29, 2007 (the next business day succeeding the 12-month anniversary of the date of the closing); (ii) the Local Term Loans and (iii) the Revolving Loans.

Concurrently with the Macau Credit Facility, LVS, as sponsor, entered into a sponsor agreement (the "Sponsor Agreement") with The Bank of Nova Scotia on May 25, 2006. The material obligations of LVS under the Sponsor Agreement are: (i) to comply with, and cause its subsidiaries, other than those directly subject to the covenants of the Macau Credit Facility, to comply with the Subconcession Contract and any of our land concession contracts and not take any action inconsistent with the terms of the Subconcession Contract or any of our land concession contracts; (ii) to promptly notify the arrangers and agents under the Macau Credit Facility of any circumstances which could reasonably be expected to cause a failure by LVS or any of its subsidiaries, other than those directly subject to the covenants of the Macau Credit Facility, to maintain proper qualifications, or cause a default under, the Subconcession Contract or any of our land concession contracts; (iii) not to, and cause its subsidiaries other than those directly subject to the covenants of the Macau Credit Facility, not to, modify, restate or alter the Usufruct Agreement unless required by the laws of the MSAR; (iv) to restrict VVDIL from incurring any indebtedness, creating liens or disposing of its equity interest in VML or any of VML's subsidiaries; and (v) not to, and cause its subsidiaries, other than those directly subject to the covenants of the Macau Credit Facility, not to, transfer, sell, pledge, grant security or otherwise dispose of any equity interests owned by any of them in violation of the Subconcession Contract or any of our land concession contracts.

### Amendments on August 12, 2009

The Macau Credit Facility contained certain change of control provisions and events of default related thereto that would have prevented us from pursuing the Global Offering. We therefore initiated discussions with our lenders to amend these provisions. While doing so, we took the opportunity to amend certain other covenants to improve our liquidity position and enhance our financing flexibility going forward. On August 12, 2009, the Macau Credit Facility was amended to:

- amend the definition of change of control to permit the Global Offering, provided that upon consummation of the Global Offering, all tranches of loans under the Macau Credit Facility will be permanently repaid on a pro rata basis by US\$500.0 million (repayments of outstanding revolving loans will also serve to permanently reduce the corresponding commitments by such repayment amount);
- change the maximum consolidated total debt to consolidated adjusted EBITDA (each as defined in the Macau Credit Facility) ratio (the "consolidated leverage ratio") to the levels described below;
- amend the definition of consolidated adjusted EBITDA to allow for the add-back of certain annualized cost savings that have already been realized, but not fully reflected in consolidated adjusted EBITDA (as defined in the Macau Credit Facility) for the applicable prior 12 month period;
- provide for the ability to issue up to US\$1,000.0 million of first lien secured bonds that are secured pari passu with the Macau Credit Facility, so long as the net proceeds are used to first repay the term loan tranches under the Macau Credit Facility on a pro rata basis with any remainder to repay the revolving loans;
- provide for the ability to issue up to US\$500.0 million of second lien or unsecured bonds, the
  net proceeds of which can be used for the development of Parcels 5 and 6, provided, that
  (1) the pro forma consolidated leverage ratio shall not be greater than 3.00 to 1.00, and (2) the
  maturity date of, and the date any installment of principal is due on, such bonds is after the
  latest maturity date of any loan under the Macau Credit Facility; and
- provide for the ability to add a new revolver tranche (the "Delayed Start Revolving Loans") to the Macau Credit Facility, which would be effective as of, or within one year after the existing revolver maturity date of, May 2011, subject to certain conditions and the willingness of lenders to provide such financing.

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#### Outstanding Amounts

As of September 30, 2009, all loans under the Macau Credit Facility were fully drawn, except for approximately US\$129.7 million currently available under the Revolving Loans (including approximately US\$6.6 million committed by Lehman Commercial Paper Inc., which we are no longer able to draw upon in the future). As of June 30, 2009, the aggregate outstanding principal amounts drawn under the Macau Credit Facility were:

- US\$94.3 million under the Local Term Loans;
- US\$2,493.8 million under the Term B Loans; and
- US\$570.3 million under the Revolving Loans.

As of the Latest Practicable Date, the net amount of facilities drawn down by the Group from Lehman Commercial Paper Inc. was US\$37.0 million, which consisted of (i) US\$15.8 million of the outstanding Funded Term B Loans; (ii) US\$12.4 million of the outstanding Delayed Draw Term B Loans; and (iii) US\$8.8 million of the outstanding Revolving Loans. The inability of Lehman Commercial Paper Inc. to fund its US\$6.6 million commitment under our Revolving Loans has had no impact on the timing of repayments of amounts which we borrowed from Lehman Commercial Paper Inc. Our repayments, including any repayments to Lehman, will be made in accordance with the standard repayment terms set forth in the Macau Credit Facility.

#### Interest Rate

Borrowings under the Macau Credit Facility bear interest, at the Borrower's option, at either an adjusted Eurodollar rate (or, in the case of the Local Term Loans, adjusted HIBOR) plus a credit spread or at a base rate (which is the higher of (a) the U.S. Dollar prime lending rate announced by the New York office of the administrative agent, with respect to the U.S. Dollar denominated loans; and the Hong Kong Dollar generally applicable prime lending rate announced by the Hong Kong office of the administrative agent, with respect to the Hong Kong dollar or pataca denominated loans, or (b) the rate which is a half of 1.0% in excess of the federal funds effective rate published by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York) plus a credit spread. The credit spread prior to the amendment on August 12, 2009 was 1.25% per annum for loans accruing interest at a base rate, 2.25% per annum for Revolving Loans or Term B Loans accruing interest at an adjusted Eurodollar rate, and 2.25% per annum for Local Term Loans accruing interest at an adjusted HIBOR. As a result of the amendment on August 12, 2009, the credit spread was increased to 5.5% per annum for loans accruing interest at the adjusted Eurodollar rate and adjusted HIBOR, and 4.5% per annum for loans accruing interest at the base rate until the repayment of US\$500.0 million aggregate principal amount of the loans under the Macau Credit Facility to the lenders following the completion of the Global Offering, and 4.5% per annum thereafter for loans accruing interest at the adjusted Eurodollar rate and adjusted HIBOR, and 3.5% per annum thereafter for loans accruing interest at the base rate. With respect to the Local Term Loans and the Revolving Loans, these credit spreads will be adjusted depending on a consolidated leverage ratio.

#### Maturity and Repayment

Local Term Loans. The principal payments on the Local Term Loans of 6.25% of the initial

aggregate principal amount, or US\$6.25 million, are required to be made in installments on a quarterly basis and commenced in July 2009. The remainder of the loans shall be due in four equal installments on the final three interest payment dates and on the maturity date, which is May 2011.

*Term B Loans.* The principal payments on the Term B Loans in an amount of US\$6.25 million, equal to 0.25% of the initial aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Term B Loans, are required to be made in installments on each interest payment date for Term Loans and commenced in June 2009. The remainder of the loans shall be due in four equal installments on the final three interest payment dates and on the applicable maturity date, which is May 2012 for the Term B Delayed Draw Loans or May 2013 for the Term B Funded Loans.

*Revolving Loans.* The Revolving Loans shall be due on May 2011, provided that prior to or after the maturity date of the Revolving Loans, the Borrower may by written notice to the syndication agent and the administrative agent elect to request the commitment of Delayed Start Revolving Loans in an aggregate amount of the then outstanding commitment of Revolving Loans, which shall then become effective from or within one year after the maturity date of the Revolving Loans, subject to the lenders' willingness to provide financing and certain other conditions such as the absence of an event of default.

#### Prepayments

The Borrower may repay the loans at any time in whole or in part (subject to certain minimum amounts if prepaid in part) upon one or five (depending on the type of underlying rates) business days' prior notice. In addition, the Macau Credit Facility requires the Borrower to make mandatory prepayments of the loans with certain funds, including:

- the proceeds of asset sales, subject to certain reinvestment rights;
- insurance proceeds from casualty events, subject to certain reinvestment rights;
- indebtedness, except for certain indebtedness permitted under the Macau Credit Facility; and
- a portion of excess cash flow, subject to certain timing and other conditions.

#### Covenants

Following the amendment on August 12, 2009, the Macau Credit Facility includes the following material financial covenants:

- a consolidated adjusted EBITDA to consolidated interest expense ratio ("consolidated interest coverage ratio") for any relevant quarter period, each being three months ending March 31, June 30, September 30 and December 31 in each year (the "fiscal quarter"), of not less than 4.00:1.00; and
- (ii) a consolidated leverage ratio of not more than:
  - 4.50 to 1.00 for the fiscal quarters ending September 30, 2009 and December 31, 2009;
  - 4.00 to 1.00 for the fiscal quarters ending March 31, 2010 and June 30, 2010;
  - 3.50 to 1.00 for the fiscal quarters ending September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2010;
  - 3.00 to 1.00 for any fiscal quarter ending after December 31, 2010.

The restricted subsidiarles are certain subsidiaries of VML, including VCL, Venetian Macau Finance Company and V-HK Services Limited. The excluded subsidiaries ("Excluded Subsidiaries") comprise all other subsidiaries of VML, including Venetian Orient Limited, which holds interests in the Cotai Strip development on Parcels 5 and 6, and its subsidiaries. The Macau Credit Facility contains the following additional material covenants, which apply to the Borrower, VML and the restricted subsidiaries:

(i) limitations on incurrence of indebtedness, subject to, among others, the following material exceptions: (a) unsecured indebtedness up to an aggregate principal amount of US\$100.0 million provided that if the consolidated leverage ratio is less than 3.00 to 1.00 after giving effect to such unsecured indebtedness; such indebtedness shall be unlimited, provided further that no installment of principal of such indebtedness shall mature earlier than May 2014; (b) unsecured indebtedness up to an aggregate principal amount of US\$50.0 million the proceeds of which are used to finance investments in Excluded Subsidiaries, provided that no installment of principal of such indebtedness shall mature earlier than May 2014; (c) indebtedness corresponding to the contingent obligations permitted under the Macau

Credit Facility; (d) subordinated intercompany indebtedness owed to the Borrower, VML or the restricted subsidiaries; (e) intercompany indebtedness constituting an investment under the Macau Credit Facility; (f) indebtedness constituting shareholder subordinated indebtedness incurred for the purpose of contributing to consolidated adjusted EBITDA; (g) indebtedness incurred solely in respect of (x) performance bonds, completion guarantees, standby letters of credit or bankers' acceptances in the ordinary course of business in order to provide security for certain purposes designated therein and (y) bonds securing the performance of judgments or a stay of process in proceedings; provided that all such indebtedness does not exceed an aggregate principal outstanding amount of US\$125.0 million and the incurrence of such indebtedness does not result in the incurrence of any obligation for the payment of borrowed money of others; (h) unsecured indebtedness in connection with VML's acquisition of constructions on Parcels 3, 7 and 8 in an aggregate amount no more than US\$50.0 million; (i) indebtedness for the purpose of financing or refinancing the purchase price or cost of construction, installation and/or improvement of property in an aggregate amount no more than US\$50.0 million plus refinancing fees; (j) indebtedness associated with any guarantees of payments required to be made to the Macau Government under VML's Subconcession and the land concession; (k) indebtedness incurred for the purpose of hedging currency or commodity risks; (I) other subordinated indebtedness permitted under the Macau Credit Facility; (m) indebtedness for the financing of furniture, fixture and equipment in an aggregate amount no more than US\$350.0 million; and (n) other unsecured indebtedness up to an aggregate principal amount of US\$50.0 million, provided that no installment of principal of such indebtedness shall mature earlier than May 2014;

- (ii) limitations on liens or pledges;
- (iii) limitations on investments, joint ventures or the formation of subsidiaries, subject to, among others, the following material exceptions: (a) investments in cash equivalents; (b) investments in VML, the Borrower or any restricted subsidiary; (c) investments resulting from an asset swap; (d) investments in the development and construction of hotel resorts in Parcels 5 and 6 in an aggregate principal amount of no more than US\$800 million; (e) investments in the Excluded Subsidiaries consisting of (i) cash and cash equivalents of up to US\$100.0 million in the aggregate and (ii) guarantees of up to US\$200.0 million in the aggregate of indebtedness of any Excluded Subsidiary or joint venture, provided that the consolidated leverage ratio is less than 3.00 to 1.00; (f) other investments in Excluded Subsidiaries of no more than US\$50.0 million in the aggregate; (g) reinvestments in Excluded Subsidiaries; (h) other investments of no more than US\$50.0 million in the aggregate and (i) investments of up to US\$200.0 million in the aggregate in Excluded Subsidiaries; (h) other investments of no more than US\$50.0 million in the aggregate and (i) investments of up to US\$200.0 million in the aggregate in Excluded Subsidiaries; (h) other investments of no more than US\$50.0 million in the aggregate and (i) investments of up to US\$200.0 million in the aggregate in Excluded Subsidiaries; (h) other investments of no more than US\$50.0 million in the aggregate and (i) investments of up to US\$200.0 million in the aggregate in Excluded Subsidiaries developing projects on Parcels 3, 7 and 8;
- (iv) limitations on payments of dividends, distributions or other forms of redemption, retirements or similar payments by VML, pursuant to which VML is permitted to pay dividends on its common stock (a) in an amount of up to US\$300.0 million in the aggregate in any fiscal year if, after giving effect to such payment, the consolidated leverage ratio is less than 3.00 to 1.00 but greater than or equal to 2.50 to 1.00, and (b) in an unlimited amount if the

consolidated leverage ratio is less than 2.50 to 1.00 after giving effect to such payment;

(v) limitations on change of control, merger, consolidation, liquidation or asset sales pursuant to which a change of control would occur, if, (a) LVS ceases to directly or indirectly own at least 50.1% of our Shares, subject to any mandatory minority shareholder requirement in Macau, (b) Mr. Sheldon Adelson and his affiliates or related parties cease to beneficially own at least 35.0% of the voting securities of LVS, (c) any person or group of related persons beneficially own a greater percentage of the voting securities of LVS than Mr. Sheldon Adelson and/or his affiliates and related parties, or (d) a change of control occurs under instruments of indebtedness of LVS, Las Vegas Sands, LLC or Venetian

Casino Resorts, LLC where the amount of indebtedness recorded in such instrument is in excess of US\$75.0 million;

- (vi) limitations on the disposal of subsidiary stock;
- (vii) limitations on the incurrence of consolidated capital maintenance expenditures in any fiscal year of no more than US\$105.0 million if the consolidated leverage ratio is greater than 4.00 to 1.00, US\$155.0 million if the consolidated leverage ratio is less than 4.00 to 1.00 but greater than 3.00 to 1.00 and US\$205.0 million if the consolidated leverage ratio is less than 3.00 to 1.00 but greater than 2.50 to 1.00, provided that these limitations do not apply if the consolidated leverage ratio is less than 2.50 to 1:00; provided further that these limitations are subject to adjustments when we open additional properties; and
- (viii) limitations on substantial changes to the general nature of our business.

Any breach of these covenants could, subject to notice and applicable grace periods, result in an event of default under the Macau Credit Facility which would permit the lenders to accelerate any and all loans outstanding under the Macau Credit Facility.

#### **Events of Default**

The Macau Credit Facility contains events of default customary for such financings, including but not limited to non-payment of principal, interest, fees or other amounts when due; breach of covenants; failure of any representation or warranty to be true in all material respects when made or deemed made; cross default and cross acceleration; change of control; dissolution; insolvency; bankruptcy events; material judgments; actual or asserted invalidity of the guarantees or security documents; and the loss of the Subconcession and certain land concessions. In addition, the following will constitute events of default under the Macau Credit Facility:

- (i) involuntary or voluntary bankruptcy or insolvency of LVS, one of our Controlling Shareholders;
- (ii) a change of control event including any sale, pledge or transfer of securities by Sheldon G. Adelson pursuant to which (a) Mr. Adelson and/or his affiliates or related parties ceases to own at least 35.0% of voting securities of LVS, (b) any person or group of related persons owns a greater percentage of the voting securities than Mr. Adelson and/or his affiliates or related parties, or (c) LVS ceases to own, either directly or indirectly, (x) prior to the occurrence of a permitted equity sale, 100% of the common equity interests of VML and (y) following the occurrence of a permitted equity sale, 50.1% of the common equity interests of the VML, subject, in each case, to the Usufruct Agreement and any mandatory minority shareholder requirements in Macau;
- (iii) a change of control (as defined in other debt instruments where the amount of indebtedness recorded in such instrument is in excess of US\$75.0 million) of any of LVS, Las Vegas Sands, LLC, Venetian Casino Resort, LLC, the Borrower, VML or any restricted subsidiary has occurred; or
- (iv) LVS contests the validity or enforceability of the Sponsor Agreement or LVS breaches the Sponsor Agreement.

If such events of default were to occur, our payment obligations under the Macau Credit Facility may immediately become due and payable to the lenders. Some of these events of default allow for grace periods and are subject to materiality thresholds.

### Compliance with Financial Covenants

The following table sets forth our financial ratios as of June 30, 2009 and as of September 30, 2009:

Financial Ratios	Ratio requirement as of June 30, 2009	As of June 30, 2009	Ratio requirement as of September 30, 2009	As of September 30, 2009
	Not less than		Not less than	
Consolidated interest coverage ratio	3.50	5.73	4.00	6.47
0	Not more than		Not more than	
Consolidated leverage ratio	4.00	3.83	4.50	3.48

### **Ferry Financing Facility**

Our indirect subsidiary, Cotai Ferry Company Limited ("Cotai Ferry," formerly known as Cotai Waterjets (Macau) Ltd), as borrower, and Banco Nacional Ultramarino S.A. ("BNU"), as lender, entered into a HK\$1,209.0 million (US\$156.0 million) dual currency term secured facility agreement dated January 17, 2008. The purpose of the Ferry Financing Facility was to finance the purchase of ten ferries, which are respectively owned by ten ferry companies that are subsidiaries of our Group.

As with the Macau Credit Facility, the Ferry Financing Facility contained certain change of control provisions that would have prevented us from pursuing the Global Offering. We therefore initiated discussions with our lenders to amend these provisions. While doing so, we took the opportunity to work with our lenders to remove all financial covenants set forth in the Ferry Financing Facility. We also amended the change of control provisions to conform with the change of control amendments to the Macau Credit Facility and shortened the maturity of the Ferry Financing Facility by 1.5 years. We believe these amendments, which took effect on August 20, 2009, will improve our liquidity position going forward. See "—Covenants."

#### Utilization

Cotai Ferry was able to draw down the Ferry Financing Facility within an 18-month availability period beginning from the date of the Ferry Financing Facility by submitting a duly completed utilization report each time Cotai Ferry wanted to draw down a loan. The Ferry Financing Facility provided that the proceeds from the Ferry Financing Facility were to be used to fund the costs incurred by the ferry companies in relation to the purchase of the ferries including progress payments as well as costs incidental to the acquisition of the ferries. Cotai Ferry's obligations under the Ferry Financing Facility were secured by the ten ferries purchased and were also guaranteed by VML and each of the ferry companies (collectively "Ferry Guarantors").

#### Interest Rate

As a result of entering into the addendum to the Ferry Financing Facility dated August 20, 2009,

loans under the Ferry Financing Facility now bear interest at HIBOR plus 2.5% if the loans are made in Hong Kong dollars, or LIBOR plus 2.5% if the loans are made in U.S. dollars. Cotal Ferry may select all interest payment period of one, two or three months, and it must pay the accrued interest on the last day of such interest period.

### Maturity and Repayment

The Ferry Financing Facility matures in December 2015 and Cotai Ferry is required to make repayments in 26 equal quarterly installments of principal and accrued interest then due commencing in October 2009.

#### Prepayment

Cotai Ferry may prepay the loans at any time in whole or in part by giving not less than five business days prior notice. If a ferry is lost through destruction, compulsory acquisition by any government, hijacking or theft ("Total Loss"), Cotai Ferry is required to prepay all principal amounts outstanding under the Ferry Financing Facility on a pro rata basis in relation to that ferry upon the earlier of receipt of the insurance proceeds for the ferry and 180 days after the date of the Total Loss. Cotai Ferry is also required to apply all liquidated damages and all insurance proceeds it receives in excess of US\$1.0 million to the principal amounts outstanding under the Ferry Financing Facility.

## Indemnity and Events of Default

Cotai Ferry is required to indemnify BNU and the trustees under the Ferry Financing Facility (the "Finance Parties") against any cost, loss or liability incurred as a result of the occurrence of certain events, including but not limited to the following:

- · the occurrence of an event of default;
- the information produced by Cotal Ferry or any of the Ferry Guarantors being misleading or deceptive in any respect; and
- any enquiry, investigation or litigation with respect to any of Cotai Ferry or the Ferry Guarantors.

Cotal Ferry is also required to indemnify the Finance Parties against any costs incurred by such Finance Parties as a result of the compliance of any law or regulation made after the date of the Ferry Financing Facility, as well as costs arising out of the currency conversion of any sum paid to the Finance Parties.

The Ferry Financing Facility contains events of default customary for such financings, including but not limited to non-payment of principal, interest, fees or other amounts when due; violation of covenants; failure of any representation or warranty to be true in all material respects when made or deemed made; cross default and cross acceleration; change of control in respect of Cotal Ferry or each of the Ferry Guarantors; dissolution; insolvency; bankruptcy events; material judgments; and actual or asserted invalidity of the guarantees or security documents. In addition, an event of default would occur if VML failed to perform its material obligations under the guarantee, if such guarantee becomes unlawful or if there is a material adverse change with respect to the business or financial condition of Cotal Ferry. Cotal Ferry's loss of the right to provide ferry services would result in an event of default only if Cotai Ferry failed to secure new rights to provide ferry services after six months of the loss of the right (known as a "discussion period"), during which we are afforded the opportunity to seek a new arrangement that would allow us to resume the provision of ferry services. Based on the advice of our Macau legal advisor, we believe that, should Cotai Ferry lose its rights under its current ferry agreement, the risk of not securing renewed rights within six months of such loss would be remote. Our Macau legal advisor has advised us that even if there is an unfavorable court decision, the Macau Government could opt to undertake the following measures: (i) use existing legal prerogatives entitling the Macau Government not to execute an unfavorable judgment of the court if it is deemed to be contrary to the public interest; and/or (ii) start a public tender process to avoid any of the illegalities alleged in the court proceeding. If the Macau Government exercises its legal prerogative to not execute the court's judgment and commences a public tender process, we would be allowed to continue ferry operations until such time when the right to operate the ferries is secured. Furthermore, if the Macau Government were to start a public tender process, Cotal Ferry would not be barred from reapplying for rights to provide ferry services in the public tender. Although we are unable to speculate as to what actions the Macau Government will ultimately undertake, we and our Macau counsel believe that there are sufficient options available to us to resecure the ferry agreement should the ferry litigation yield an unfavorable outcome. See "Risk Factors-Risk Relating to Our Cotal Strip Development." 

Upon the occurrence of an event of default, BNU may cancel the Ferry Financing Facility and accelerate the repayment of the outstanding loans and interest, which would require us to repay such amounts with cash-on-hand or to seek any necessary refinancing to repay such amount.

#### Covenants

As a result of entering into the addendum to the Ferry Financing Facility, dated August 20, 2009, Cotai Ferry is no longer required to comply with any financial covenants.

#### Accordion Option

The Ferry Financing Facility contained an option pursuant to which Cotai Ferry was permitted to request an increase in the total Ferry Financing Facility available to Cotai Ferry by an additional HK\$1,209.0 million (US\$156.0 million) to fund the purchase of ten additional ferries (the "Accordion Option"). In July 2008, Cotai Ferry exercised the Accordion Option, with respect to the purchase of four additional ferries, and entered into a supplement to the Ferry Financing Facility with Bank of China Ltd, Macau Branch that increased the Ferry Financing Facility by an additional HK\$561.6 million (US\$72.5 million). The supplemental credit facility is secured by all ferries and guaranteed by the Ferry Guarantors and additional ferry companies.

#### Outstanding Amounts

As of September 30, 2009, all loans under the Ferry Financing Facility were fully drawn with an aggregate outstanding principal amount of US\$228.5 million.

#### Motor Vehicle Facility

In March 2008, VML entered into a loan agreement with BNU to borrow MOP200.9 million (US\$25.1 million) for the purposes of financing the purchase of certain motor vehicles (the "Motor Vehicle Facility"). The Motor Vehicle Facility is available for draw down until December 31, 2010 and any amount undrawn at the expiry of this period will be cancelled. Loans under the Motor Vehicle Facility bear interest at three-month HIBOR plus 2.25% and interest payment is made quarterly beginning at the end of the first draw down. The Motor Vehicle Facility matures in December 2011 and the repayment of outstanding loans is to be made in four equal installments between March 2011 and December 2011. The Motor Vehicle Facility is secured by all the motor vehicles purchased with the loan granted under the Motor Vehicle Facility. BNU may accelerate the repayment of any outstanding loans under the Motor Vehicle Facility if an event of default occurs with respect to VML and is not remedied within 30 days. An event of default includes insolvency, a breach of material obligations under the Motor Vehicle Facility by VML, a material adverse change occurs in respect of the financial conditions of VML, suspension or termination of VML's core business and actual or threatened legal proceedings against VML. As of September 30, 2009, the aggregate outstanding principal amount drawn under the Motor Vehicle Facility was US\$11.0 million.

During the Track Record Period and as of the Latest Practicable Date, our Group has not experienced any delay in the payment of principal or interest or any non-compliance with the original or amended terms and conditions of the Macau Credit Facility, Ferry Financing Facility and Motor Vehicle Facility, including any financial covenants. Other than the amendments to the Macau Credit Facility and the Ferry Financing Facility, as of the Latest Practicable Date, our Group has not entered into any negotiations for changes in repayment schedules or other major terms of these facilities.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, the LVS Group has not provided any security and/or guarantee on our Group's borrowings.



## AGGREGATE INDEBTEDNESS AND OTHER KNOWN CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS

Our Group's borrowings are summarized as follows:

	As of December 31,			As of June 30,	As of September 30,
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2009
	(audited)	(audited)	(audited) (US\$ I	(audited) in millions)	(unaudited)
Non-current Bank loans, secured Notes payable to related companies Finance lease liabilities, secured <sup>(1)</sup>	1,300.0 124.6 0.0	2,844.8 129.2 <u>0.1</u>	3,481.4 153.2 <u>0.5</u>	3,327.2 174.8 0.4	3,297.6 757.5 0.3
Less: deferred financing costs	1,424.7 (37.5) 1,387.1	2,974.0 (38.8) 2,935.2	3,635.1 (36.2) 3,598.9	3,502.4 (30.8) 3,471.7	4,055.4 <u>(45.9</u> ) 4,009.6
Current portion Bank loans, secured Finance lease liabilities, secured <sup>(1)</sup>	0.3	6.3 6.3	44.1 	70.6 0.2 70.8	87.7 0.2 87.9
Total borrowings	1,387.5	2,941.5	3,643.2	3,542.5	4,097.4

The maturity of bank loans and notes payable to related companies are as follows:

	As of December 31,			As of June 30,	As of September 30,
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2009
	·········		(US\$	in millions)	
Bank loans Repayable within 1 year Repayable between 1 and 2 years Repayable between 2 and 5 years	12.3 129.8	6.3 50.0 1,928.5 866.3	44.1 103.8 3,274.7 102.9	70.6 703.2 2,529.9 94.1	87.7 877.3 2,376.4 43.9
Repayable after 5 years	<u>1,158.0</u> 1,300.0	2,851.0	3,525.5	3,397.8	3,385.3
Notes payable to related companies Repayable within 1 year Repayable between 1 and 2 years	- 			 174.8	
Repayable between 2 and 5 years Repayable after 5 years	  124.6	<u> </u>	153.2  153.2	174.8	757.5
Total bank loans and notes payable	1,424.6	2,980.2	3,678.7	3,572.7	<u>4,142.8</u>

(1) For finance lease liabilities, see Note 28 to the "Accountant's Report" set out in Appendix I to this prospectus.

Save as aforesaid or as otherwise disclosed in this prospectus and apart from intra-group liabilities and normal trade payables, we did not have any outstanding loan capital issued and outstanding or agreed to be issued, bank overdrafts, pledges, charges, debentures, mortgages, loans, debt securities or other similar indebtedness or any finance lease commitments, hire purchase commitments, liabilities or acceptances (other than normal trade bills), acceptance creditors or any guarantees or other material contingent liabilities outstanding at the close of business as of September 30, 2009.

## OFF-BALANCE SHEET ARRANGEMENTS

We have not entered into any transactions with special purpose entities, nor have we engaged in any derivative transactions other than interest rate caps.

### **CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND ESTIMATES**

The preparation of our consolidated financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted under IFRS requires our management to make estimates and judgments that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, revenues and expenses, and related disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities. These estimates and judgments are based on historical information, information that is currently available to us and on various other assumptions that management believes to be reasonable under the circumstances. Actual results could vary from those estimates and we may change our estimates and assumptions in future evaluations. Changes in these estimates and assumptions may have a material effect on our results of operations and financial condition. We believe that the critical accounting policies discussed below affect our more significant judgments and estimates used in the preparation of our consolidated financial statements.

### **Revenue Recognition**

Gross casino revenue is the aggregate of gaming wins and losses. We record commissions rebated directly or indirectly through Gaming Promoters to customers, cash discounts and other cash incentives to customers related to gaming play as a reduction to gross casino revenue to obtain net casino revenue. Room revenue is recognized at the time of occupancy. Food and beverage revenue is recognized at the time of service. Convention revenue is recognized when the event is held or the related services are rendered. Lease/right of use income from the grant of right of use (net of any incentives given to tenants/retailers) is recognized on a straight-line basis over the terms of the lease/ right of use. Sales of goods are recognized on the transfer of risks and rewards of ownership, which generally coincides with the time when the products are delivered to customers and title has passed. Mall management fees are recognized when services are rendered. Entertainment revenue derived from theater shows, concerts and sporting events is recognized at the time of performance. Ferry ticket sales are recognized when the services are rendered. Commission revenues from the selling of tickets and travel packages and providing destination marketing services are recognized when services are rendered. Interest income is recognized on a time-proportion basis using the effective interest method.

### **Allowance for Doubtful Accounts**

Our Group maintains an allowance for doubtful casino, hotel and mall accounts and regularly evaluates the balances. Our Group specifically analyzes the collectability of each account with a balance over a specified dollar amount, based upon the age of the account, the customer's financial condition, collection history and any other known information, and our Group makes an allowance for trade receivables specifically identified as doubtful. Our Group also monitors regional and global economic conditions and forecasts in its evaluation of the adequacy of the recorded reserves. Table games play is primarily on a cash basis. Credit table games play represented approximately 5.1%, 10.7%, 23.7%, 18.2% and 29.4% in the years ended December 31, 2006, 2007 and 2008 and the six months ended June 30, 2008 and 2009, respectively, of total table games play. The proportion of credit play is expected to increase as we open new properties and increase the credit extended to our premium players in order to induce an increase in the level of play and drive gaming volume. Our Group has also been increasing the amount of credit extended to our Gaming Promoters to secure gaming promotion services at our properties. As the credit extended to Gaming Promoters can be offset by commissions payable to such Gaming Promoters, the related allowance for doubtful accounts is not material. As additional credit is extended to premium players and Gaming Promoters, incremental reserves may be required should our management determine that collection of an account is doubtful. Our Group believes that the concentration of its credit risk in casino receivables is mitigated substantially by its credit evaluation process, credit policies, credit control and collection procedures and also believes that no significant credit risk is inherent in our Group's trade receivables not provided for as of December 31, 2006, 2007 and 2008 and as of June 30, 2009.



#### Litigation Provisions

We are subject to various claims and legal actions. The accruals for these claims and legal actions are estimated in accordance with IAS 37 "provisions, contingent liabilities and contingent. assets." Based on consultation with our Macau legal counsel, management estimated that no significant loss would be incurred beyond the amounts provided.

#### Investment Properties

Investment properties, principally comprising buildings and building improvements, are held for long-term rental yields or capital appreciation or both and are not occupied by Group companies. Prior to January 1, 2009, investment properties under construction or development were classified as construction-in-progress and included in property and equipment. Completed properties were transferred to investment properties at their carrying costs and subsequently carried at cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. Investment properties are depreciated on a straight-line basis, at rates sufficient to write off their costs over their estimated useful lives of 15 to 40 years. The residual values and useful lives of investment properties are reviewed, and adjusted as appropriate, at each balance sheet date. The effects of any revision are included in the combined income statements when the changes arise.

Upon the adoption of IAS 40 (Amendment) on January 1, 2009, investment properties that are currently being constructed or developed are classified as investment properties and stated at cost less accumulated impairment losses.

#### Property and Equipment

Property and equipment are stated at historical cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. The cost of an asset comprises its purchase price and any directly attributable costs of bringing the asset to its working condition and location for its intended use. Property and equipment are depreciated on a straight-line basis, at rates sufficient to write off their costs over their estimated useful lives. Leasehold improvements are amortized over the shorter of the estimated useful lives or the minimum lease term. Our assets are depreciated over the following terms:

Land improvements, buildings and building improvement.	15 – 40 years
Ferries	20 years
Furniture, fittings and equipment	3 – 6 years
Vehicles	5 years

Subsequent costs on property and equipment are included in the asset's carrying amount or recognized as a separate asset, as appropriate, only when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to our Group and the cost of the item can be measured reliably. All other repairs and maintenance are charged to the combined income statements during the period in which they are incurred.

Construction-in-progress represents property and equipment under construction and is stated at cost. This includes the direct costs of purchase, construction and capitalized borrowing costs. Construction-in-progress is not depreciated until such time as the relevant assets are completed and ready for its intended use and when they are transferred to the relevant asset category.

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Leasehold Interests in Land Leasehold interests in land represent payments made for the use of land over an extended period of time. The leasehold interests in land are amortized on a straight-line basis over the expected term of the related lease agreements. Such assets are not considered qualifying assets for purposes of capitalizing interest and as such, are not included in the base used to determine capitalized interest.

#### Impairment of Non-financial Assets

Assets that have an indefinite useful life are not subject to amortization, and are tested at least annually for impairment and are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. Assets that are subject to amortization are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. An impairment loss is recognized for the amount by which the asset's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount. The recoverable amount is the higher of an asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use. For the purposes of assessing impairment, assets are grouped at the lowest levels for which there are separately identifiable cash flows (i.e., cash generating units). Non-financial assets other than goodwill that suffered an impairment are reviewed for possible reversal of the impairment at each reporting date.

#### **Financial Assets**

Our financial assets are primarily loans and receivables and financial assets at fair value through profit or loss. Purchases and sales of financial assets are recognized on the trade-date—the date on which our Group commits to purchase or sell the asset. Investments are initially recognized at fair value plus transaction costs for all financial assets not carried at fair value through profit or loss. The accounting policies adopted with respect to each category of financial assets are set out below.

#### Loans and Receivables

Loans and receivables are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market and with no intention of trading. They are included in current assets, except for maturities greater than 12 months after the balance sheet date which are classified as non-current assets.

### Financial Assets at Fair Value Through Profit or Loss

Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss are financial assets held for trading. A financial asset is classified in this category if acquired principally for the purpose of selling in the short term. Derivatives are classified as held for trading unless they are designated as hedges. Assets in this category are classified as current assets.

#### Share-Based Compensation

Our Group participates in the equity settled share-based compensation plans of LVS and is a party to a nonqualified share option plan, Las Vegas Sands Corp. 2004 Equity Award Plan (the "2004 Plan"). The plan provides for the granting of share options pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Internal Revenue Code and regulations in the United States of America. LVS adopted the 2004 Plan, to which our Group is a party, for grants of option to purchase its common shares.

The fair value of the employee services received in exchange for the grant of the options is recognized as an expense. The total amount to be expensed is determined by reference to the fair value of the options granted, excluding the impact of any non-market service and performance vesting conditions (for example, profitability, sales growth targets and remaining an employee of the entity over a specified time period). Non-market vesting conditions are included in assumptions about the number of options that are expected to vest. The total amount expensed is recognized over the vesting period, which is the period over which all of the specified vesting conditions are to be satisfied. At each balance sheet date, the entity revises its estimates of the number of options that are expected to vest gestimates of the number of options that are expected to vest used to vest the specified vesting conditions are to be satisfied. At each balance sheet date, the entity revises its estimates of the number of options that are expected to vest used to vest the number of options that are expected to vest to vest based on the non-market vesting conditions. It recognizes the impact of the revision of original estimates, if any, in the combined income statements with a corresponding adjustment to payables to LVS through December 31, 2007 and to equity beginning January 1, 2008.

## **Recent Accounting Pronouncements**

See related disclosure at "Accountant's Report-Notes to the Financial Information-Summary of significant accounting policies-Changes in accounting policies."

# QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

### **Interest Rate Risk**

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Our primary exposure to market risk is interest rate risk. Our long-term borrowings are issued at variable rates. We attempt to manage the interest rate risk associated with our variable-rate borrowings through interest rate cap agreements. During the years ended December 31, 2006, 2007 and 2008, and the six months ended June 30, 2009, our borrowings at variable rate were mainly denominated in United States dollars, Hong Kong dollars and MOP.

During the years ended December 31, 2006, 2007 and 2008, and the six months ended June 30, 2009, if interest rates on U.S. dollar-denominated borrowings had been 50 basis points higher or lower with all other variables held constant, post-tax profit for the year/period would have been correspondingly higher or lower by US\$6.6 million, US\$14.4 million, US\$16.7 million and US\$8.1 million, respectively. During the years ended December 31, 2006, 2007 and 2008, and the six months ended June 30, 2009, if interest rates on Hong Kong dollar-denominated borrowings had been 50 basis points lower or higher with all other variables held constant, post-tax profit would have been correspondingly lower or higher by nil, nil, US\$1.1 million and US\$0.6 million, respectively. During the years ended December 50 basis points lower or higher by nil, nil, US\$1.1 million and US\$0.6 million, respectively. During the years ended been 50 basis points lower or higher by nil, nil, US\$1.1 million and US\$0.6 million, respectively. During the years ended December 31, 2006, 2007 and 2008, and the six months ended June 30, 2009, if interest rates on Hong Kong dollar-denominated borrowings had been 50 basis points lower or higher by nil, nil, US\$1.1 million and US\$0.6 million, respectively. During the years ended December 31, 2006, 2007 and 2008, and the six months ended June 30, 2009, if interest rates on MOP-denominated borrowings had been 50 basis points higher or lower with all other variables held constant, post-tax profit would have been correspondingly lower or higher by approximately US\$0.5 million, US\$0.5 million, US\$0.5 million and US\$0.3 million, respectively.

Borrowings under our Macau Credit Facility, as amended, bear interest at our election, at either an adjusted Eurodollar rate (or in the case of the local term loan, adjusted HIBOR) plus 5.5% per annum or at an alternative base rate plus 4.5% per annum, and are subject to a downward adjustment of 1.0% per annum following the repayment of US\$500.0 million principal amount of loans under the Macau Credit Facility from the proceeds of the completed Global Offering. Borrowings under the Ferry Financing Facility bears interest at HIBOR plus 2.5% per annum, if borrowings are made in Hong Kong dollars, or LIBOR plus 2.5% per annum, if borrowings are made in U.S. dollars. All borrowings under the Ferry Financing Facility were made in Hong Kong dollars as of June 30, 2009.

We do not hold or issue financial instruments for trading purposes and do not enter into derivative transactions that would be considered speculative positions. Our derivative financial instruments consist exclusively of interest rate cap agreements, which do not qualify for hedge accounting.

To manage exposure to counterparty credit risk in interest rate cap agreements, we enter into agreements with highly rated institutions that can be expected to fully perform under the terms of such agreements. Frequently, these institutions are also members of the bank group providing us with credit facilities, which management believes further minimizes the risk of non-performance.

Foreign Exchange Risk

Our foreign currency transactions are mainly denominated in U.S. dollars. The majority of assets and liabilities are denominated in U.S. dollars and MOP, and we have no significant assets and liabilities denominated in other currencies. We are subject to foreign exchange risk arising from future commercial transactions and recognized assets and liabilities that are denominated in a currency other than MOP, which is the functional currency of major operating companies within our Group. We currently do not have a foreign currency hedging policy.

For companies in our Group with MOP as their functional currency, as of December 31, 2006, 2007 and 2008, and as of June 30, 2009, if the U.S. dollar had weakened or strengthened by 1%

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against the MOP, with all other variables held constant, pre-tax profit would have been correspondingly higher or lower by approximately US\$9.5 million, US\$27.9 million, US\$44.1 million and US\$42.6 million, respectively, primarily due to the translation of U.S. dollar-denominated cash and cash equivalents, deposits and borrowings.

#### INFLATION

In 2006, 2007 and 2008, the inflation rates in Macau were 5.2%, 5.6%, and 8.6%, respectively. We believe that inflation and changing prices have not had a material impact on our sales, revenues or income from continuing operations during the past three fiscal years.

## **DISCLOSURE REQUIRED UNDER THE LISTING RULES**

Except as disclosed in this prospectus, we confirm that, as at the Latest Practicable Date, we are not aware of any circumstances that would give rise to a disclosure requirement under Listing Rules 13.13 to 13.19 had the Shares been listed on the Stock Exchange.

## **PROFIT FORECAST FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2009**

On the bases and assumptions set out in "Profit Forecast" in Appendix III to this prospectus and, in the absence of unforeseen circumstances, certain profit forecast data of our Group for the year ending December 31, 2009 is set forth below:

	Based on an Offer Price of HK\$10.38	Based on an Offer Price of HK\$13.88
Forecast consolidated profit attributable to equity holders of our Company for the year ending December 31, 2009 <sup>(1)</sup>	Not less than US\$192.4 million	Not less than US\$192.4 million

Unaudited forecast earnings per Share on a pro forma basis	Not less than	Not less than
assuming the Bonds are mandatorily and automatically	US\$0.02	US\$0.02
exchanged for Shares upon Listing <sup>(2)</sup>	(HK\$0.19)	(HK\$0.19)
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(1) The bases and assumptions on which the above profit forecast has been prepared are set out in "Profit Forecast" in Appendix III to this prospectus. Our Directors have prepared the forecast consolidated profit attributable to equity holders of our Company for the year ending December 31, 2009 based on the audited combined results of our Group for the six months ended June 30, 2009, the unaudited combined results based on the management accounts of our Group for the three months ended September 30, 2009 and a forecast of the consolidated results of our Group for the remaining three months ending December 31, 2009. The forecast has been prepared on a basis consistent in all material respects with the accounting policies presently adopted by our Group as set out in Note 2 of Section II of the Accountant's Report, the text of which is set out in Appendix I to this prospectus.

(2) The unaudited forecast earnings per Share on a pro forma basis is calculated by dividing the forecast consolidated profit attributable to the equity holders of our Company for the year ending December 31, 2009 by 8,047,858,661 Shares (assuming the Offer Price is HK\$10.38) and 7,922,297,822 Shares (assuming the Offer Price is HK\$13.88), respectively, as if such Shares had been in issue on January 1, 2009. The number of Shares used in this calculation includes Shares in issue at the date of this prospectus and Shares to be issued pursuant to the Global Offering, the Capitalization Issue and the mandatory and automatic exchange of the Bonds for Shares.

### ADJUSTED EBITDAR FORECAST

The forecast adjusted EBITDAR of our Company has been derived from and on the same bases and assumptions as the "Profit Forecast" in Appendix III to this prospectus. In the absence of unforeseen circumstances, forecast adjusted EBITDAR for the year ending December 31, 2009 will not be less than US\$802.9 million.

Adjusted EBITDAR is used by management as the primary measure of operating performance of our Group's properties and to compare the operating performance of our Group's properties with that of its competitors. However, adjusted EBITDAR should not be considered in isolation or construed as an alternative to profit or operating profit, or as an indicator of our IFRS operating performance or other combined operations or cash flow data prepared in accordance with IFRS, or as an alternative to cash flow as a measure of liquidity. Adjusted EBITDAR presented in this prospectus may not be comparable

to other similarly titled measures of other companies. In addition, our adjusted EBITDAR presented in this prospectus may differ from that adjusted EBITDAR presented by LVS for its Macau segment in its filings with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. For a quantitative reconciliation of adjusted EBITDAR to its most directly comparable IFRS measurement, operating profit for the years ended December 31, 2006, 2007 and 2008, for the six months ended June 30, 2008 and 2009 and for the three months ended September 30, 2008 and 2009, see "-Summary of Results of Operations-Adjusted EBITDAR."

#### DIVIDEND POLICY

We do not expect to pay cash dividends on our Shares in the foreseeable future. We intend to retain earnings to finance our operations and the expansion of our business, including the development of additional integrated resorts in Cotai. Our Board of Directors will determine whether to pay dividends in the future based on conditions then existing, including our earnings, financial condition and capital requirements, as well as economic and other conditions our Board may deem relevant. Our ability to declare and pay dividends on our Shares is also subject to the requirements of Cayman Islands law. Moreover, we are a holding company which is dependent upon the operations of our subsidiaries for cash and the terms of our subsidiaries' debt and other agreements restrict the ability of our subsidiaries to make dividends or other distributions to us. Specifically, pursuant to the Macau Credit Facility, there are restrictions on VML's ability to distribute dividends, and dividend distributions by VML are the principal means by which we would have the necessary funds to pay dividends on our Shares for the foreseeable future. Therefore, unless and until we pay cash dividends on our Shares, any gains from your investment in our Shares must come from an increase in the market price of such Shares. There are no restrictions under the Macau Credit Facility, Ferry Financing Facility or the Motor Vehicle Facility on our Company's ability to pay dividends.

Upon completion of the Global Offering and the mandatory and automatic exchange of the Bonds for Shares, there will be no restrictions in any of our loan agreements or other debt instruments that would limit or restrict our ability to pay dividends on our Shares, should we elect to pay cash dividends in the future.

### DISTRIBUTABLE RESERVES

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As of June 30, 2009, our Company did not have any distributable reserves.

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Our next phase of expansion is the integrated resort on Parcels 5 and 6 in Cotai, for which we have received a final draft land concession contract from the Macau Government. At just under 13.3 million square feet, upon completion, the integrated resort on Parcels 5 and 6 will be a significant expansion of our footprint in Cotai. We expect to complete construction of Parcels 5 and 6 in three phases. Phases I and II of the integrated resort are expected to feature approximately 6,000 hotel rooms and approximately 1.2 million square feet of retail, entertainment and dining facilities, MICE space and a multi-purpose theater. The integrated resort will also feature approximately 300,000 square feet of gaming space, which, subject to Macau Government approval, will be sufficient to accommodate up to 670 tables and 2,200 slot machines. Phase I is expected to consist of two hotel towers with over 3,700 Sheraton, Shangri-La and Traders branded hotel rooms, as well as completion of the structural works for an adjacent 2,300-room Sheraton hotel tower. These hotel brands have over 47 sales, marketing and reservation offices worldwide, which we will be able to leverage to drive mid week MICE and leisure traveler business. Phase I will also consist of gaming space, a multi-purpose theater and partial opening of the retail and MICE facilities. The total cost to complete Phase I, excluding interest expense, is expected to be approximately US\$2.0 billion. Phase II consists of the internal fit-out of the second Sheraton-branded hotel tower, as well as the completion and fit-out of the remaining retail facilities. The total cost to complete Phase II, excluding interest expense, is expected to be approximately US\$190.0 million. Phase III, which is to commence at a future date as demand and market conditions warrant, is expected to include a luxury St. Regis-branded hotel and mixed use tower. The total cost to complete Phase III, excluding interest expense, is expected to be approximately US\$443.0 million. We began construction of Parcels 5 and 6 in 2006 and suspended construction in November 2008 due to the global economic downturn. We plan to restart construction once we have sufficient funds necessary to complete Phases I and II. We intend to fully fund the development and construction costs related to Phases I and II with at least US\$500.0 million of the proceeds from the Global Offering, together with project financing of up to US\$1.75 billion that we are currently seeking to obtain from a group of lenders and, to the extent necessary, cash flow from existing and future operations. As of the Latest Practicable Date, we have received aggregate commitments for project financing in the amount of US\$1.45 billion from commercial banks and other financial institutions, including from affiliates of all the Joint Bookrunners, towards the targeted US\$1.75 billion of total project financing that we are seeking. Once we recommence construction, we estimate that it will take approximately 18 months to complete construction of Phase I and another six months thereafter to complete the internal fit-out of the adjacent Sheraton hotel tower in Phase II. The remaining retail facilities of Phase II are expected to be completed within 24 months after the adjacent Sheraton hotel tower is completed. As of June 30, 2009, we had capitalized construction costs of approximately US\$1.7 billion (HK\$13.2 billion) on the development of Parcels 5 and 6 and, if supplemental financing is secured, we expect to spend an additional US\$2.2 billion to complete Phases I and II.

Once construction of Parcels 5 and 6 is completed, economic conditions improve, future demand warrants and additional financing is obtained, we will develop Parcel 3, for which we currently have a land concession from the Macau Government, followed by Parcels 7 and 8, for which we have not yet obtained a land concession. Parcel 3 is presently planned to include over 4,000 branded hotel rooms and will be connected to the Plaza Macao and the convention and exhibition hall at The Venetian Macao. We expect Parcels 7 and 8 to contain an integrated resort that will be similar in size and scope to the integrated resort located on Parcels 5 and 6.

Our total net revenues for the year ended December 31, 2008 were US\$3,053.3 million with an adjusted EBITDAR of US\$686.0 million, a 55.3% and 33.4% increase, respectively, over the same period in 2007. For the six months ended June 30, 2009, our total net revenues were US\$1,500.6 million (HK\$11,629.5 million) with an adjusted EBITDAR of US\$337.7 million (HK\$2,616.8 million). For the six months ended June 30, 2008, our total net revenues were US\$1,490.6 million with an adjusted EBITDAR of US\$349.2 million. The following table sets forth summary financial information for our operations for the periods indicated:

	For the year ended December 31,			For the six months ended June 30,			
	2006	2007	2008	2008	2009	2009	
	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	HK\$	
	(in millions, except percentages)						
Net revenues	1.005.0	1 0/6 0	2.669.7	1,325.4	1,317.1	10,207.7	
	1,265.2	1,846.2	· ·	67.5	55.5	429.9	
Rooms	0.1	49.3	140.0				
Food and beverage	12.9	28.1	54.3	24.5	25.4	197.2	
Mall	<u> </u>	24.8	123.0	48.4	64.1	496.9	
Convention, ferry, retail and other	2.9	17.9	66.4	24.8	38.4	297.7	
Total net revenues	1,281.1	1,966.2	3,053.3	1,490.6	1,500.6	11,629.5	
Profit for the year/period	375.8	196.1	175,7	114.0	58.0	449.3	
Adjusted EBITDAR <sup>(1)</sup> (unaudited)	457.7	514.3	686.0	349.2	337.7	2,616.8	
Adjusted EBITDAR Margin	35.7%	26.2%	22.5%	23.4%	22.5%	22.5%	

(1) Adjusted EBITDAR is used by management as the primary measure of operating performance of our Group's properties and to compare the operating performance of our Group's properties with that of its competitors. However, adjusted EBITDAR should not be considered in isolation; construed as an alternative to profit or operating profit; as an indicator of our IFRS operating performance, other combined operations or cash flow data; or as an alternative to cash flow as a measure of liquidity. Adjusted EBITDAR presented in this prospectus may not be comparable to other similarly titled measures of other companies. In addition, our adjusted EBITDAR presented in this prospectus may differ from adjusted EBITDAR presented by LVS for its Macau segment in its filings with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. For a quantitative reconciliation of adjusted EBITDAR to its most directly comparable IFRS measurement, operating profit for the years ended December 31, 2006, 2007 and 2008, for the six months ended June 30, 2008 and 2009 and for the three months ended September 30, 2008 and 2009, see "Financial Information—Summary of Results of Operations—Adjusted EBITDAR."

As part of our business strategy, we intend to focus on the high-margin mass market gaming segment while continuing to provide luxury amenities and high service levels to our VIP and premium players, which have historically accounted for a substantial portion of our gross gaming revenue. For the six months ended June 30, 2009, we derived approximately 12.2% of our total net revenues from non-gaming operations and 45.8% of our gross gaming revenue, or 81.9% of gross gaming profit, from mass market players. In line with our strategy, this percentage represents a material improvement in mass market play over the year ended December 31, 2008. For the year ended December 31, 2008, we derived approximately 12.6% of our total net revenues from non-gaming operations and 43.1% of our gross gaming revenue, or 72.4% of gross gaming profit, from mass market players. According to the DICJ, for the six months ended June 30, 2009, our three existing Macau properties enjoyed an approximately 24.6% share of Macau gaming revenue.





### **KEY STRENGTHS**

We believe that we have a number of key strengths that differentiate our business from that of our competitors, including the following:

- Diversified, high quality integrated resort offerings with substantial non-gaming amenities. We have designed our properties in anticipation of growing acceptance in Macau of Las Vegas-style integrated resorts, where visitors not only seek a gaming experience but also a multi-night resort destination. Our properties include:
  - Hotels: We have an array of high quality room products, managed and operated either by us or by Four Seasons. We offer Paiza suites and Paiza mansions to certain of our VIP and premium players, while simultaneously accommodating the hotel needs of business and leisure travelers with our suites and other room product offerings. We believe that offering a diversified range of room products increases the attractiveness of our properties and extends the average length of stay. Following the opening of The Venetian Macao in August 2007, the average length of stay for our customers in Macau increased from approximately 1.3 nights in 2007 to 1.4 nights in 2008. For the six months ended June 30, 2009, The Venetian Macao's average length of stay was approximately 1.6 nights overall and approximately 1.8 nights for MICE participants.
  - MICE: The Venetian Macao has been named by CEI Asia as the "Best MICE Hotel in Asia" in each of the two years since we opened in August 2007. Our 1.2 million square feet of MICE facilities are capable of hosting large trade shows, conventions, exhibitions and corporate meetings. Convention and group meeting visitors typically generate mid-week demand, have relatively longer lengths of stay and are a significant source of repeat visitation and non-gaming spending. Our key MICE-related achievements in 2008 include hosting more than 25 trade shows, more than 875 group meetings and over 250,000 MICE participants.
  - The Grand Canal Shoppes at The Venetian Macao, together with The Malls: Shoppes at Four Seasons, consist of approximately 1.2 million square feet of retail space which feature a variety of high-end designers such as Cartier, Chanel, Gucci, Hermès, Louis Vuitton, and Prada and mass appeal retailers such as Calvin Klein, Coach, Diesel, Esprit, Mango, and Nike. The malls also consist of a 1,000-seat food court and more than 60 restaurants and food outlets, including a diverse range of cuisines from around the world and several Michelin Guide-rated restaurants. We believe that our retail and dining areas will increase multi-night visitation and retail traffic in a manner similar to that experienced in Las Vegas following the opening of the integrated resort and related retail facilities at The Venetian Las Vegas, with the added advantage that Macau may attract customers as a luxury-taxexempt region. We regard the scope and diversity of our retail and dining areas as key to increasing mass market visitation to Macau and to attracting an increased share of this segment to our properties.

Entertainment: The Venetian Macao contains The CotaiArena<sup>™</sup> and other theater facilities that host world-class sporting events, concerts, a Cirque du Soleil show and other performances designed to increase the appeal of Macau among non-gaming visitors. We have had a significant number of entertainment offerings at The Venetian Macao, including concerts, sporting events, cultural and television broadcast events. During 2008 and the six months ended June 30, 2009, over 350,000 people and approximately 225,000 people, respectively, attended entertainment events at our properties.

- Substantial cash flow from existing operations and a significant development pipeline. For the year ended December 31, 2008 and for the six months ended June 30, 2009, our properties generated adjusted EBITDAR of US\$686.0 million and US\$337.7 million (HK\$2,616.8 million), respectively. We believe that our significant cash flow from operations will enable us to reinvest in our properties and, in conjunction with supplemental financing, continue to help fund our development pipeline. Our plans for Cotai include first completing the integrated resort on Parcels 5 and 6 and then subsequently developing the integrated resorts on Parcels 3, 7 and 8. We believe that our future development pipeline is among the largest in Macau and will enhance our future cash flow.
- Established brands with broad regional and international market awareness and appeal. Our premium gaming and resort offerings have enabled us to capture significant market share as measured by gaming revenues. Our market position is supported by our first-mover status in building Las Vegas-style casino, hotels and integrated resorts, which improved the recognition of our Company and the "Venetian" and "Sands" brands in Macau. We believe that the strength of our brands is demonstrated by the average daily rates at our properties, which are above market averages. For example, in the six months ended June 30, 2009, we achieved average daily rates of US\$209 for The Venetian Macao, compared to Macau's average daily rates of US\$122.
- Experienced management team with proven track record. We have a proven, experienced nine-person management team which has an average of approximately 23 years of experience in the hotel, gaming and convention, development and asset management industries. Our senior management team, which has a combination of international as well as significant local experience, places us in a strong competitive position to capitalize on future opportunities in Macau.

We also have a significant in-house development and construction staff. This team has been integral in the construction of all our existing properties and is expected to lead our future construction projects on Cotai.

Significant benefits from our on-going relationship with LVS. LVS, which will have a majority ownership interest in our Company after the Global Offering, is a strategic Shareholder with extensive industry knowledge and has successfully operated the convention-based, integrated resort business model in Las Vegas. By virtue of the Shared Services Agreement to be executed in conjunction with the Global Offering, we will continue to have access to LVS's trademarks and brands and will be able to leverage LVS's expertise and economies of scale in procurement, construction and operation services; procurement of insurance coverage; information technology services; transportation services and administrative services.

### **BUSINESS STRATEGIES**

Building on our key strengths, we seek to enhance our position as the leading developer and operator of integrated resorts and casinos in Macau by continuing to implement the following business strategies:

Develop and diversify our integrated resort offerings in Cotal to include a full complement of products and services to cater to different market segments. Our complement of products and services to cater to different market segments.

ultimate plans for Cotal include five integrated resorts, MICE space, additional retail, dining and entertainment facilities and a range of hotel offerings to cater to different segments of the market. We plan to diversify our existing base of five-star hotel rooms on Cotal with four- and three-star hotel rooms. After completion of our remaining integrated resorts in Cotal, we expect to have, among others, Sheraton, Shangri-La and Traders branded hotel rooms. We intend to leverage the recognition and the sales, marketing and reservation capabilities of these premier hotel brands to attract a new segment of customers to our properties. We believe our partnership with renowned hotel management partners, our diverse integrated resort offerings and the convenience and accessibility of our properties will further increase the appeal of our properties to both the business and leisure customer segments.

- Leverage our scale of operations to create and maintain an absolute cost advantage. Management expects to benefit from lower unit costs due to the economies of scale inherent in its operations. Opportunities for lower unit costs include, but are not limited to, lower utility costs, more efficient staffing of hotel and gaming operations, laundry, transportation, marketing and sales, and procurement. In addition, our scale allows us to consolidate certain back office functions and, where appropriate, to relocate these functions to Zhuhai, China. Zhuhai labor rates are approximately one-third of those in Macau. As of September 30, 2009, we have over 150 employees in Zhuhai and expect this number to increase significantly in the near term.
- Focus on the high-margin mass market gaming segment while continuing to provide luxury amenities and high service levels to our VIP and premium players. Our properties cater not only to VIP and premium players but also to mass market customers, which comprise our most profitable gaming segment. We believe that the mass market segment will continue to be a fast-growing segment as a result of the introduction of more high quality gaming facilities and non-gaming amenities in the market. As of June 30, 2009, our properties contained approximately 849,000 square feet of gaming space consisting of 1,098 table games and 3,631 slot machines, 797 tables of which were dedicated to mass market play. Our management estimates that our mass market table revenues typically generate a gross margin that is approximately four times higher than that of our typical VIP player table revenues. Additionally, because mass market players do not receive extensive complimentary services, including provision of hotel rooms, meals or other products or services, they contribute significantly to our non-gaming revenues.

At the same time, we are focused on growing our share of the premium players segment via direct marketing efforts and by leveraging our Paiza brand and luxury amenities that enable us to differentiate our properties from those of our competitors, who typically rely more on Gaming Promoters for their VIP players. To attract premium players, we offer them accommodations in our exclusive Paiza suites and Paiza mansions, complete with private gaming and concierge services. Our management estimates that our premium player table revenues generate a gross margin that is approximately 1.0 to 1.5 times higher than our typical VIP player table revenues.

- Monetize our non-core assets to reduce net investment through the sale of retail malls and the sale or co-op of luxury apart-hotels. Our integrated resorts include retail facilities and apart-hotels. These assets can be sold to increase our financial flexibility and improve our returns on invested capital. The sale of these assets does not diminish the ability of the retail facilities and apart-hotels to attract traffic to our properties. Below is a description of our retail malls and the apart-hotel tower, which is anticipated to be branded and serviced by Four Seasons, as well as the potential methodologies to monetize the apart-hotel:
- **Retail Mails:** We have existing retail malls at The Venetian Macao (The Grand Canal Shoppes) and the Plaza Macao (The Shoppes at Four Seasons) and additional malls planned at our other Cotal Strip projects. We plan to sell these retail malls when we believe market conditions support appropriate and optimized valuations. In connection with any future negotiation with respect to the sale of the retail malls, we will endeavor to maintain operational influence in the form of product positioning and certain consent and approval rights through binding agreements that would be entered into with any purchaser of the retail malls,

which could include approval of the classes and types of stores permitted in the retail mall. In addition, as part of our negotiations with the potential buyers, we will endeavor to require the buyer to commit to operating the retail malls in accordance with the "Venetian" theme or other applicable up-scale or high-end theme, and at a level of quality and service which would continue to complement our adjoining properties.



**Apart-Hotel:** We are currently constructing an apart-hotel tower, which is anticipated to be branded and serviced by Four Seasons, and expect to complete construction in the fourth quarter of 2009. We plan to monetize this apart-hotel tower through one of the following methods:

- sale of the entire apart-hotel tower as one unit;
- sale of exclusive rights to use individual apart-hotel units under a cooperative scheme; or
- if we obtain approval to sub-divide the apart-hotel tower into separate lots for each unit, sale of individual condominium-titled apartments.

### **OUR EXISTING OPERATIONS**

Our operations consist of The Venetian Macao, the Sands Macao, the Plaza Macao and the other operations that support these properties, including our high-speed CotaiJet ferry service between Hong Kong and Taipa. The following table sets forth data on our existing operations as of June 30, 2009:

	The Venetian Macao	Sands Macao	Plaza Macao	Total
Opening date	August 2007	May 2004	August 2008	·
Hotel rooms	2,841	289	360	3,490
Paiza suites	64		P.0.1	64
Paiza mansions			19	19
MICE (square feet)	1,200,000		25,000	1,225,000
Theater / arena	1,800-seat theater	650-seat theater		
	15,000-seat arena			
Total retail (square feet)	1,000,000		211,000	1,211,000
Number of shops	302		83	385
Number of restaurants and food				
outlets	59	6	3	68
Total gaming facility (square feet)	550,000	229,000	70,000	849,000
Gaming units:				
Tables	599	405	94	1,098
Slots	2,191	1,176	264	3,631

### **The Venetian Macao**

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In August 2007, we opened The Venetian Macao, the anchor property of our Cotai Strip development, located approximately three kilometers from the TTFT on Macau's Taipa Island. As of June 30, 2009, The Venetian Macao included approximately 550,000 square feet of casino and gaming areas spread across exclusive VIP rooms and an expansive mass market gaming floor. As of June 30, 2009, The Venetian Macao featured 599 table games and 2,191 slot machines. The mass market gaming floor is divided into four uniquely designed areas: Red Dragon, Golden Fish, Phoenix and Imperial House. The Venetian Macao, with a theme similar to that of The Venetian Las Vegas, features replicas of many famous sites in Venice, Italy, including St. Mark's Square, the Campanile Tower and Doge's Palace. During the six months ended June 30, 2009, The Venetian Macao had a total of

- approximately 14.1 million visits.
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Our total net revenues derived from The Venetian Macao for the six months ended June 30, 2009 were US\$930.9 million (HK\$7,214.6 million), as compared to total net revenues of US\$949.0 million for the same period in 2008 and US\$651.6 million and US\$1,941.6 million for the years ended December 31, 2007 and 2008, respectively. The following table sets forth key operating results of The Venetian Macao for the periods indicated:

	For the year ended December 31,		monti	e 30,	
	2007(1)	2008	2008	2009	2009
	US\$ (in mill	US\$ ions, except	US\$ percentages a	US\$ and hotel stat	HK\$ istics)
Total net revenues	651.6	1,941.6	949.0	930.9	7,214.6
Adjusted EBITDAR <sup>(2)</sup> (unaudited)	144.7	497.2	249.7	230.9	1,789.3
Adjusted EBITDAR margin	22.2%	25.6%	26.3%	24.8%	24.8%
Gaming statistics:					
Non-rolling chip table games drop	1,115.8	3,530.1	1,731.6	1,623.3	12,580.6
Non-rolling chip table games	-				
win percentage	17.3%	19.9%	19.9%	23.2%	23.2%
Rolling chip volume	17,071.5	36,893.8	18,599.8	18,590.1	144,073.3
Rolling chip win percentage	2.6%	3.0%	3.0%	2.7%	2.7%
Slot handle	490.1	1,941.9	819.9	1,093.8	8,477.0
Slot hold percentage	7.9%	8.0%	8.3%	7.5%	7.5%
Hotel statistics:					
Average daily rate	221	226	228	209	1,620
Occupancy rate	85.7%	85.3%	79.4%	76.7%	76.7%
Revenue per available room	190	193	181	160	1,240
Retail mall statistics:					
Occupancy rate	49.2%	76.8%	67.7%	76.7%	76.7%

(1) The Venetian Macao commenced operations in August 2007.

(2) Adjusted EBITDAR is defined in "Financial Information-Summary of Results of Operations-Adjusted EBITDAR."

In addition to gaming facilities, The Venetian Macao features a 39-floor five-star hotel tower with over 2,900 suites. Standard suites consist of a raised sleeping area and bathroom as well as a sunken living / working area. We believe that these designs are responsive to the needs of regional leisure and business travelers as well as players, and help attract more multi-night leisure or business visitors to Macau, as typically seen in Las Vegas. The Venetian Macao also offers 64 Paiza suites that range from 2,300 to 8,000 square feet. Each Paiza suite in The Venetian Macao offers a living room, a dining room, at least two bedrooms and private concierge service. Some larger suites include private massage rooms, gyms, pools, and media / karaoke rooms.

The Venetian Macao also provides a broad selection of entertainment options and amenities, which cater to mass market customers, including families, and also targets VIP and premium players with special products and services, such as the Paiza Club. The Venetian Macao has approximately 1.0 million square feet of retail and dining areas at the Grand Canal Shoppes, consisting of 302 stores and over 50 restaurants, including a food court. Visitors and guests can access The Grand Canal Shoppes at The Venetian Macao from several different locations, including the main road through Cotai, The Venetian Macao hotel and The Venetian Macao gaming floor. Offerings include a wide variety of shops, ranging from well-known international brands such as Agnès b, Calvin Klein, Coach, Diesel, Emporio Armani and Lacoste, to mid-end retail offerings such as Esprit, Mango, Nike, United Colors of Benetton and Zara. The mall has an extensive selection of high-end jewelry and watch retailers such as Charriol, Franck Muller, Mikimoto, Piaget and Tiffany & Co. The mall also features The Manchester United Experience store, Manchester United Football Club's first licensed merchandising outlet in Asia, selling team footballs, clothing, accessories and other memorabilia. The second floor of the store includes interactive sporting displays with 360-degree, high-definition screens

installed, allowing customers to experience football skills training and virtual tours of the Manchester United Football Club, including Old Trafford Stadium. The restaurants and stores are set along streetscapes reminiscent of historical streetscapes in Venice. The common areas within the retail space include St. Mark's Square and a series of three canals and gondola rides, similar to The Grand Canal Shoppes at The Venetian Las Vegas. The Venetian Macao also contains Asia's first Malo Clinic and Malo Clinic Spa, an 85,000-square foot facility owned and managed by the Lisbon-based MALO CLINIC Health Group, which opened in July 2009 and offers comprehensive medical treatments and spa services.

In addition, The Venetian Macao features a convention center and meeting room complex of approximately 1.2 million square feet. These MICE facilities provide a flexible and expansive space that can be configured to provide small, mid-size or large meeting rooms and/or accommodate large-scale multi-media events or trade shows. MICE events typically take place on weekdays, thereby drawing traffic during the portion of the week when hotels and casinos in Macau normally experience lower demand relative to weekends and holidays when occupancy and room rates are typically at their peak due to leisure travel. We hosted six trade shows during the six months ended June 30, 2009. In 2008, we hosted over 25 trade shows and 875 corporate groups, representing over 250,000 visitors. The Venetian Macao also has a 15,000-seat arena, The CotaiArena, that has hosted a wide range of entertainment and sporting events, and a 1,800-seat theater that currently features Zaia, an original production and the first resident show in Asia from Cirque du Soleil, an entertainment company based in Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

### Sands Macao

We opened the Sands Macao in May 2004. The Sands Macao was the first Las Vegas-style casino in Macau and currently contains a mix of gaming areas for mass market, VIP and premium players, and entertainment and dining facilities. The Sands Macao is situated on the Macau peninsula near the New Macau Maritime Ferry Terminal on a waterfront parcel centrally located between the Gongbei border gate and the central business district in Macau. This location provides the Sands Macao access to a large customer base, particularly the approximately 9.2 million visitors who arrived in Macau by sea at either the TTFT, the inner harbor or the New Macau Maritime Ferry Terminal in 2008 according to DSEC statistics. During the six months ended June 30, 2009, the Sands Macao had a total of approximately 3.5 million visits.

As of June 30, 2009, the Sands Macao contained 289 suites, which are furnished with modern and luxurious amenities and decorated with stylish dark wood paneling and high-end furniture. These rooms are made available primarily for our VIP or premium players, typically on a complimentary basis. As of June 30, 2009, the Sands Macao also included approximately 229,000 square feet of gaming space and had 405 table games and 1,176 slot machines.

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Our total net revenues derived from the Sands Macao for the six months ended June 30, 2009 were US\$458.6 million (HK\$3,554.2 million), as compared to total net revenues of US\$536.5 million for the same period in 2008 and US\$1,281.1 million, US\$1,314.5 million and US\$1,032.1 million for the years ended December 31, 2006, 2007 and 2008, respectively. The following table sets forth key operating results of the Sands Macao for the periods indicated. The suites at the Sands Macao are primarily provided to gaming patrons on a complimentary basis and therefore related statistics have not been included.

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	2006	2007	2008	2008	2009	2009
	US\$ (ii	US\$ n millions, ex	US\$ cept percenta	US\$ ges and hote	US\$ I statistics)	HK\$
Total net revenues	1,281.1	1,314.5	1,032.1	536,5	458.6	3,554.2
(unaudited)	457.7	374.1	214.4	119.6	111.4	863.0
Adjusted EBITDAR margin	35.7%	28.5%	20.8%	22.3%	24.3%	24.3%
Gaming statistics: Non-rolling chip table games drop	4,178.7	3,525.6	2,626.9	1,381.3	1,208.4	9,365.1
Non-rolling chip table games win percentage Rolling chip volume Rolling chip win percentage Slot handle Slot hold percentage	18.6% 17,115.0 3.2% 1,048.8 7.7%	26,325.3 3.0% 1,181.1	25,182.2 2.6% 1,039.4	11,789.8 2.7% 514.0	9,845.3 2.7% 577.2	76,301.1 2.7% 4,473.3

(1) Adjusted EBITDAR is defined in "Financial Information—Summary of Results of Operations—Adjusted EBITDAR."

In addition to gaming facilities and hotel accommodations, the Sands Macao also includes restaurants, spa facilities, entertainment areas and other amenities. The dining venues feature popular regional cuisine and include a Cantonese restaurant, a Macanese/Portuguese restaurant and an upscale western-style steakhouse.

#### Plaza Macao

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In August 2008, we opened the Plaza Macao, located adjacent and connected to The Venetian Macao in our Cotai Strip development. We believe that the Plaza Macao complements The Venetian Macao by providing a five-star luxury hotel and resort experience to our high-end customers. The Plaza Macao consists of the Four Seasons Hotel, which includes 360 suites managed and operated by Four Seasons, the Plaza Casino (including the Paiza mansions), The Shoppes at Four Seasons, several restaurants and bars, a fitness center, swimming pool and spa as well as conference, banquet and other related facilities operated by us. As of June 30, 2009, the Plaza Casino had approximately 70,000 square feet of gaming space, 94 table games and 264 slot machines, and included exclusive VIP rooms designed for VIP and premium players. The Plaza Macao was designed specifically to provide an intimate luxury experience for high-end table games customers with special products and

services, such as the exclusive Paiza mansions. During the six months ended June 30, 2009, the Plaza Macao had a total of approximately 2.2 million visits.



Our total net revenues derived from the Plaza Macao for the six months ended June 30, 2009 were US\$95.7 million (HK\$741.6 million). The following table sets forth key operating results of the Plaza Macao for the periods indicated:

	For the year ended December 31,	For the six months ended June 30,			
	2008	2008(1)	2009	2009	
	US\$ (in millions,	US\$ except pe statist	US\$ rcentages and tics)	HK\$ d hotel	
Total net revenues	62.5	<del></del>	95.7	741.6	
Adjusted EBITDAR <sup>(2)</sup> (unaudited)	7.3		9.8	76.1	
Adjusted EBITDAR margin	11.7%		10.3%	10.3%	
Plaza Casino gaming statistics:					
Non-rolling chip table games drop	99.8		167.5	1,298.1	
Non-rolling chip table games win percentage	21.1%		25.2%	25.2%	
Rolling chip volume	630.1		1,125.2	8,720.3	
Rolling chip win percentage	4.5%		3.2%	3.2%	
Slot handle	38.2		100.0	775.0	
Slot hold percentage	5.6%		5.7%	5.7%	
Four Seasons Hotel statistics:	344		293	2,271	
Average daily rate	32.0%		41.5%		
Occupancy rate			122	946	
Revenue per available room	110		126	040	
Retail mall statistics: Occupancy rate	88.7%	·····	86.7%	86.7%	

The Plaza Macao commenced operations in August 2008. (1)

Adjusted EBITDAR is defined in "Financial Information-Summary of Results of Operations-Adjusted EBITDAR." (2)

Hotel rooms at the Four Seasons Hotel are spread over 14 floors and range in size from 575 to 4,000 square feet. The Four Seasons Hotel also includes a luxurious spa and fitness center, and high-end retail space of approximately 211,000 square feet. The Shoppes at Four Seasons is Macau's largest luxury shopping mall and features a mix of more than 80 luxury branded stores, some of which had not previously established stores in Macau, as well as high-quality dining facilities. Offerings include brands such as Brioni, Canali, Cartier, Chanel, Emporio Armani, Gucci, Hermès, La Perla, Louis Vuitton, Valentino and Versace. The Shoppes at Four Seasons also include a variety of exclusive customer services, including a mall concierge, image consultants, private shoppers, hotel delivery service and complimentary limousine transportation. The mall is connected to The Grand Canal Shoppes at The Venetian Macao.

The Plaza Macao also features the Paiza mansions, which we operate and manage and which are generally provided to VIP and premium players on a complimentary basis. Each of the mansions averages approximately 7,000 square feet, are individually designed and located in a separate structure from the main hotel tower directly above the Plaza Casino with direct access to the Plaza Casino. The mansions include a full complement of ultra-exclusive amenities for our most important

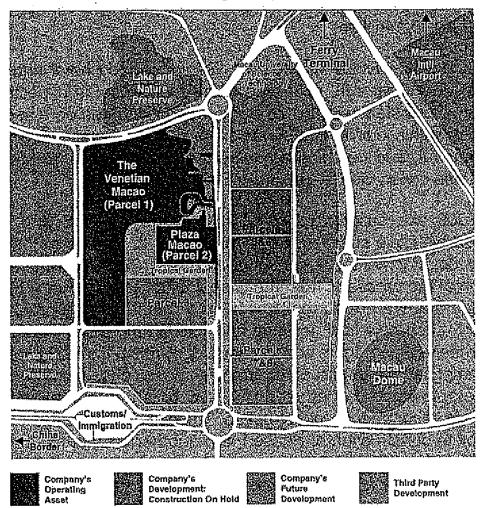
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In addition, the Plaza Macao will include an apart-hotel tower, consisting of approximately 1.0 million square feet of luxury apart-hotel units and common areas and is expected to be branded and serviced by Four Seasons. Following the completion of the structural works for the apart-hotel tower in the fourth quarter of 2009, we intend to monetize this apart-hotel tower through one of the above-mentioned methods. See "-Business Strategies." As of June 30, 2009, we had capitalized construction costs of US\$307.0 million (HK\$2,379.3 million) with respect to the apart-hotel tower. We expect to spend approximately US\$147.0 million (HK\$1,139.3 million) on additional costs to complete the apart-hotel tower, including furniture, fixtures and equipment, pre-opening costs and additional land premiums, and to pay outstanding construction payables.



### **OUR DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS**

We have submitted plans to the Macau Government for three integrated resort developments on an area of approximately 320,000 square meters (which we refer to as Parcels 3, 5, 6, 7 and 8). The following map indicates the location of our existing and planned Cotai Strip properties:



We expect these integrated resorts on Parcels 3, 5, 6, 7 and 8 to include hotels, MICE facilities, casinos or gaming areas, showrooms, theaters, shopping malls and other amenities.

Given the recent challenging conditions in the capital markets and the global economy, we suspended these development projects. As of June 30, 2009, we had capitalized construction costs of approximately US\$1.9 billion for non-completed projects, including US\$1.7 billion for our projects on Parcels 5 and 6 and US\$115.7 million for our projects on Parcels 7 and 8. See "Risk Factors—Risks Relating to Our Cotai Strip Development."

We currently intend to develop our other Cotai Strip properties as follows:

• Parcels 5 and 6. Parcels 5 and 6 will together comprise an integrated resort located across the street from The Venetian Macao and the Plaza Macao, and which we expect will be connected to our other existing and future Cotal Strip properties via elevated, covered pedestrian bridges. Upon completion of Phases I and II, the integrated resort is expected to feature approximately 6,000 hotel rooms, approximately 1.2 million square feet of retail, entertainment and dining facilities, MICE space and a multi-purpose theater. The integrated resort will also feature approximately 300,000 square feet of gaming space, which, subject to Macau Government approval, will be sufficient to accommodate up to 670 tables and 2,200 slot

machines. We have entered into management agreements with Shangri-La to manage hotels under its Shangri-La and Traders brands, and with Starwood to manage two hotel towers under its Sheraton brand and a luxury hotel and mixed use tower under its St. Regis brand.

Phase I is expected to consist of two hotel towers with over 3,700 Sheraton, Shangri-La and Traders branded hotel rooms, as well as completion of the structural works for an adjacent 2,300 room Sheraton hotel tower. Phase I will also consist of the completion of gaming space, which is expected to include approximately 670 tables and 2,200 slot machines, a multi-purpose theater, and a partial opening of the retail and MICE facilities. The total cost to complete Phase I, excluding interest expense, is expected to be approximately US\$2.0 billion.

Phase II consists of the internal fit-out of the second Sheraton-branded hotel tower, as well as completion and fit-out of the remaining retail facilities. The second Sheraton-branded hotel tower is expected to take another six months to complete and the remaining retail facilities are expected to be completed within 24 months after the second Sheraton-branded hotel tower is completed. The total cost to complete Phase II, excluding interest expense, is expected to be approximately US\$190.0 million.

Phase III is expected to include a luxury St. Regis-branded hotel and mixed use tower. The total cost to complete Phase III, excluding interest expense, is expected to be approximately US\$443.0 million. Consistent with our strategy to monetize non-core assets, we plan to sell the retail mall located within our integrated resort project on Parcels 5 and 6. Subject to Macau Government approval, and reaching agreement with Starwood, we also plan to monetize the St. Regis mixed use tower. See "-Business Strategies."

In November 2008, we suspended construction on Parcels 5 and 6. We plan to restart construction once we have sufficient funds necessary to complete Phases I and II. We intend to fully fund the development and construction costs related to Phases I and II with at least US\$500.0 million of the proceeds from the Global Offering, together with project financing of up to US\$1.75 billion that we are currently seeking to obtain from a group of lenders and, to the extent necessary, cash flow from existing and future operations. As of the Latest Practicable Date, we have received aggregate commitments for project financing in the amount of US\$1.45 billion from commercial banks and other financial institutions, including from affiliates of all the Joint Bookrunners, towards the targeted US\$1.75 billion of total project financing that we are seeking. Once we recommence construction, we estimate that it will take approximately 18 months to complete construction of Phase I and another six months thereafter to complete the internal fit-out of the additional Sheraton hotel tower in Phase II. We expect to commence construction of Phase III at a future date as demand and market conditions warrant.

As of June 30, 2009, we had capitalized construction costs of approximately US\$1.7 billion (HK\$13.2 billion) on the development of Parcels 5 and 6 and, if supplemental financing is secured, we expect to spend an additional US\$2.2 billion to complete Phases I and II. Our management agreements with Starwood impose certain development deadlines and opening obligations on us. As a result of the delays described above, we have not met certain of these deadlines and obligations. See "Risk Factors-Risks Relating to Our Cotal Strip Development." ۰.. . . . . . ·. . . . and the second

· Parcel 3. Parcel 3 is expected to contain an integrated resort that will be connected to the Plaza Macao and the The Venetian Macao, and may contain over 4,000 branded hotel rooms, gaming areas and other integrated resort amenities. These plans are based on general building plans submitted to the Land, Public Works and Transport Bureau of the MSAR on June 18, 2009, which we are continuing to refine and update during the course of its overall design and development. We commenced pre-construction and had capitalized construction costs of US\$35.6 million (HK\$275.9 million) as of June 30, 2009, which consisted primarily of consultant costs, in particular for architect and interior designer consultant costs. We are unable to provide any details on necessary financing, the estimated total development costs or the time required to complete the integrated resort on Parcel 3. We only intend to commence construction of

Parcel 3 after the completion of Parcels 5 and 6, after necessary government approvals are obtained, regional and global economic conditions improve, conceptual designs are further refined, future demand warrants and additional financing is secured. See also "Risk Factors--Risks Relating to Our Cotal Strip Development." and a start of

Parcels 7 and 8 Parcels 7 and 8 are expected to contain an integrated resort similar in size and scope to the integrated resort located on Parcels 5 and 6. These plans are based on initial conceptual designs, which we will continue to refine and update during the course of its overall design and development. We have commenced pre-construction on Parcels 7 and 8 and had capitalized construction costs of US\$115.7 million (HK\$896.7 million) as of June 30, 2009, which consisted primarily of site preparation, piling and architect and interior designer



consultant costs. As of the Latest Practicable Date, we have obtained soil investigation licenses, a ground improvement works license and a revalidation of ground investigation works license for Parcels 7 and 8. In addition to these licenses, we have applied for the land concession for Parcels 7 and 8 and must obtain construction licenses and architectural plan approval, in order to commence construction on Parcels 7 and 8. We are unable to provide any details on the necessary financing, the estimated total development costs or the time required to complete the integrated resort on Parcels 7 and 8. We only intend to commence construction after necessary government approvals are obtained, regional and global economic conditions improve, conceptual designs are further refined, future demand warrants and additional financing is secured. See "--Land Concessions" below.

As Parcels 5, 6, 7 and 8 are not designated by the Macau Government for our Group's projects that formed part of the investment obligations that VML agreed to pursuant to the Subconcession Contract or pursuant to any other agreement, our Group has separately engaged in discussions with the Macau Government to obtain land concessions for these parcels.

Our Macau legal advisor is of the opinion that although we have commenced development on Parcels 5 and 6 without a land concession to these land parcels, we commenced development on Parcels 5 and 6 with the authorization of the Macau Government, including authorization through the grant of relevant construction licenses prior to commencing development. Based on our experience with Parcels 1 and 2, in which we commenced development with Macau Government authorization before the land concession was received, but nonetheless subsequently obtained the land concession, our Macau legal advisor is of the opinion that the Macau Government will adopt the same procedure as with Parcels 1 and 2 in the granting of land concessions for Parcels 5, 6, 7 and 8. In the event that we do not secure the land concession for Parcels 5, 6, 7 and 8, however, we will not be entitled to any occupier or compensation rights for the buildings or other developments erected on the land.

See "Risk Factors—Risks Relating to Our On-going Operations—Our current substantial debt or the incurrence of additional debt to finance our planned development projects could impair our financial condition, results of operations and cash flows."

### LAND CONCESSIONS

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Land concessions in Macau generally have 25-year terms, with automatic extensions of 10 years thereafter in accordance with Macau law. There are common rates based on land use, which are generally applied to determine the cost of these land concessions. See "Regulation—Land Use and Title Process Laws in Macau." We have received land concessions from the Macau Government to build the Sands Macao and Parcels 1, 2 and 3 in our Cotai Strip development, including the parcels on which The Venetian Macao (Parcel 1) and the Plaza Macao (Parcel 2) are located. While we do not own these land parcels in Macau, the land concession grants us exclusive use of the land for a term of 25 years, starting from April 18, 2007, and is renewable at our option and in accordance with Macau law. As specified in the land concessions, we are required to pay premiums for each parcel, which are either payable in a single lump sum upon acceptance of the land concession by the Macau Government or in seven semi-annual installments, provided that the outstanding balance is due upon the completion of the corresponding integrated resort, as well as annual rent for the term of the land concession, which may be revised every five years by the Macau Government.

In October 2008, the Macau Government amended our land concession to separate the retail and

hotel portions of the Plaza Macao parcel and allowed us to subdivide the parcel into four separate components, consisting of retail, hotel (including gaming areas), apart-hotel tower and parking areas. In consideration for the amendment, we paid an additional land premium of approximately US\$17.8 million. At the time when we decide to sell The Grand Canal Shoppes, we will apply to the Macau Government to amend the land concession to separate the retail and hotel portions of The Venetian Macao to permit the sale of The Grand Canal Shoppes. In consideration for the amendment, we expect to pay an additional land premium.

**Parcel 3**: Under our original land concession relating to Parcel 3, we were required to complete the development of Parcel 3 by August 2011. The Macau Government has agreed to provide us with



an extension to complete the development of Parcel 3 by April 17, 2013. We have obtained clarification from the Macau Government through a letter dated August 20, 2009, that although the land concession in relation to Parcel 3 is part of the same land concession contract as Parcels 1 and 2, it is considered to be legally autonomous from the land concessions for Parcels 1 and 2 and any hypothetical event of default relating to Parcel 3 will not cause a breach of the land concession for Parcels 1 and 2.

**Parcels 5 and 6:** On November 11, 2009, we received a final draft land concession contract for Parcels 5 and 6. The final draft land concession contract, which was approved by the Chief Executive of the MSAR, incorporates all the terms and conditions as agreed between us and the Macau Government. Both the acceptance of the land concession and the initial land premium payment, amounting to MOP700.0 million, must be completed within 20 days of receipt of the final draft land concession. Once formally accepted by the Company, the land concession contract will be published in the Macau Official Gazette following the usual MSAR land grant process. We intend to accept the draft land concession contract before the Listing Date and pay the initial land premium of MOP700.0 million with restricted cash available on our balance sheet before the Listing Date. The land premium for Parcels 5 and 6 is calculated based on the type of development proposed for the land parcels. Based on the final draft land concession contract, the total land premium for Parcels 5 and 6 will be approximately MOP1.9 billion (US\$0.2 billion).

**Parcels 7 and 8**: We do not have all the necessary Macau Government approvals that we will need in order to develop Parcels 7 and 8. Although we have commenced construction or pre-construction for our Cotai Strip projects on Parcels 7 and 8, we have not yet obtained a land concession for these parcels from the Macau Government. We intend to negotiate the land concession for Parcels 7 and 8 upon successfully obtaining the land concession for Parcels 5 and 6 and believe we will be successful in obtaining it. However, in the event we are unable to obtain a concession for the land underlying Parcels 7 and 8, we could lose all or a substantial part of our US\$115.7 million (HK\$896.7 million) in capitalized construction costs related to our developments on Parcels 7 and 8 as of June 30, 2009. See "Risk Factors—Risks Relating to Our Cotai Strip Development." At this stage, we are unable to estimate the expected timeline for obtaining the land concession for Parcels 7 and 8 or the amounts of land premium to be assessed.

As of June 30, 2009, there was no land premium paid or payable by our Group for Parcels 5, 6, 7 and 8.

As of the Latest Practicable Date, save as disclosed in "--Legal Proceedings," there has been no dispute as to the ownership of Parcels 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7 and 8. As the above land parcels are developed under separate land concessions which contain completion deadlines established for those particular parcels, our Macau legal advisor has advised us that there are no cross-defaults between the different land concession agreements for these land parcels. Our Macau legal advisor is also of the opinion that there is no legal impediment to our ability to obtain definitive land concessions for Parcels 5, 6, 7 and 8, provided that we reach an agreement with the Macau Government and successfully complete and conclude all land concession formalities, including the payment of land premium.

### OTHER OPERATIONS

As part of our goal of driving visitation to Cotai and improving the customer experience in Macau, we have made targeted investments to help develop Macau's transportation infrastructure. Our transportation operations consist of our high-speed CotaiJet ferry service between Hong Kong and Macau, airplane service available for VIP and premium players, CotaiShuttle bus service, CotaiLimo<sup>™</sup> service and a travel agency.

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# **CotaiJet Ferry Services**

In November 2007, we launched our high-speed CotaiJet ferry service between MET in Hong Kong and TTET near our Cotai Strip development. Our CotaiJet ferry service currently provides 40 daily round trip sailings. With our 14 ferries, we have the ability to run ferries on 15-minute intervals as needed to meet demand. We transferred approximately 9,700 passengers per day for the year ended December 31, 2008 and approximately 12,700 passengers per day for the six months ended June 30, 2009.



The CotaiJet service is fully managed and operated on our behalf by Cotai Chu Kong Shipping Management Services Co., Ltd. of Hong Kong using catamarans owned by our wholly owned indirect subsidiaries. Each custom-built catamaran has the capacity to carry more than 400 passengers and operates at top speeds of approximately 42 knots.

We operate our passenger ferry service pursuant to an agreement with the Macau Government. The scope of the agreement is to operate ferries which transport passengers between the TTFT, in the MSAR and the MFT in Hong Kong. The initial term of the agreement is for a period of 20 years, starting from October 29, 2007. The term may be extended by agreement. The parties undertake to meet in the third year before the end of the initial term to discuss and agree to the terms of any extension of the initial term. The terms and conditions in the agreement may be reviewed during the 10th year prior to the expiration of the initial term and after the first five years of the initial term in order to make any necessary changes to the terms of the operation of the passenger ferry service, or to the terms governing the use of port infrastructure and terminals for passengers in Macau. The Macau Government and Cotai Ferry Company Limited have agreed to negotiate any revisions to the agreement in good faith and to allow Cotai Ferry Company Limited to be bound by the same terms and conditions that the Macau Government adopts in relation to the other operators of ferry passenger services to and from Macau.

The Macau Port Authority has jurisdiction over the execution of the agreement. The operation of the ferry services by Cotai Ferry Company Limited is also accompanied and permanently supervised by a delegate from the Macau Government nominated by dispatch from the Chief Executive of the MSAR.

There are currently eight similar contracts, with different operators, for passenger ferry service between the MSAR and other destinations in the Pearl River Delta, including Hong Kong, via different routes. The rights given to the operators are non-exclusive and the Macau Government may enter into similar contracts with other operators for the same services or routes at its discretion. Currently, Cotai Ferry Company Limited is the only operator operating a route to and from the TTFT to MFT in Hong Kong. The award of our ferry agreement has been challenged by a competitor, see "-Legal Proceedings" and "Risk Factors—Risks Relating to Our Cotai Strip Development."

#### Airplanes

Through a Shared Services Agreement with LVS, we have access to a fleet of 14 corporate configured airplanes, three of which are currently stationed full-time in Asia. All airplanes are owned by various entities controlled by our Controlling Shareholder and are operated by Sands Aviation LLC, an affiliate of our Company. We can deploy these airplanes to bring VIP and premium players from around the globe to our properties in Macau.

#### CotaiShuttle Bus Service

We operate a fleet of 79 (62 owned, 17 rented) complimentary shuttle buses that transport passengers between our properties and from the New Macau Maritime Ferry Terminal, the TTFT and the Macau International Airport to our properties every five to 10 minutes during peak periods. These shuttle buses are also supported by an additional 30 coaches. The CotaiShuttle also runs to and from two border checkpoints with mainland China, the Gongbei Border Gate and the Lotus Bridge, transporting visitors directly to and between our properties every five to eight minutes during peak periods. Certain bus service routes, such as those from the New Macau Maritime Ferry Terminal and TTFT and between our properties, run 24 hours per day and help us direct visitors to our properties. Based on our operational data, our management estimates that over 5.0 million passengers arrived at The Venetian Macao, the Sands Macao and the Plaza Macao on our complimentary shuttle bus service operates between our Cotai properties and the City of Dreams. This service will cease once pedestrian bridges have been constructed to connect the Cotai properties. All of these routes maintain a regular schedule although exact operating hours are dependent on the specific route. Most routes operate for at least 16 hours every day.

### CotaiLimo

Our CotaiLimo service fleet consists of 71 limousines and operates 24 hours per day and includes three signature vehicles, a Maybach 62, a Bentley Arnage and a Rolls Royce Phantom EWB, which are provided on an exclusive basis to our VIP and premium players. Fleet deployment is managed through a centralized dispatch office for all pre-booked services while additional vehicles are on standby at various locations to provide "on demand" services. As a result of the conversion of some vehicles to dual plate limousines, which would allow such vehicles to operate in both Macau and mainland China, we expect that cross-border business, which we currently outsource, can be provided internally in the near future.

### **Cotai Ticketing**

Our Cotai Ticketing operations were established in 2007 and provide all ticketing requirements for events and services at The Venetian Macao and the Sands Macao. Cotai Ticketing currently sells tickets for the CotaiArena, "Zaia," Sands Theater events, Venetian Ballroom events, Venetian pool parties, Gondola rides and the CotaiJet ferry. Our Cotai Ticketing operations consist of eight box office locations across The Venetian Macao, one box office at the Sands Macao and a call center based in Macau with three language options and both a Macau and Hong Kong direct phone number. We also sell tickets online 24-hours a day at our website, www.CotaiTicketing.com, which is available in numerous language options.

### **Travel Agencies**

We have our own travel agency, Cotai Travel Services. We have also developed partnerships with a large number of tour and travel companies throughout Asia. These agencies assist with reservations and booking for travel to Macau and for various shows and other activities and entertainment amenities at our properties in Cotai.

### MARKETING

We advertise through several types of media and undertake various marketing activities to promote our operations. These activities capitalize upon our well-recognized Sands, Venetian and Paiza brands, our product offerings and our network of relationships with travel service providers. We seek to attract customers through the following marketing activities and plans:

- Advertising. We have an internal advertising team responsible for promoting our properties and marketing preferred products and services to potential customers in the region. Advertising includes newspapers, magazines, billboards, radio and television spots (to the extent permitted by Macau and other applicable laws) and handouts that promote general market awareness of our properties and brands.
- Casino marketing. We engage in extensive marketing to our players, subject to the requirements of Macau and other applicable laws. We have developed gaming patron databases in order to attract new and repeat premium players as well as marketing strategies to attract mass market customers. Where permitted, we actively engage in direct marketing and telemarketing targeted at specific market segments. In addition, we engage in database marketing which focuses on the premium players in our rolling chip segment.

 Cotai Rewards Club. We operate the Cotai Rewards Club, which gives members rewards including complimentary gifts, restaurant discounts and invitations to exclusive events at The Venetian Macao and the Sands Macao.

• Media and public relations. We utilize the local, regional and international media as a tool to market our properties to a large number of people across several market segments. Such publicity includes press releases or conferences relating to our projects and operations before experimentation of people across several market segments. Such a second operations of the media and public relations team that develops and maintains our media relationships. Members of the media and public relations team that see a specialize in communicating with the media on matters that are of public interest and also

work to ensure that accurate and timely messages are communicated to the public on matters which are important for our brand image.

- Paiza Club. As part of our premium branding strategy and our efforts to cater to "high-end" gaming customers, we operate the Paiza Club, which is a membership club reserved for our VIP and premium players. Invitation-only benefits for Paiza Club members include private limousine, helicopter and jetfoil service, 24-hour concierge service, private entrances and club lounges, privileged access to VIP rooms and exclusive VIP suites, 24-hour butler service and food and beverage services.
- Sales network. We have 40 sales positions in Macau and other regions throughout Asia, 25
  of which are focused on MICE sales. Our sales staff works in conjunction with experts in
  operations, information technology and other departments to develop messages and invitations
  for our target market segments. Our sales people are compensated on an incentive basis
  based on revenue attributable to their clients.
- Special events. We also host different types of entertainment events and exclusive functions designed to attract customers to our properties, including parties at peak period times or during special occasions. We target various market segments with customer-specific events, which are designed to cater to our customers' needs and expectations, with the objective of cultivating repeat customer visitation and developing long-term customer relationships. We issue invitations by conducting direct mail and e-mail campaigns, as well as by placing personal phone calls and making personal visits to select customers.

### Participation in LVS-operated International Marketing and MICE Sales

In addition to our existing sales force and MICE sales force, LVS provides us with regional marketing and sales services in markets outside of mainland China, Macau, Hong Kong and Taiwan. As part of our on-going relationship with LVS, these services are provided on a cost plus basis and are allocated between our properties and those of LVS based on the benefits received. LVS has a sales team across the U.S., Japan, South Korea, India and Singapore. These employees are involved in marketing all of the properties of LVS Group, including our properties. To ensure the impartial representation of both LVS's properties and our properties, LVS's operational guidelines specify that its sales force is required to present all of our respective properties to prospective customers, and any leads are then booked or sent to our properties for follow up. In addition, all sales compensation is based on gross sales so as not to create an advantage or disadvantage for us or LVS. At all times, we maintain the right to establish our own regional and/or global sales and marketing network should management believe it to be in our best interests. Pursuant to the Shared Services Agreement, we will reimburse LVS for a pro rata portion of such employees' compensation plus 5.0% based on the percentage of gross sales.

### **GAMING CUSTOMERS**

Our gaming customers include premium players, mass market players and Gaming Promoters who help source our VIP players. For the years ended December 31, 2006, 2007 and 2008 and for the six months ended June 30, 2009, respectively, our top five gaming customers accounted for approximately 19.3%, 30.1%, 13.1% and 21.9%, respectively, of our gross revenues. For the years ended December 31, 2006, 2007 and 2008 and the six months ended June 30, 2009, our single largest gaming customer accounted for approximately 8.5%, 13.2%, 10.5% and 10.2%, respectively, of our gross revenues.

**Premium and Mass Market Players** 

Unlike VIP players, premium and mass market players come to our properties for a variety of reasons, including our direct marketing efforts, brand recognition, selection of VIP rooms, the quality and comfort of our mass market gaming floors, and our non-gaming offerings. Premium and mass

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market players account for a significant portion of our total gross profit as no commission costs are payable, unlike in the VIP player segment.

Gaming is conducted on a cash basis, and we generally only grant credit to our players on a very limited basis such as to selected premium players. See "Risk Factors—Risks Relating to Our On-going Operations—We may be exposed to credit risk as a result of extending credit to certain of our premium players and our Gaming Promoters." We generally do not charge interest nor require any security. Repayment terms as well as gaming credit can vary case-by-case. Absent special approval, the credit period granted to our players is typically seven days, with the credit typically repaid within 15 days. As of June 30, 2009, we had established a bad debt provision of US\$25.2 million relating to the extension of credit to individual players.

### **Gaming Promoters**

VML engages Gaming Promoters to promote its VIP rooms primarily due to their knowledge of the Macau gaming market and operations, experience in the logistics of sourcing and attracting VIP players and their extensive customer relations network. Gaming Promoters are independent third parties that include both individuals and corporate entities (which must consist of solely non-corporate shareholders pursuant to Macau law). Gaming Promoters are officially licensed in Macau by the DICJ and identified by our International Marketing Department either because they are a known business operating in Macau or because they approached us directly to offer their services. As of December 31, 2006, 2007 and 2008 and as of June 30, 2009, VML engaged 16, 38, 34 and 29 Gaming Promoters, respectively.

Consistent with LVS's compliance committee policies, VML has established procedures to screen prospective Gaming Promoters prior to their engagement, and conducts periodic checks that are designed to ensure that the Gaming Promoters with whom VML associates meet suitability standards. The background checks VML performs with respect to its Gaming Promoters or their directors and key employees are limited to the information that VML can obtain under the applicable laws and procedures of each relevant jurisdiction, some of which are more comprehensive than others. For jurisdictions where VML is unable (through the relevant individual) to obtain certified records from the relevant authorities regarding the absence of a criminal record of any individual, it relies on the strict licensing process of the DICJ, together with a self declaration certified by the relevant individual, to the extent applicable, and other publicly information available through database searches. There can be no assurance that VML is able to obtain all information that may be relevant to VML's assessment of the suitability of any particular Gaming Promoter. See "Risk Factors—Risks Relating to Gaming Promoters with whom we are associated, our reputation may suffer or we may be subject to sanctions, including the loss of VML's Subconcession."

VML typically enters into Gaming Promoter agreements for up to one year, unless the agreement is terminated or breached. Gaming Promoter agreements are non-exclusive and Gaming Promoters are therefore free to contract with other gaming operators in Macau. The agreement is valid as long as the Gaming Promoter has a valid license issued by the DICJ. The Gaming Promoter agreements may be terminated (i) by either party without cause upon 30 days advance written notice; (ii) upon a finding of the Gaming Promoter's unsuitability by the DICJ unless the bureau orders otherwise; (iii) in the event of dishonesty, gross negligence or willful malfeasance in the performance of Gaming Promoter duties and obligations; or (iv) if any party to the agreement cannot carry out its obligations under the agreement and this results in a material breach of the terms of the agreement.

Gaming Promoters are responsible for a significant portion of our gaming revenues. During the years ended December 31, 2006, 2007 and 2008 and the six months ended June 30, 2009, gross gaming revenue attributable to Gaming Promoters accounted for approximately US\$482.5 million, US\$1,131.3 million, US\$1,518.0 million and US\$653.3 million: (HK\$5,063.0 million), respectively, representing approximately 34.4%, 51.3%, 46.8% and 41.3% of our gross gaming revenue, respectively. We believe that we have formed strong relationships with some of the top Gaming

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Promoters in Macau and have built a network of selected Gaming Promoters that help us market our properties and source and assist in managing their VIP players at our properties. Under standard arrangements utilized in Macau, we provide Gaming Promoters with exclusive access to one or more VIP rooms and support from dealers and other casino or gaming staff, while the Gaming Promoter supplies the casino or gaming area with VIP players and guarantees a minimum amount of rolling chip purchases per month. The minimum amount of rolling chip purchases on a monthly or annual basis serves as target levels of chip sales to the relevant Gaming Promoters. However, such target levels of chips do not constitute any form of guaranteed income to VML.

VML's Gaming Promoters are compensated through commission arrangements which are calculated on a monthly basis. We generally offer our Gaming Promoters commission payment structures that are calculated by reference to revenue or monthly rolling chip turnover volumes. Under the revenue-based arrangements, the Gaming Promoter participates in the gaming operator's gaming wins or losses from the VIP players brought in by the Gaming Promoter. Wins and losses are typically split in favor of the gaming operator in proportions of 55.0% to 45.0%. Under the rolling chip turnover volumes volume model, commission rates on monthly rolling chip turnover volumes vary between 1.0% to 1.3%.

In July 2009, all Concessionaires and Subconcessionaires entered into an agreement to cap Gaming Promoter commissions. Under this agreement, commission payments to Gaming Promoters cannot exceed 1.25% of rolling chip volumes regardless of the commission structure adopted. As a result of the amendments made to Administrative Regulation No. 6/2002 by the recently enacted Administrative Regulation 27/2009 dated August 10, 2009, the Secretary of Economy and Finance of the Macau Government now has the authority to issue a dispatch implementing the 1.25% Gaming Promoter commission cap, as agreed between all Concessionaires and Subconcessionaires, which is expected to become effective on December 1, 2009. The amendment sets forth standards for what constitutes a commission to Gaming Promoters, including all types of payments, either monetary or in specie, that are made to Gaming Promoters such as food and beverage, hotel and other services and allowances. The amendment also imposes obligations on Gaming Promoters, Concessionaires and Subconcessionaires to report regularly to the DICJ and imposes fines or other sanctions for noncompliance with the commission cap or the monthly obligations to report and detail the amount of commissions paid to Gaming Promoters. In anticipation of the implementation of the commission cap, we began implementing the necessary internal control systems to ensure compliance with the additional reporting obligations and rules pursuant to Administrative Regulation 27/2009.

In addition to commissions, our Gaming Promoters historically received food and beverage allowances and hotel and transportation allowances rather than cash payments to encourage them to provide complimentary tickets, entertainment and hotel accommodation to their VIP players in order to induce them to play in VML's VIP rooms. The amounts expensed from allowances provided to VML's Gaming Promoters for the years ended December 31, 2006, 2007 and 2008 and the six months ended June 30, 2009 were US\$13.8 million, US\$32.6 million, US\$38.2 million and US\$16.6 million (HK\$128.4 million), respectively. Under the agreement to cap commissions and Administrative Regulation 29/2009, these allowances must be included in the 1.25% cap on Gaming Promoter commissions.

VML's Gaming Promoters may utilize their respective employees and other collaborators, to assist in the operation and promotion of VIP rooms. VML does not have a commercial, legal or other relationship with such collaborators and does not pay them any fees. Under VML's Gaming Promoter agreements, VML's Gaming Promoters agree to fully comply with all applicable Macau laws and regulations as well as VML's rules and procedures, including, but not limited to, those relating to gaming, Gaming Promoter licensing, gaming credit extension, internal controls and anti-money laundering laws and regulations. VML has established complaint channels for reporting any misconduct by its Gaming Promoters and their collaborators, supervises and monitors activities in its VIP rooms, and has set up surveillance systems in its VIP rooms to prevent any misconduct by its Gaming Promoters. See "Internal Controls and Anti-Money Laundering." As a result of such supervision and monitoring, the Company has terminated relationships or declined to execute agreements with Gaming Promoters due to concerns over one or more of the following: repeated untimely filing of ROVEs, identification of a major player of a Gaming Promoter as a politically exposed

person through database searches, unresolvable concerns regarding suspected side betting transactions between a Gaming Promoter and one of its players or suspected abuse of our complimentary privileges. The Company has not been subject to investigation, sanction, fine or penalty in this respect.

VML is not liable or jointly liable for any misconduct on the part of its Gaming Promoters that occurs outside of its casinos or gaming areas. During the Track Record Period, our Group was not subject to any material investigation, sanction, fine or penalty due to violations of Macau gaming laws by our Gaming Promoters.

Our Macau legal advisor has (i) reviewed the DICJ's confirmation dated September 16, 2009, which confirms full compliance by VML with the Subconcession Contract and that no default or event of default exists thereunder; (ii) made due inquiry of VML's anti-money laundering legal and regulatory framework; (iii) examined the agreements executed between VML and its five largest Gaming Promoters in terms of income contribution, as well as a random sample of VML's agreements with its remaining Gaming Promoters; (iv) inquired of several of our senior officers in relation to the modus operandi of VML's compliance checks; and (v) confirmed the nonexistence of noticed investigations by the DICJ in relation to non-compliance of VML or any Gaming Promoter engaging in business activities with VML, and is of the opinion that VML's business operations with its Gaming Promoters comply with relevant Macau laws and regulations. In addition, PwC Ltd. has assessed the control procedures on reporting the practice of criminal activities, including money laundering, by the Gaming Promoters and has concluded that nothing has come to its attention that caused it to believe that VML's anti-money laundering control procedures did not comply in all material respects with the relevant anti-money laundering statutes and guidelines in Macau for the period from July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2009. See "Summary of the Review of Anti-Money Laundering Procedures, Systems and Controls" in Appendix V to this prospectus.

From time to time, VML may extend interest-free credit to its Gaming Promoters for short-term, renewable periods, as stipulated in VML's credit agreements with its Gaming Promoters. The repayment period is typically within one month following the granting of the credit. This repayment deadline aligns with the month-end settlement deadline for local Gaming Promoters and the trip-end settlement for foreign Gaming Promoters wherein VML determines the money owed to the respective parties. This deadline provides VML with the opportunity, as stipulated in the contract, to deduct the remaining amount of credit owed from money owed to the Gaming Promoter. This credit is granted based on the performance and financial background of the relevant Gaming Promoters and that of the Gaming Promoter's guarantor, if different. Although the amount of such credit may exceed accrued commissions payable to the Gaming Promoters, it is generally secured by personal cheques from guarantors or other forms of security such as bank guarantees or letters of credit from the Gaming Promoters to VML. Credit may be granted to Gaming Promoters who have good credit histories and track records of large business volumes that may likely exceed one month of commissions payable. VML's finance and credit departments provide monthly reports, with aging analyses, on the status of credits granted to VML's Gaming Promoters. Pursuant to its Gaming Promoter contracts, VML reserves the unilateral right to make any changes in the amount of credit issued to a Gaming Promoter. In the event that a Gaming Promoter fails to repay credit granted by VML, VML has the right, pursuant to its Gaming Promoter agreements, to withhold accrued commissions payable to the Gaming Promoter to offset the credit extended until full repayment is made. The balance of VML's advances to its Gaming Promoters as of December 31, 2006, 2007 and 2008 and as of June 30, 2009 was US\$2.6 million, US\$0.4 million, US\$95.7 million and US\$102.7 million (HK\$796.0 million), respectively. The balance of VML's advances to its Gaming Promoters has increased in relation to the opening of new properties and granted more advances to secure gaming promotion services from Gaming Promoters in the Track Record Period. The balance due from VML's Gaming Promoters as of December 31, 2006; 2007; and 2008; as a percentage of gross revenue from Gaming Promoters was 0.5%, 0.0%, and 6.3%, respectively. The balance due from VML's Gaming Promoters as of the six months ended June 30, 2008 and 2009, as a percentage of gross revenue from Gaming Promoters was 7.3% and 15.7%, respectively. As of the Latest Practicable Date, our Group has collected US\$82.8 million of the US\$102.7 million (HK\$796.0 million) of advances that were outstanding as of June 30, 2009.

A Credit Committee comprised of members from the finance, legal, gaming operations, and casino marketing departments establishes and oversees credit policies and procedures. The credit committee meets on a regular basis to monitor and manage the disposition of the credit accounts to ensure credit policies and procedures are effective and being followed and to take any necessary follow-up action to recover overdue debts and to minimize credit risk. The VML credit department, credit collection department, and credit committee review the recoverable amount of each individual advance and receivable from VML's Gaming Promoters at each balance sheet date to ensure that adequate impairment losses are made for irrecoverable amounts. As a result, our Directors consider our exposure to credit risk on these advances and receivables to be significantly reduced.

Our Macau legal advisor has confirmed that VML is legally entitled to extend credit for gaming pursuant to the Law No. 5/2004, enacted on June 14, 2004 ("Gaming Credit Law") and such credit is enforceable in Macau courts. During the Track Record Period, VML did not experience any material default with respect to credit extended to its Gaming Promoters. As of June 30, 2009, however, we had a bad debt provision of US\$93,161 for one foreign Gaming Promoter.

### SUPPLIERS

We depend on our suppliers to provide primarily construction, engineering and consulting services. In 2006, 2007, 2008 and the six months ended June 30, 2009, our five largest suppliers accounted for approximately 52.2%, 31.8%, 30.0% and 26.4%, respectively, of our total product and services purchases. In 2006, 2007, 2008 and the six months ended June 30, 2009, our single largest supplier accounted for approximately 22.6%, 9.5%, 8.8% and 10.0%, respectively, of our total products and services purchases. In general, suppliers grant us credit periods of 35 to 60 days.

### **EMPLOYEES**

As of September 30, 2009, we had 15,732 full-time employees, including 4,216 dealers at our casinos and gaming areas. We hire temporary employees on an as-needed basis. Most of our workforce has been recruited from Macau but we also employ experienced casino or gaming staff recruited from outside Macau. The following table sets forth the number of our employees as of the date indicated:

	As of December 31,			As of September 30,
	2006	2007	2008	2009
Management and Administrative	170	381	408	426
Gaming	5,726	9,335	8,871	7,804(1)
Hotel	157	1,217	1,222	1,092
Retail	3	51	60	50
Food and Beverage	1,234	3,136	2,806	2,297
Property Operations	10	1,772	1,683	1,450
Marketing	. 41	59	123	85
MICE	26	114	47	43
Others	1,354	2,934	3,278	2,485
Total	8,721	18,999	18,498	15,732

(1) Includes 159 international marketing employees.

The Macau Government has granted us permission to hire foreign workers subject to a quota. Our quota is also used by our contractors for the construction of our Cotai Strip projects but we remain ultimately liable for all employer obligations relating to these employees, including for payment of wages and taxes and compliance with labor and workers' compensation laws. See "Risk Factors— Risks Relating to Our On-going Operations—We may have financial and other obligations to foreign workers managed by our construction contractors under government labor quotas."

We are not aware of any union activity. Generally, we believe that we have good relations with our employees. See also "Risk Factors-Risks Relating to Our On-going Operations-We depend on

the continued services of key management personnel and we may not be able to attract and retain professional staff necessary for our existing and future properties in Macau."

As of the Latest Practicable Date, our Group was in compliance with all currently applicable labor and employment regulations. We currently have in place internal control systems and risk management procedures to monitor compliance with labor, employment and other applicable regulations. Going forward, our Company, through its legal department, will continue to monitor all labor issues to ensure compliance with all applicable labor and employment regulations.

### INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

We have registered or applied to register numerous trademarks in connection with our properties, facilities and development projects. We have also entered into trademark license agreements with members of the LVS Group that give us access to certain trademarks owned by the LVS Group. These trademarks are brand names under which we market our properties and services. We consider these brand names to be important to our business since they have the effect of developing brand identification and awareness. We believe that the name recognition, reputation and image that we have developed attract customers to our facilities. It is our intent to pursue and maintain our trademark registrations and our trademark agreements with the LVS Group consistent with our goals for brand development and identification, and enforcement of our trademark rights. See "Connected Transactions."

#### INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

We believe that we operate one of the most advanced information technology systems in the Macau gaming market. Our information technology team is responsible for ensuring all systems and applications are running at their optimal levels. Our information technology team consists of departments ranging from security and compliance to infrastructure, with a set of proven and highly integrated solutions for the day-to-day operation of our integrated resorts and gaming areas. Our information technology infrastructure includes firewalls, virus protection, intrusion protection and monitoring which works in conjunction with redundant servers for all major applications. In line with our strategic goal of improving the cost-effectiveness of our operations, we intend to continue to develop these systems to provide further operational efficiencies. We will also focus on upgrading our systems and infrastructure for compliance and to further integrate our applications in order to allow the business to function efficiently and effectively. We also aim to provide a stable and reliable platform that will allow employees and guests to more readily understand our integrated resort offerings and options for gaming and to provide a convenient and reliable way for our guests to book reservations.

### INSURANCE

VML's Subconcession Contract requires us to maintain a minimum level of insurance. We maintain all-risk property insurance which covers damage caused by a casualty loss (such as fire and natural disasters) for our operating properties and ferries, as well as additional coverage for our development projects, transportation insurance which covers the transport of gaming chips, playing cards and equipment; third party liability coverage and employee compensation and medical insurance for gaming staff. Each such policy has customary exclusions. We plan to purchase similar policies for our future properties. We also carry some business interruption insurance. See also "Risk Factors—Risks Relating to Our On-going Operations—Our insurance coverage may not be adequate to cover all possible losses that our properties could suffer. In addition, our insurance costs may increase and we may not be able to obtain the same insurance coverage in the future."

Our Group utilizes the same internal control and anti-money laundering policies as VML. VML's anti-money laundering policies were modeled after the requirements of former Nevada Gaming Commission Regulation 6A and the particular requirements of Macau law. See "Internal Controls and

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Anti-Money Laundering." Our Group's internal controls and anti-money laundering policies were also designed to comply with all applicable requirements under the Nevada Gaming Control Act, including the foreign gaming provisions of the Nevada Gaming Control Act, and requirements relating to our planned and on-going gaming activities and associations.

Our knowledge of the gaming regulations of Nevada, Singapore and Pennsylvania and the suitability and good character requirements is based on information from LVS's corporate compliance team, which monitors compliance with gaming and regulatory laws in all jurisdictions in which its subsidiaries operate including Nevada, Pennsylvania and Singapore and includes a corporate compliance compliance compliance officer, and a corporate compliance department which reports to the corporate compliance officer. The compliance officers of LVS' subsidiaries in Singapore and Pennsylvania also have a reporting relationship with the corporate compliance department and committee. In addition, our Group participates in quarterly corporate compliance committee meetings of the LVS Group, which include members of LVS's compliance teams in Nevada, Pennsylvania and Singapore.

Because we have our own Compliance Department and participate in the Corporate Compliance Committee where reports are made from members of the Corporate Compliance Committee regarding Nevada matters, and from the Compliance Officers in Singapore and Pennsylvania and because the Corporate Compliance Officer has knowledge of the gaming and other regulatory laws in Nevada, Pennsylvania and Singapore, neither we nor the Corporate Compliance Officer typically consult with outside legal counsel for day-to-day compliance issues. However, outside counsel may be engaged for regulatory matters if, for instance, there is any uncertainty in the interpretation or application of any regulatory requirement.

### ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

We confirm that there were no material environmental pollution incidents discovered during the Track Record Period, and that all the required permits and environmental approvals for construction were obtained and that there was no administrative penalty imposed upon our Group as a result of violation of environmental rules and regulations. In the absence of any complaints stating otherwise, our Macau legal advisors are of the opinion that our Group complies with Macau regulations and environmental rules and regulations in force.

### LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

In January 2008, Hong Kong ferry operator, Norte Oeste Expresso Ltd., filed an administrative action challenging an order from the Chief Executive of the MSAR with respect to the Macau Government's entry into an agreement with Cotai Ferry Company Limited related to the operation of ferry service between Hong Kong and Taipa. The administrative action named our indirect, wholly owned subsidiary, Cotai Ferry Company Limited (previously named Cotai Waterjets (Macau) Limited) as an interested party. The basis of the legal challenge is that under Macau law any concessions on agreements related to the provision of a public service must be awarded through a public tender process. In February 2009, the Court of Second Instance in Macau held that it was unlawful for the Macau Government to enter into the ferry agreement with Cotal Ferry Company Limited without engaging in a public tender process, and therefore the ferry agreement with Cotai Ferry Company Limited is void. Based on the advice of our Macau legal advisor, we believe that we have complied with all applicable laws and procedures and Macau practice with respect to entry into the ferry agreement. We believe that all other agreements with the Macau Government to operate ferries to and from Macau were entered into in the same fashion as the ferry agreement with Cotai Ferry Company Limited. Accordingly, we and the Macau Government have appealed the decision to the Court of Final Appeal in Macau. We have been advised by our Macau legal advisor that the appeals process could take several months. We will cooperate with the Macau Government during the appeal period to resolve this matter. We expect to continue to operate our ferry service until a decision on the appeal is rendered or the matter is otherwise resolved. If the decision is upheld by the Court of Final Appeal, the ferry agreement entered into by Cotai Ferry Company Limited may be void, absent other action by the Macau Government.

Our Macau legal advisor is of the opinion that, although uncertain, the outcome of the decision of the Court of Final Appeal is more likely to be unfavorable than favorable. As the dispute relates to challenging the entry into the ferry agreement and no financial amount is claimed by the plaintiffs, we are unable to estimate the potential losses to our Group as a result of such an adverse ruling. We are exploring the legal rights and remedies available to protect our ferry operations and investments and, should we receive an adverse ruling, will explore all legal options with the Macau Government to try to ensure that we suffer no ferry business disruption. We expect the Macau Government to take measures to secure the continuous operations of ferry services to and from Taipa in order to protect the public interest, and we believe we would be permitted to continue to operate our business on this basis. If it is determined that we are unable to continue to operate our ferry service, we will attempt to develop alternative means of attracting and transporting visitors to our Cotai Strip properties. If we are unable to do so, we might suffer from a significant loss of visitors to our Cotai Strip properties, which could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition, results of operations, or cash flow. Such event could also result in a potential impairment charge on the approximately US\$244.2 million in capitalized costs related to our ferry operations as of June 30, 2009. Please see "Risk Factors-Risks Relating to Our Cotai Strip Development" for a discussion of the impact of the loss of our ferry agreement. For the years ended December 31, 2007 and 2008 and the six months ended June 30, 2009, which were the periods during which our CotaiJet ferry was in operation, our net revenues derived from ancillary operations, which includes ferry, convention and retail operations, amounted to US\$17.9 million, US\$66.4 million and US\$38.4 million (HK\$297.7 million), respectively.

On December 2, 2008, we received a notice of referral to arbitration from Ngo Kee (Macau) Limited ("Ngo Kee"), our independent contractor, which alleged various claims for additional costs and damages relating to valuation and measurement of the podium themed external facades, delays and prolongation of construction period and valuation of variations relating to work performed on The Venetian Macao and totaling approximately US\$74.8 million. Based on information submitted by Ngo Kee in support of its claims, our construction manager and cost consultant have assessed Ngo Kee's entitlement to be approximately US\$6.6 million (MOP53.2 million) against the items in dispute, of which we have paid approximately US\$5.4 million (MOP43.4 million) as of September 30, 2009.<sup>(1)</sup> We are currently preparing to file a cross claim for liquidated damages for late completion and defective works and the matter is currently in arbitration.

On July 20, 2009, we received a notice of referral to arbitration from Prema Birkdale Horticulture (Macau) Ltd ("Prema Birkdale"), our independent contractor, relating to the valuation of work completed to the date of suspension, suspension costs, tendering costs and loss of profit relating to work performed on Parcels 5 and 6 and totaling approximately US\$5.4 million. On October 9, 2009, Prema Birkdale issued a revised final account, reducing the amount of their claim to approximately US\$3.0 million. Our construction manager and cost consultant have assessed Prema Birkdale's entitlement to be approximately US\$1.9 million against the disputed items, which has been paid as of the Latest Practicable Date.<sup>(1)</sup>

On October 5, 2009, we received a notice of referral to arbitration from Chun Wo-San Meng Fai JV ("Chun Wo"), our independent contractor, for additional costs and damages relating to construction of the reinforced concrete frame and space frame roof for The CotaiArena and meeting facilities at The Venetian Macao totaling approximately US\$25.1 million. Based on the information submitted by Chun Wo in support of its claims, our construction manager and cost consultant have assessed that we will not have any further liability to Chun Wo for any additional costs or damages after deductions of items that the Company considers due from Chun Wo.(1) and the second second second second second second second second Our construction manager and cost consultant's assessment of each contractor or claimant's entitlement is based on their (1) professional opinion (as administrators of the contracts) of the contractual basis of each claim and, when a contractual basis to a claim is established, the extent to which the amount claimed, if any, has been substantiated. Reasons for the differences in the amounts claimed and the assessments include, without limitation; (1) differences in the interpretation of the provisions of the relevant contracts; (2) differences in the interpretation of the relevant Macau laws; (3) differences over the proper application of principles of valuation and measurement; (4) failure by each of the contractors to establish a proper contractual or legal basis for the claims; (5) failure by the contractors to account for their own culpability; (6) failure by the contractors to satisfactorily substantiate the quantum of their claims; and (7) the Company's assessment of the claimant's litigation strategy, which typically involves alleging the highest number and amount of plausible claims.

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We establish our contingency provisions based on the professional judgment of our cost consultants, construction managers and in-house construction and development team. The contingencies for each respective project are separately established and we consider them to be adequate to meet the contingent liabilities which may arise as a result of an unfavorable outcome to any of the above arbitrations.

On January 21, 2009, three Macau residents commenced court proceedings against VML, VCL, Venetian Travel Limited, LVS and Bank of Nova Scotia to obtain a court order declaring null and void all Macau-registered trademarks, or applications for trademark registration in Macau, containing the expression, "Cotai Strip." The defendants have filed their reply with the court, and the suit is now pending. There is no quantifiable financial impact that would result from the loss of these trademarks. Our Macau legal advisor is of the opinion that a favorable outcome is likely and that there will be no out-of-court settlement.

On October 16, 2009, we received a letter from counsel to Far East Consortium International Ltd. notifying us that it may pursue various claims seeking, among other things, monetary damages and entitlement to an ownership interest in Parcel 3, which was granted to us in accordance with the Subconcession Contract. We believe such claims, which are based on a non-legally binding memorandum of agreement that expired by its terms over three years ago, are frivolous, baseless and without merit. We intend to vigorously contest any claims or lawsuits brought by Far East Consortium International Ltd. Far East Consortium International Ltd. Is an affiliate of a Bondholder.

In addition to the matters described above, we are party to various legal matters and claims arising in the ordinary course of business.

Other than our disputes in relation to our ferry services, Ngo Kee, and Chun Wo described above, we believe that we are currently not involved in any litigation, arbitration or other administrative proceedings which, if decided against us, would individually or in the aggregate have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations or cash flows.





### **INTERNAL CONTROLS**

VML has established internal control policies and procedures for the management of its casinos, gaming areas and other related operations. VML's internal control system is designed to meet the internal control requirements issued by the DICJ set forth in DICJ Instruction 2/2006 on Anti-Money Laundering, any applicable laws and regulations in Macau as well as the requirements set forth in the Subconcession Contract between VML, Galaxy and the Macau Government. These include but are not limited to the following:

- table game management, such as table fills and credits, table opening and closing, gaming payouts, and safeguarding of cash and chips on tables, playing cards and dice;
- slot operations management, such as slot counts, slot ticket redemption, jackpot payout and monthly inventory count;
- cage and count management, such as drop box collection, counting procedures at all cashiers and treasury offices, and banking procedures;
- management of VML's premium player programs and Gaming Promoters, such as commissions and allowances;
- fraud prevention, such as surveillance monitoring, fraud detection, key controls, internal audit and follow-up investigations;
- risk management, such as regular exception reviews, independent internal audit process and independent compliance committee review;
- financial closing and reporting; and
- anti-money laundering procedures, such as procedures on reporting large sum transactions and suspicious transactions; on-going monitoring of gaming-related currency transactions and operations by Gaming Promoters; and staff training. See "—Anti-Money Laundering."

### **Table Game Management**

VML has established internal control procedures which include, among other things, table fills and credits, pit marker reconciliation and transfer, chip purchase, voucher issuance, rolling of non-negotiable chips, table drop and table inventory, key controls, card and dice controls, and disposal of gaming assets. VML uses information technology systems such as Table Touch, a table games management system that helps us conduct several day-to-day pit operations, stores security photos, sets floor and game event alerts, produces reports, issues complimentary requests and accesses floor and player information, and Advanced Casino Systems Corporation system ("ACSC"), a casino information technology system that we license for purposes of managing slot monitoring, which provides an audit trail for accounting and player database management.

On a daily basis, staff from the DICJ inspect and monitor key processes, such as the issuance of chips, table fills and credits, drop box collections and the counting of cash and chips. The DICJ verifies revenues from table games on a daily basis.

# **Slot Operation Management**

VML uses a cashless wagering system in its slot operations. Cashless wagering is a gaming system in which wagering can be conducted through use of a magnetic strip player card, which accesses a player's account at the host system in the casino or gaming area. All slot machines operated by VML have been certified by independent test laboratories for compliance with regulatory requirements of Gaming Laboratories International's Standard on Gaming Devices in Casinos (GLI 11) or other acceptable standard of the DICJ, to ensure all equipment operates within industry and manufacturer's specifications and in accordance with regulatory requirements. VML has established internal control procedures to manage the slot wagering system and to cover slot drop and count, ticket

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redemption, jackpot pay-out, player tracking and slot audit procedures, among other procedures, to ensure the slot operations meet the internal control requirements of the DICJ.

DICJ on-site inspectors are involved in daily slot operations. The movement of slot machines, adoption of new slot games, modification to existing games as well as disposition of slot machines must be authorized by the DICJ in advance. When jackpot pay-outs exceed certain limits, DICJ inspectors are informed and witness the pay-out. Slot drop and count procedures are monitored by the DICJ in order to verify the accuracy of the revenue from slot operations. At the end of each month, all slot machines operated by VML are reconciled for revenue and accounting purposes in accordance with DICJ Instructions. The premiums payable per slot machine pursuant to VML's Subconcession Contract are then computed based upon this reconciliation and it is sent to the DICJ for verification and confirmation before final payment is issued.

### Cage and Count Management

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VML has adopted comprehensive controls over the cage and count operations, which cover, among other areas, chip inventory, cash count, slot ticket in/ticket out count, chip movement, daily revenue calculations and reconciliation with DICJ inspectors on daily revenues. VML's internal control procedures set out controls over these risk sensitive areas, particularly the controls over chips and the movement of chips. We closely monitor access to all sensitive areas such as cages, count rooms and vaults in compliance with clearly defined procedures set forth in our internal control system.

### Internal Control Measures Relating to Chips

VML employs internal control measures on purchasing, receipt, storage, issuing, redemption of chips and destruction of chips. Also, VML has implemented the following internal control measures applicable to any cage where chips are stored:

- keys are kept in electronic key safes with restricted access;
- electronic security systems have been installed at all cages, including the use of biometric and badge scans at main entry points of the cage to prevent unauthorized access;
- cages are guarded by personnel from VML's security department to prevent unauthorized entry;
- surveillance cameras have been installed to monitor entry and exit at the cages;
- stock records for each cage are kept by VML's finance department and are reconciled on a monthly basis;
- personnel from VML's finance department conduct comprehensive physical counts of VML chips on a quarterly basis, together with representatives from the DICJ; and
- personnel from VML's finance department reconcile the movement of chips and cage inventory at VML on a per shift basis.

VML's internal audit department periodically inspects the cages and counts selected VML chip inventories on a non-scheduled basis. In addition, on a quarterly basis, representatives from the DICJ and VML's internal audit department would be present and observe the counting process conducted by personnel from VML's finance department. VML's internal audit department also conducts periodic gaming-related audits pursuant to an annual audit plan that is filed with the DICJ and that complies with DICJ requirements.

### Cage and Vault Inventory

Cage and vault inventories are counted by two employees at the end of every shift if any activity has taken place. If no activity took place, this procedure is performed at least once daily. The count is recorded on a cage inventory form, which tracks the inventory of chips and is signed by both employees.

All transactions that flow through the casino cage are reflected on a main bank accountability sheet, which is the balance sheet in which VML's finance department uses to balance chips, cash, foreign exchange, disbursements and other accountabilities at the end of each shift. The main bank accountability sheet must be supported by appropriate documentation which tracks any increases or decreases in the cage inventory. This documentation will indicate the date and shift, the purpose of the increase or decrease, the person(s) completing the transaction, and where there is a decrease, indicates the person or department receiving the cage funds.

The main bank accountability sheets and cage inventory forms are forwarded to VML's internal audit department on a daily basis and the changes to accountability are reflected in the accounting system through preparation of a daily general ledger journal entry.

### Table Drop and Count Procedures

The table chip inventories are counted and table drop boxes are removed daily at the end of the 24-hour period when the gaming day ends. The table chip inventories are recorded in the Table Touch System by a pit boss who is independent of the table inventory count and verification process.

The contents of the drop boxes are counted daily by an independent count team. The count team is independent with respect to supervision and the transactions being reviewed and counted. For internal control purposes, members of the count team rotate job functions on a periodic basis. The room where funds are counted is secured with restricted access and surveillance coverage. DICJ inspectors witness and perform an independent reconciliation of count funds. After the daily count data is reconciled and agreed by the DICJ, it is uploaded into the ACSC using the software developed by our count equipment manufacturer. Once count data has been uploaded into the ACSC, no subsequent alteration is allowed.

All table drop boxes are sealed with seals provided by the DICJ. Any exceptions are reported immediately to the DICJ representative. An internal review of any procedural violations is immediately initiated with assistance from VML's surveillance department.

# Slot Drop and Count Procedures

The collection and counting of slot machine funds (the "slot drop") is performed on days and times designated by the DICJ in writing but are performed at least bi-weekly. Prior to the slot drop, we must notify VML's surveillance department and the on-site DICJ inspector.

The count is performed in a count room with restricted access and surveillance coverage. The team which collects the funds from the slot machines is called the "drop team." The drop team is independent with respect to supervision and the transactions being reviewed, counted and recorded in VML's accounting system. The team that counts the funds (the "count team") consists of at least three individuals. The count team members are rotated so that the count team does not consist of the same three individuals on more than four days per week. Each member of the count team is independent with respect to supervision and the transactions being reviewed and counted. en alle a traditioner a

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currency counters and interface are tested (all types of wagering instruments that are counted in the count rooms are tested) by VML's internal audit department at least quarterly. These tests are performed on an unannounced basis and results are documented and retained. a nona como alabora en como la borre centro e estado de estador e prodora e como como de estador por a da servicio de la companya de la c La companya de la comp

# **Management of Premium Player Programs and Gaming Promoters**

VML has offered incentive programs to both premium players and Gaming Promoters using the rolling of non-negotiable chips as the basis for commissions, complimentary allowances and other incentives. All incentive programs are managed and monitored by various departments such as marketing, gaming, finance, surveillance and compliance to ensure that all programs are carried out according to VML's established procedures and controls.

All incentive programs must be approved by senior management and documented in writing with standard terms and conditions. Settlement of the programs must be executed according to the timeline set forth within programs and related settlement procedures. Withholding taxes are withheld from the Gaming Promoter program settlements as required by the DICJ.

Gaming Promoters who wish to participate in VML's incentive programs must be licensed by the DICJ in advance. Employees of the Gaming Promoters operating within VML properties must be properly identified and display a badge. Key employees and collaborators of the licensed Gaming Promoters must be registered with the DICJ. VML's compliance department maintains a register to capture information on Gaming Promoters, including responsible persons, commission schemes, license numbers as well as quarterly updated lists of all employees and collaborators of the licensed Gaming Gaming Promoters for government filing and internal record purposes.

In addition to the initial licensing review conducted by VML's compliance department, all licensed Gaming Promoters are subject to on-going review and monitoring. A recheck of the backgrounds of all Gaming Promoters' shareholders holding no less than a 5.0% interest in the Gaming Promoter's company as well as their directors is conducted once every two years according to the VML's internal procedures. For details on the measures undertaken by VML to prevent breaches of its obligations as a Subconcessionaire and to prevent misconduct by Gaming Promoters, see "—Anti-Money Laundering—Regulatory Regime—Anti-Money Laundering Controls."

### **Fraud Prevention and Detection**

VML has implemented a system designed to detect cheating and fraud scams in table and slot games, which includes a comprehensive surveillance system and experienced surveillance monitoring and security enforcement teams. Prevention and investigation of fraud and cheating in VML's casino and gaming areas is primarily carried out by the gaming operations department with the cooperation of the finance, security and surveillance departments. VML's surveillance department operates independently from all other operational departments to ensure integrity of operations and compliance with operational policies and procedures.

In addition, VML employs what it believes to be "state-of-the-art" technology and techniques in its gaming facilities to prevent and detect potential fraud, cheating or counterfeiting activities. These methods include the use of cards and chips with embedded authentication features such as holograms in chips and barcodes on cards, infrared readers, money note scanners, electronic card readers and a 24-hour closed circuit television ("CCTV") surveillance system. All gaming equipment inventory and card sorting and storage are under 24-hour CCTV surveillance. The majority of the playing cards are pre-shuffled by the manufacturer and properly secured in VML's playing-card room and a log book is kept for the issuance and receipt of playing cards to and from the casino or gaming areas. In addition, all VIP room gaming tables are equipped with dealing shoes that not only assist in preventing cheating but also interface with the CCTV system as well.

Staff of the table games division of VML's gaming operations department and surveillance department are also trained in gaming protection techniques. VML's table games division and surveillance department conduct reviews and checks on gaming equipment independent of VML's internal audit department to help ensure that game integrity has not been compromised and to help prevent collusion.

In addition, VML's surveillance department monitors large betting activities or any irregular activity reported by the gaming operations or security department. VML's surveillance department monitors all activities in the casino or gaming areas through the use of a CCTV network of security cameras placed throughout the casino or gaming areas. Whenever there is a table loss of a certain value, close-up and enlarged images of the table activities are reviewed to detect any potential cheating. VML's surveillance department scrutinizes any losses by reviewing gaming equipment, gaming activities and/ or patrons and personnel involved. High resolution video images of the gaming activities recorded are typically archived for a period of no less than seven days. In more sensitive areas such as the cages, images are archived for longer periods.

VML's dealers, supervisors, cashiers, cash and chip counters, security, count, and surveillance personnel are subject to a rotation plan in order to mitigate the risk of wrongdoing resulting from collusion.

Access to all sensitive areas such as count rooms, inventory store rooms, and cages is safeguarded with the use of physical access controls, including staff identification cards, biometrics, passwords, keys, double-layered doors and security guards. Access to the gaming systems such as ACSC and Table Touch is also controlled and managed. Only authorized team members are allowed access to the gaming systems in performing their daily tasks. Access to customer deposit accounts which are dormant for more than 60 days would require the cage shift manager's override before access is allowed. Daily delivery of all gaming table drop boxes to VML count rooms are also escorted by VML's security officers or other personnel, while under the independent scrutiny of VML's surveillance department.

VML also works closely with officers of the Judiciary Police of the MSAR, which are stationed 24-hours at VML's casino or gaming areas. If a member of VML's staff identifies suspicious activity which may constitute a crime, VML's security department must report such activity to the stationed officers for further investigation, regardless of whether the victim wishes to pursue to case. In addition, VML's security department conducts daily joint sweeps of the gaming floor to ensure that Macau Government blacklisted persons, money launderers, terrorists and other sanctioned individuals are not present in the casino or gaming areas.

### **Procedures for Extension of Credit**

VML extends credit based on an evaluation of all available personal, business and gaming information relating to a gaming patron or Gaming Promoter. Regardless of the country of origin, VML will conduct background checks and searches on all credit applicants with respect to gaming history, bank reference information, and criminal background. VML also conducts searches on databases of relevant jurisdictions and Internet news and public records.

In addition to the above measures, VML also requires a personal cheque from each credit player as a collateral form of advance payment. This policy has been used effectively as a collection vehicle and as proof of the gaming patron's intention to honor the gaming debt.

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# Risk Management Processes

**Regular Exception Review** All exceptions or variances from the internal control procedures or the standard operating procedures in all operating areas such as table games, slots and cages as well as non-gaming outlet cashiers, including cash variances, are documented as exceptions and discussed at least bi-monthly at a meeting involving department heads responsible for these respective areas. Corrective or follow-up actions are documented for future trend analysis and for internal records. **Independent Auditing Process** VML employs a team of internal auditors to perform gaming regulatory, operational and financial audits on a regular basis, which includes audits of the internal control systems. VML's internal audit

department conducts its audits pursuant to an annual audit plan that covers gaming and non-gaming-related areas of VML's business. The audit plan is developed based on (i) regulatory requirements of the DICJ and other regulatory requirements; and (ii) a formal company-wide risk assessment that identifies areas of material risk to VML's operations. The department also audits VML's network of risk management, control, and governance processes for their adequacy. As of the Latest Practicable Date, there were 19 internal auditors in VML's internal audit department.

#### Independent Compliance Committee Review

VML's compliance committee was formed in 2003. It consists of representatives from the legal, compliance, finance, gaming operations, surveillance, security, investigation and internal audit departments. The committee meets once a quarter or upon special request, including by a member of the compliance committee or senior management, to review all material compliance related matters since the last meeting. The compliance committee provides resolutions or recommendations on material control or compliance-related matters.

#### Independent Reporting Hotline

VML has an ethics reporting hotline which is administered by an outside independent party located in Portland, Oregon, U.S.A. The hotline is designed to provide a reporting channel for employees within VML to report any ethical or legal concerns such as suspected accounting fraud, unethical behavior, violations of VML's policies and/or violations of laws and regulations. Reported matters are fully reviewed and investigated by VML and a summary of the reported matters is reported to VML's compliance committee at least once a quarter. Material matters must also be reported to the audit committee.

#### Crime Insurance Coverage

Under the LVS Group Crime Protection Policy, VML has a coverage limit of US\$10.0 million per occurrence and a deductible of US\$0.1 million for each claim. The policy insures against employee dishonesty, forgery or alteration of cheques and other banking instruments, computer and fund transfer fraud, unpaid money orders and counterfeit paper currency, loss of money and securities, including chips, inside our premises or banking premises and outside these premises so long as under the custody of a messenger or armored motor vehicle company.

### Other Risk Management Tools

VML has a defined Approval and Authorization Policy for expenditures. Under the policy, proper approval of all purchase orders must be obtained and, for projects that exceed certain thresholds, VML must follow tendering procedures when selecting vendors and service providers. With the exception of purchase orders for the purchase of goods with standard terms and conditions that have previously been approved, all contracts are reviewed by our legal department.

VML's key departments have job description manuals in which roles and responsibilities are clearly specified and communicated. Employee handbooks as well as VML's Code of Conduct and other important corporate governance policies are issued to all new recruits upon commencement of work within VML. Staff working in gaming-related areas are required to attend specific pre-job training programs provided by the gaming operations department and complete anti-money laundering live training prior to commencing work. A performance evaluation system has also been put in place for staff evaluation, feedback and performance improvement purposes.

The conclusion in PwC Ltd.'s report on the limited assurance engagement on VML's anti-money laundering internal control system states that, based on PwC Ltd.'s limited assurance engagement, nothing has come to PwC Ltd.'s attention that causes PwC Ltd. to believe that VML's anti-money laundering control procedures do not comply, in all material respects, with anti-money

laundering statutes and guidelines for the period from July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2009. See "Summary of the Review of Anti-Money Laundering Procedures, Systems and Controls" in Appendix V to this prospectus for a full copy of this report. See also "Risk Factors—Risks Relating to Our On-going Operations—We may be unable to maintain effective internal controls, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows," and "Risk Factors—Risks Relating to Our On-going Operations—We may not be able to prevent the occurrence of money laundering activities at our casino or gaming areas in spite of our anti-money laundering policies and compliance with applicable anti-money laundering laws." VML is also implementing additional measures and procedures to continue to enhance its anti-money laundering internal control system.

# **Financial Closing and Reporting**

VML has developed a comprehensive set of policies and procedures for its financial closing and reporting process. This covers accounts preparation, recording, reconciliations and reporting. Monthly and quarterly financial reports are prepared by VML's finance department and reviewed by VML's senior management. VML is also required to provide periodic reports to the DICJ which include, but are not limited to: (i) quarterly trial balances; (ii) quarterly cash count reports; (iii) quarterly bank account reconciliations; (iv) annual lists of fixed assets; (v) audited annual consolidated and unconsolidated financial statements; and (vi) monthly gaming tax payment schedules. The DICJ also performs periodic site audits and obtains third party confirmations relating to VML, including those from VML's banks.

### ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING

# **Regulatory Regime**

VML has complied with all of its material obligations under the relevant laws and regulations as required by the Subconcession Contract as well as all relevant laws and regulations relating to anti-money laundering. For Macau's regulatory regime on anti-money laundering measures that are applicable to VML, see "Regulation-Anti-Money Laundering Regulations."

# **Anti-Money Laundering Controls**

VML has put in place controls designed to detect and prevent money laundering in casino or gaming operations and, in May 2004, established an anti-money laundering compliance team.

Whenever there are changes in the anti-money laundering laws and regulations, the compliance department, along with other operational departments, updates VML's policies and procedures accordingly. Any new legal and regulatory changes are communicated to VML by the DICJ in the form of DICJ Instructions. VML will meet and discuss with the DICJ any unclear issues in the DICJ Instruction so as to attain a common understanding and interpretation of the regulatory requirements. The DICJ's approval of VML's anti-money laundering policies and procedures is only required at the time of its initial adoption. Subsequently, with respect to minor revisions, it is sufficient to notify the DICUtion an annual basis for information and recording purposes. However, if there are any major changes in the relevant laws and regulations, such as when a new DICJ Instruction is issued; VML is required to substantially amend its anti-money laundering policies and procedures and to submit the revised version to the DICJ for approval. and the second second and grandstate network the configuration and and the configuration with the second second second second second On November 13, 2006, the DICJ issued a guideline concerning anti-money laundering measures and anti-terrorism measures, which was in line with the 40 recommendations and nine special recommendations of the FATF. The guideline requires reporting of certain gaming transactions equal to or exceeding HK\$/MOP500,000 or their equivalents in other currencies to the DICJ; and all suspicious activities, to the Gabinete de Informação Einanceira (the Financial Intelligence Office hereinafter referred to as "GIF"). For further details, see "Regulation-Anti-Money Laundering Regulations."

After a series of discussions with the DICJ, VML revised its anti-money laundering policies and submitted the revised policies to the DICJ in August 2007, and subsequently obtained approval of such policies from the DICJ. The revised policies cover the following additional reporting requirements, which VML had implemented since November 2006:

- gaming operations department staff members and cage staff members are required to fill out a Large Sum Transaction Report (hereinafter referred to as "ROVE") for any single or aggregated transactions of a single gaming patron for an amount equal to or exceeding HK\$/MOP500,000 (a "large sum transaction");
- gaming operations department staff members are required to fill out a ROVE for VML when issuing any winning cheque or jackpot pay out to a single gaming patron for an amount equal to or exceeding HK\$/MOP500,000; VML submits special ROVEs for Gaming Promoter-related transactions and for premium player transactions.
- cage staff are required to fill out a ROVE for any gaming patron or Gaming Promoter who purchases cash chips or promotional chips using cash or exchanges cash chips for cash in an amount equal to or exceeding HK\$/MOP500,000;
- cage staff are required to record and report all non-cash large sum transactions, including money wires, bank drafts and other bank transfers; and
- VML's Gaming Promoters are required to report large sum transactions within their operations by filling out a ROVE form and submitting it to VML every 15 days.

All ROVEs, together with the supporting documents, will be submitted to the compliance department which will consolidate and prepare a ROVE summary every 15 days and submit it to the DICJ. All ROVEs and their supporting documents must be kept by VML for five years.

VML continuously updates its anti-money laundering policies in order to ensure full compliance with any relevant new laws, administrative regulations, guidelines and DICJ Instructions. Various departments and functional groups are involved in and contribute to ensuring compliance with anti-money laundering policies including legal, finance, human resources, gaming operations, international marketing, marketing, surveillance, security and internal audit departments. The personnel in VML's compliance department are required to keep abreast of anti-money laundering regulations by closely monitoring any new guideline issued by the DICJ concerning anti-money laundering measures and discussing with the DICJ, if necessary. During the Track Record Period and as of the Latest Practicable Date, we believe that our Group is in full compliance with all anti-money laundering regulations applicable to VML and has not received any notification from the Macau Government for any material non-compliance with such regulations.

VML's anti-money laundering policies require:

- full compliance with all anti-money laundering legal and regulatory requirements in the MSAR, including but not limited to filing ROVE summaries with the DICJ and filing reports of any suspicious transactions to the GIF;
- regular assessment of the risks of money laundering in VML's operations and indicators of suspicious activity;
- a system of procedures and controls designed to detect and report suspicious activities in gaming operations through cage, gaming operations, security, surveillance and compliance departments;
- background due diligence through our automatic screen system as well as other search engines and databases such as WorldCheck and LexisNexis, in which, among others, suspicious activities are identified, and further diligence is conducted to identify suspected violators, Macau Government blacklisted persons, money launderers, terrorists and other sanctioned individuals and organizations;

- strict controls over the issuance of cheques requiring identification of patrons, verification of winnings and background checks for anti-money laundering purposes;
- a system to monitor the activities of VML's Gaming Promoters, on an on-going basis, for potential money laundering activities, and to report any detected suspicious activity on the part of VML's Gaming Promoters to the GIF;
- VML's compliance department to compile and analyze all relevant anti-money laundering reports and data and to fulfill regulatory obligations;
- comprehensive training of all relevant staff prior to the commencement of their work and on an annual basis thereafter, concerning VML's anti-money laundering mission, policy, procedures and controls and job-specific information to help identify indicators of suspicious activity;
- an annual review regarding implementation and effectiveness of the anti-money laundering compliance program conducted by VML's compliance department and other operational departments; and
- at least four times a year, audits of the anti-money laundering compliance program by VML's internal audit department to identify any potential deficiencies in the program.

The key safeguards in VML's anti-money laundering policies include the following:

- reporting large sum transactions in gaming operations to the DICJ and detecting and reporting any suspicious activities identified in the process. This process includes:
  - logging single transactions that are equal to or exceed MOP200,000 on the Multiple Transaction Form ("MTL") if conducted by a single patron within a defined gaming day;
  - reporting to the DICJ any single or aggregated large sum transactions. The patron conducting the transaction(s) must produce valid official government-issued identification, such as a passport or identification card as well as other required information, including occupation, source of funds and agent-principal relationship for recording and reporting purposes.
  - pre-job training of staff to log transactions on MTLs and ROVEs as well as to detect indicators of suspicious activity, regardless of transaction size, appropriate to their job function and to report suspicious activity;
  - training of dealers, supervisors, pit bosses, attendants and casino or gaming area shift managers in the tables games division to identify reportable large sum transactions and to detect any suspicious activity in the conduct of gaming by players.
  - recording and record keeping of MTL and ROVE transactions from each gaming monitoring area and reporting of any suspicious activity identified;
  - risk-sensitive record keeping and identification requirements for patrons purchasing or selling chips and any money transfers or related transactions as well as reporting of any suspicious activity related to cage transactions;
  - the foreign exchange desks within the cages of VML's casino or gaming areas are subject to the anti-money laundering requirements and independent supervision of the

Macau Monetary Authority. This includes additional due diligence measures applicable for high risk transactions involving currency exchanges equal to or exceeding HK\$/ MOP250,000 or equivalent in any other currencies;

monitoring and reporting of syspicious activity conducted by VIP, premium and mass market players in conjunction with monitoring by the security and surveillance departments; and
 conducting background screening of all employees within VML.

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- additional controls over the issuance of cheques, wire transfers and other related money transactions apply if a patron requests a check or wire transfer in lieu of cash including:
  - submission by the patron of valid, official government-issued identification, such as a passport or identification card
  - gaming operations department staff then verify via the ACSC system or via gaming pits whether the funds deposited for cheque(s) or wire(s) are winnings from gaming activities within the VML casino or gaming area or solely for the return of front money previously deposited by a patron but for which less than 75.0% has been put at risk for gaming purposes;
  - an automatic screening via the computer system against databases consisting of Macau Government-blacklisted persons, known criminals, the United Nations terrorist list, known money launderers, undesirable individuals and other sanctioned individuals and organizations;
  - employment of profiling techniques and player rating systems to track the patron's activities and verify the existence of any winning records by the respective patron; and
  - rejection of the patron's request for a cheque or wire and the filing of a suspicious transaction report to the GIF, if any of the above conditions cannot be fulfilled.
- in addition, VML's compliance department is responsible for on-going monitoring of its Gaming Promoters for the avoidance of money laundering activities. Key safeguards include, without limitation:
  - conducting internal background checks and compliance reviews on Gaming Promoters prior to engaging in a contract with any Gaming Promoter and submitting an application to the DICJ for such Gaming Promoter's licensing;
  - Gaming Promoters must have obtained a Gaming Promoter license from the DICJ, the application of which involves a comprehensive vetting process;
  - Gaming Promoters must have entered into Gaming Promoter agreements with VML, prior to the commencement of business;
  - once every two years, our internal Investigation Department rechecks the background of our Gaming Promoters; part of the re-check procedures will require our internal Investigation Department to make queries with relevant operational departments for any observed misconduct or concerns regarding Gaming Promoters;
  - on-going training to Garning Promoters relating to anti-money laundering reporting and retention of supporting documents;
  - issuance of badges to all Gaming Promoter employees working within our Group's properties;
  - credit checks and related business due diligence on Gaming Promoter directors and/or guarantors prior to the issuance of casino credit to any Gaming Promoter;
  - on-going surveillance of Gaming Promoter employees, players and our employees
     working within VIP rooms; the monitoring measures include detailed analysis of tables

which have lost more than HK\$5.0 million in a single day, periodic checks on equipment such as dealing shoes and cards used by Gaming Promoter players, monitoring of Gaming Promoter rolling and high risk play, reports of any unacceptable behavior within VIP rooms, implementing internal bars, or submission to the DICJ for barring, of Gaming Promoter players or employees identified as being involved in illegal or undesirable behavior and assignment of dedicated staff to each shift to specifically monitor Gaming Promoter play;

 requiring Gaming Promoter applicants to review and sign an affidavit confirming that they will comply with the requirements of the FCPA;

- VML provides Gaming Promoters with compliance letters, checklists and instructions upon commencement of operations, requiring them to:
  - comply with all applicable laws and regulations in Macau;
  - to diligently carry out their duties and the obligations imposed by the DICJ under DICJ Instruction 2/2006 and other anti-money laundering responsibilities;
  - comply with VML's general directives and internal control measures;
  - promptly inform VML and the competent entities, including the DICJ and the GIF, of any suspected money laundering activities by their collaborators, employees or players;
  - cooperate with VML as well as Macau Government agents or auditors on record production and information sharing if required to fulfill their anti-money laundering compliance obligations;
  - identify their players and obtain necessary identification and personal information in order to complete ROVEs as required by DICJ Instruction 2/2006
  - analysis of known connections and associations of VML's Gaming Promoters and their VIP players and performance of background checks against databases of Macau Government-blacklisted persons, terrorists, undesirable individuals, organizations and related persons;
  - review of suspicious transaction reports and other related incident reports, including but not limited to transactions relating to the VIP rooms, Gaming Promoter chip purchases, cheque requisition activities and other money transfers;
  - issuing cheque(s) to VML's Gaming Promoters only to registered names and only
    after verifying winnings from legitimate gaming activities or from verified commission
    payments as well as recording and verifying VML's Gaming Promoters' personal
    data and issuing cheques/wires to patrons based only on verified winnings by that
    particular patron as reflected by the individual rating in the player rating system; and
  - upon detecting suspicious activity by VML's Gaming Promoters, ensuring appropriate follow up action, including requests for related information, enhanced monitoring, restrictions on business activity and, under severe circumstances, cessation of the business relationship.

VML has also consistently put in place internal controls and procedures in relation to its gaming operations in all its casino or gaming areas since the commencement of its Subconcession. In addition, with respect to compliance with anti-money laundering laws and regulations in Hong Kong, we confirm that, to the best of our knowledge after due enquiry, no member of our Group was in violation of the Drug Trafficking (Recovery of Proceeds) Ordinance, the United Nations (Anti-Terrorism Measures) Ordinance and OSCO during the Track Record Period and as of the Latest Practicable Date. VML confirms that there are no actions or lawsuits by any government agency against it in relation to money laundering activities. For the legal concerns presented by OSCO, see "Regulation-Regulations ... relating to Hong Kong-OSCO." . . . Press of All Strategies and and the second of the second second second second second second second second second . • • • · · · · A second sec second sec ••.• a strate in production of the second constraints of the constraint second and second in the second second second 

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# **OVERVIEW OF MACAU'S REGULATORY FRAMEWORK ON GAMING OPERATIONS**

The operation of casino games of chance (or games of other forms) authorized by the Macau Government is subject to general administrative, civil and criminal laws and to the specific gaming laws, in particular, Law No. 16/2001. Law No. 16/2001 introduced and established the legal framework and the principal rules for operation of casino games and further sets out the governing framework for regulation of casino or gaming areas in Macau.

The operation of casino games in Macau is reserved to the MSAR. The concession regime restricts the operation of such games to private companies incorporated in Macau that have concessions granted by the MSAR pursuant to the concession contracts and applicable gaming laws and regulations. Pursuant to Law No. 16/2001 and Administrative Regulation No. 26/2001, the MSAR granted concessions to Galaxy, SJM and Wynn Macau under an international public tender. The Macau Government also authorized three subconcessions, one by Galaxy to VML, one by SJM to MGM Grand Paradise and one by Wynn Macau to Melco Crown. It is provided under the concessions without the authorization of the Macau Government. The Macau Government has stated in public announcements that only three subconcessions will be permitted. See "The Subconcession."

### The DICJ's Role and Authority

The DICJ is the primary regulator and supervisory institution of the MSAR's gaming industry. The DICJ plays an active role in fulfilling the objectives set forth in Law No. 16/2001. The main objectives of Law No. 16/2001 are (i) that Concessionaires and Subconcessionaires carry on adequate operation of casino games; (ii) that parties involved in the operation, management and supervision of casino games are suitable to perform their functions and undertake their respective responsibilities; (iii) that operation of casino games authorized by the Macau Government are performed in a just, honest manner and free from criminal influences; and (iv) that the MSAR's public interests relating to special gaming tax and other contributions are well protected by maintaining effective controls and procedures.

Pursuant to Administrative Regulation No. 34/2003, the DICJ is entrusted with the responsibility to assist and support the Chief Executive of the MSAR in the definition and execution of economic policies for operation of casino games in the MSAR. The DICJ's principal responsibilities are to:

- collaborate in the definition, coordination and execution of economic policies for the operation
  of casino games and gaming activities offered to the public;
- examine, supervise and monitor the activities of Concessionaires and Subconcessionaires, especially compliance with their legal, statutory and contractual obligations;
- examine, supervise and monitor the suitability and financial capability of Concessionaires and Subconcessionaires or other parties stipulated by the law;
- collaborate with the Macau Government in the process for authorization and classification of locations and places for operation of casino games;
- · authorize and certify all equipment and apparatus used by Concessionaires and

Subconcessionaires within the approved business scope stipulated in their respective concessions and subconcessions;

- issue licenses for Gaming Promoters;
- examine, supervise and monitor the activities of Gaming Promoters, especially relating to their compliance with their legal, statutory and contractual obligations and other responsibilities stipulated in other applicable legislation;
- examine, supervise and monitor the eligibility of Gaming Promoters, their collaborators and key employees;

- investigate and penalize any administrative violations according to the applicable substantive and procedural laws;
- ensure that the relationship between the Concessionaires and Subconcessionaires, the Macau Government and the public is in compliance with applicable regulations and is in the best interest of the MSAR; and
- perform any task not mentioned above but with a similar nature according to the orders of the Chief Executive of the MSAR or applicable laws.

Among other requirements, Concessionaires and Subconcessionaires are required to submit to the DICJ for record or inspection all significant documentation and periodic reports regarding their business and operation, as well as to submit to the DICJ all matters requiring the Macau Government's approval or authorization as required by laws, such as changes in shareholding structure, changes in control, directorship and key employees, gaming equipment, the concession or subconcession contracts, as applicable, and other matters related to the operation of casino games.

In addition, the DICJ is responsible for assessing the gross daily income of the Concessionaires and Subconcessionaires. The DICJ continuously monitors the Concessionaires' and Subconcessionaires' daily operations and tabulation of net-win generated from casino games including casino table games and slot machines through various control procedures conducted in the casinos.

# Gaming Commission

The Gaming Commission was created by the MSAR Chief Executive's Dispatch No. 120/2000, of July 4, 2000, further amended by Dispatch No. 194/2003 of August 5, 2003 and Dispatch 291/2007 of October 16, 2007. The Gaming Commission is a specialized commission directly reporting to and presided over by the MSAR Chief Executive, with the responsibility of formulating policies and facilitating the development of Macau's gaming operations and relevant regulatory framework.

# **REGULATIONS RELATING TO MACAU'S GAMING INDUSTRY**

The following are the pertinent laws and regulations relating to us and the gaming industry in Macau.

# Law No. 16/2001, published in Macau Official Gazette No. 39-I of September 24, 2001 ("Macau Gaming Law")

The Macau Gaming Law established the legal framework and the principal rules for the operation of casino games or other forms of gaming in the MSAR. It sets forth the objectives of the legal system governing the operation of casino games and defines the permitted types of casino games, places, locations and periods for operation. It further sets forth principal rules for the concession regime and obligations of the Concessionaires, including submitting their accounts and records to the Macau Government and paying a special gaming tax to the MSAR.

# Administrative Regulation No. 26/2001 ("Gaming Tender Regulation")

The Gaming Tender Regulation sets forth the terms of the public tender procedures for the granting of concessions for the operation of casino games, and the suitability and financial capacity requirements of bidders (also applicable to the subconcessions). The Gaming Tender Regulation also contains relevant provisions that impose information obligations on the Concessionaires and Subconcessionaires and provides the Macau Government with approval rights in relation to the Concessionaires or Subconcessionaires obtaining loans or credit in an amount over MOP5.0 million. It was amended by Administrative Regulation No. 34/2001 and No. 4/2002, rectified in the Macau Official Gazette 13/2002 of April 1, 2002, on November 2, 2001 and April 1, 2002, respectively, and supplemented by the following administrative releases:

(i) Dispatch of the Chief Executive No. 215/2001 (setting out the fixed annual premium payable by the Concessionaires as consideration of the granting of concessions for the operation of casino games);

- Dispatch of the Chief Executive No. 216/2001 (creating the First Public Bidding Committee in charge of Games of Fortune or Chance in Casino for the granting of concessions);
- (iii) Dispatch of the Chief Executive No. 217/2001 (opening the international public tender for the granting of the three concessions for the operation of casino games);
- (iv) Dispatch of the Secretary for Economy and Finance dated November 21, 2001 (delegating the power to the First Public Bidding Committee in charge of casino games to authorize local or international renowned firms for the first tender to prepare risk evaluation reports);
- (v) Dispatch of the Chief Executive No. 250/2001 (setting the framework applicable to the association of tenderors and the respective admissible terms); and
- (vi) Dispatch of the Chief Executive No. 26/2002 (granting three gaming concessions).

### The Subconcession Contract

On December 26, 2002, VML entered into a tripartite Subconcession Contract with Galaxy and the Macau Government for the operation of casino games in Macau. The Subconcession Contract details the rights of VML and its obligations towards the Macau Government and in particular to the DICJ. See "The Subconcession" for further details on all material rights and obligations under the Subconcession Contract.

### The Rules of Casino Games

The Macau Government has promulgated additional rules to supplement the rules of casino games set forth in Section 55 of the Macau Gaming Law. These supplemental rules were approved by, among others, the External Dispatches of the Secretary for Economy and Finance Nos. 41/2003, 42/2003, 69/2003, 55/2004, 56/2004, 57/2004, 58/2004, 59/2004, 60/2004, 61/2004, 65/2004, 89/2004, 73/2005, 74/2005, 69/2006, 30/2007, 42/2007, 63/2007, 64/2007, 67/2007, 11/2008, 78/2008 and 71/2009, which set out or renewed the detailed procedures and rules of certain casino games, namely football poker, wheel of fortune, baccarat, soccer poker, blackjack, craps, roulette, Q poker, fan-tan and stud poker.

# Administrative Regulation No. 6/2002, Enacted on April 1, 2002 ("Gaming Promoters Regulation")

The Gaming Promoters Regulation sets forth the requirements and procedures to engage and operate casino gaming promotion activities. See "---Gaming Promoters Regulation" below.

# Administrative Regulation No. 27/2009, Enacted on August 10, 2009

As a result of the amendments made to Administrative Regulation No. 6/2002 by the recently enacted Administrative Regulation 27/2009 dated August 10, 2009, the Secretary of Economy and Finance of the Macau Government now has the authority to issue a dispatch implementing the 1.25% Gaming Promoter commission cap, as agreed between all Concessionaires and Subconcessionaires. The commission cap is expected to become effective on December 1, 2009. The amendment sets forth standards for what constitutes a commission to Gaming Promoters, including all types of payments, either monetary or in specie, that are made to Gaming Promoters such as food and beverage, hotel and other services and allowances. The amendment also imposes obligations on Gaming Promoters, Concessionaires and Subconcessionaires to report regularly to the DICJ and imposes fines or other sanctions for non-compliance with the commission cap or the monthly obligations to report and detail the amount of commissions paid to Gaming Promoters.

# Law No. 5/2004, Enacted on June 14, 2004 ("Gaming Credit Law")

The Gaming Credit Law governs the granting of gaming credit in the MSAR and authorizes the (i) Concessionaires; (ii) Subconcessionaires; and (iii) Gaming Promoters who enter into a contract with a Concessionaire or Subconcessionaire to grant gaming credit. Pursuant to the Gaming Credit Law, the granting of gaming credit is limited to the following three circumstances: (i) a Concessionaire or a Subconcessionaire as a creditor may grant gaming credit to a gaming patron as a borrower; (ii) an

authorized Gaming Promoter as a creditor may grant gaming credit to a gaming patron as a borrower; or (iii) a Concessionaire or a Subconcessionaire as a creditor may grant gaming credit to an authorized Gaming Promoter as a borrower. It also forbids the assignment or transfer in any form of the power to grant gaming credit. The Gaming Credit Law provides for the obligations of the credit grantors towards the DICJ and scope of the DICJ's supervision. Specifically, the granting of gaming credit is enforceable as a civil debt pursuant to Article 4 of the Gaming Credit Law.

Under the Gaming Credit Law, restrictions and conditions imposed on Concessionaires and Subconcessionaires include:

- to act prudently and with integrity, with full respect to laws, regulations and standards of professional conduct (Section 9, Gaming Credit Law);
- (ii) to keep all information obtained while providing credit confidential (Section 10, Gaming Credit Law), other than for exceptions enumerated in Section 11, Gaming Credit Law;
- (iii) to collaborate with the DICJ to enable its supervision as well as to provide information requested by the Judiciary Police of the MSAR while investigating a crime (Section 15, Gaming Credit Law); and
- (iv) as the obligation to repay the debt is qualified as a civil obligation under Section 4, Gaming Credit Law, the credit grantors and the granting of credit shall also be subject to the restrictions and limitations established in the Macau Civil Code, namely the limits of usury established in Section 1073; these limits are triple the legal interest rate for remuneration of the loan and for compensation the limit is five times the legal interest rate—currently 9.75%, stipulated in the Executive Order No. 29/2006, applicable ex vi Section 552, Macau Civil Code. Contracts stipulating higher interests may be annulled based upon usury or the interests statutorily reduced to the legal limit (Section 1073, Nos. 3 and 4, Macau Civil Code).

Pursuant to Section 16 of the Gaming Credit Law, the acts taken while granting credit under the Gaming Credit Law shall not be considered usury for gaming, and are thus expressly excluded from Law No. 8/96/M prohibiting illicit gaming.

# Law No. 8/96/M, Enacted on July 22, 2002 ("Law on Illicit Gaming")

The Law on Illicit Gaming prohibits all forms of operation, promotion or assistance to gaming outside the authorized areas, as well as any fraudulent gaming in authorized areas, or any unlicensed granting of loans or gaming credits to players.

### GAMING PROMOTERS REGULATION

# **Compulsory Licensing Requirements for Gaming Promoters**

The DICJ initiated the first licensing process in Macau for Gaming Promoters under the transition arrangements introduced by the Gaming Promoters Regulation. Pursuant to a notice issued by the DICJ on April 21, 2006, the DICJ prescribed a deadline for the first licensing process of June 1, 2006 by which date the Gaming Promoters who have not yet been licensed must be licensed by the DICJ and must be transacting business with a Concessionaire or a Subconcessionaire in order to be permitted to carry on gaming promotion activities in the MSAR. The Gaming Promoters must also execute a contract with the Concessionaire or Subconcessionaire after obtaining Gaming Promoter licenses. As of the Latest Practicable Date, all Gaming Promoters who provide gaming promotion services to us have been licensed by the DICJ. The DICJ offers a register of licensed Gaming Promoters for public inspection.

The Gaming Promoters Regulation restricts the operation of gaming promotion to licensed corporate entities, commercial partnerships or individuals that are registered as entrepreneurs with the MSAR Finance Department and meet the relevant requirements promulgated by the DICJ. In order to obtain a license for gaming promotion, the applicant must submit its application for suitability assessment by the DICJ, which includes assessment of the suitability of the Gaming Promoters' key

employees. When the Gaming Promoter is a commercial partnership or a company, the suitability of the Gaming Promoter's directors and shareholders holding 5.0% or more of the share capital is also assessed. A Gaming Promoter license is valid until December 31 in the year it is granted and can be renewed each year upon submission of an application to the DICJ. The renewal application must include a signed declaration by the legal representative of the relevant Concessionaire or Subconcessionaire with which such Gaming Promoter is transacting business that the Concessionaire or Subconcessionaire intends to operate with such Gaming Promoter in the following year. Gaming Promoters that are sole proprietors are subject to compulsory assessment of their suitability every three years, and Gaming Promoters that are commercial partnerships or companies are subject to compulsory assessment every six years. Extraordinary suitability assessment may also be conducted by the DICJ.

Concessionaires and Subconcessionaires are jointly liable to the Macau Government for the activities conducted by their Gaming Promoters and Gaming Promoters' employees and collaborators, within their respective casinos and gaming areas. Gaming Promoters are jointly liable for the activities of their employees and collaborators within the casinos and gaming areas of Concessionaires and Subconcessionaires and for their compliance with applicable laws and regulations. Failure by the Gaming Promoters or the Concessionaires or Subconcessionaires to fulfill their major obligations under the Gaming Promoters Regulation may result in the following consequences:

- the issue of a non-suitability report;
- refusal to grant a new gaming promotion license or to renew an existing license;
- upon notice by the Concessionaire or Subconcessionaire to the DICJ, suspension of the gaming promotion activities of Gaming Promoters; and
- administrative liability arising out of violation of the Gaming Promotion Regulation without prejudice of contractual liability of the Gaming Promoter towards the Concessionaire or Subconcessionaire.

#### Major Obligations Imposed upon Gaming Promoters

Gaming Promoters are required to comply with the following obligations:

- to register with Concessionaires or Subconcessionaires and operate under the terms agreed in a written contract submitted to the DICJ, including, in particular, the amount and payment method of commissions or other agreed remunerations, the nature of their activities in the casinos or gaming areas, including the designation of any VIP rooms or other premises within the casinos or gaming areas, the amounts and forms of required securities and guarantees and the waiver indicating that Concessionaires or Subconcessionaires and Gaming Promoters agree to submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the MSAR courts and defer to Macau laws;
- to execute written contracts with their collaborators and submit copies of such contracts to the DICJ;
- to submit annually, through Concessionaires or Subconcessionaires, a list containing the identification of their chosen collaborators for the following year, and copies of their identification documents and certificates of no criminal record or equivalent documents to the

### DICJ for approval;

- to comply with laws and regulations relating to Gaming Promoters and Gaming Promoterrelated announcements and instructions issued by the DICJ;
- to accept auditing carried out by the DICJ and the MSAR Finance Department;
- to make all books and records available for the inspection and review by the DICJ and the MSAR Finance Department and provide any additional information and materials upon their request;
- to perform all contractual obligations, especially obligations to players;

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- to comply with the reasonable instructions issued by the Concessionaires or Subconcessionaires to the extent that such instructions do not interfere with the Gaming Promoters' autonomy;
- to perform all contractual obligations stipulated in the written contracts with Concessionaires or Subconcessionaires; and
- to comply with all legal and regulatory requirements required by the laws and regulations of the MSAR.

## Major Obligations Imposed upon Concessionaires and Subconcessionaires

Concessionaires and Subconcessionaires are required to comply with the following obligations with respect to their Gaming Promoters:

- to submit to the DICJ annually a list of Gaming Promoters with whom they intend to operate in the following year (the Macau Government, through the DICJ, determines annually the maximum number of Gaming Promoters and issues licenses to the Gaming Promoters identified in lists provided to it by the Concessionaires and Subconcessionaires);
- to submit to the DICJ, prior to the 10th of each month, a detailed list of the amounts of commissions or other remunerations paid to each Gaming Promoter in the previous month, as well as the amounts of taxes withheld;
- to prepare and maintain an updated list of the names of registered Gaming Promoters, their directors, key employees and collaborators for submission to the DICJ quarterly;
- to inform the DICJ or proper authorities of any fact that may affect the solvency of their Gaming Promoters;
- to maintain and update the book records with their Gaming Promoters;
- to supervise the activities of their Gaming Promoters, in particular the Gaming Promoters' compliance with legal and contractual obligations;
- to inform the authorities of any potential criminal activity by their Gaming Promoters, in particular potential money laundering activities;
- to promote a healthy relationship with registered Gaming Promoters;
- to settle commissions or other remunerations agreed upon with their Gaming Promoters in a timely manner; and
- to pay withholding taxes for their Gaming Promoters in a timely manner.

## ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING REGULATIONS

The MSAR has been a member of the Asia/Pacific Group on Money Laundering ("APG") since 2000. As a member of APG, the MSAR undertook to implement the 40 recommendations and nine special recommendations of the FATF between 1990 and 2004. As of July 24, 2007, the APG and Offshore Group of Banking Supervisors ("OGBS"), in their "Mutual Evaluation Report on Macau, China Against the FATF 40 Recommendations (2003) and 9 Special Recommendations," determined that, despite non-compliance with Special Recommendation 9 relating to cross border declaration and disclosure, Macau had demonstrated a strong commitment towards implementing laws and institutional bodies to enhance its compliance with international anti-money laundering standards. The MSAR Legislative Assembly approved a new anti-money laundering law on March 23, 2006 to combat money laundering by further strengthening the record-keeping and reporting requirements relating to suspicious activities.

The following are the pertinent laws and regulations relating to the anti-money laundering regulations in Macau that have been enacted:

## Law No. 2/2006, published in Macau Official Gazette No. 14 of April 3, 2006

This law (the "new anti-money laundering law") took effect on April 4, 2006. However, regarding the duties imposed upon the subject entities in relation to the new anti-money laundering law, this law only came into effect on November 12, 2006.

The new anti-money laundering law requires Concessionaires and Subconcessionaires, Gaming Promoters, and other entities such as financial institutions, insurance companies, exchange houses, money-remittance companies and professionals to assist the Macau Government in its efforts to combat money laundering activities. The entities mentioned must comply with the following duties as set out in Section 7 of the new anti-money laundering law:

- (i) identify contracting parties, clients or users whenever any transactions with such parties may indicate money laundering practices or involve high transaction amounts;
- (ii) identify the transactions and/or operations referred to in the preceding item;
- (iii) refuse to carry on the transactions or operations whenever the relevant information necessary to fulfill the duties set forth in items (1) and (2) is not provided;
- (iv) maintain, for a reasonable period of time, documents and records relating to the duties set forth in items (1) and (2);
- (v) report transactions and/or operations when they indicate money laundering practices or transactions; and
- (vi) collaborate with all authorities in charge of anti-money laundering measures.

The centralization, analysis and general monitoring of compliance with these duties is entrusted to the GIF.

Under the new anti-money laundering law, corporate entities and associations are responsible and liable for money laundering when the crime is committed in their name and corporate interest by: (i) their corporate bodies or representatives, or (ii) a person under their authority, when the crime became possible by virtue of an unlawful breach of the vigilance or control duties pending on such entity.

## Law No. 3/2006, published in Macau Official Gazette No. 15 of April 10, 2006

The anti-terrorism law took effect on April 11, 2006.

## Administrative Regulation No. 7/2006, published in Macau Official Gazette No. 20 of May 15, 2006

Administrative Regulation No. 7/2006 sets out in detail the duties of relevant entities set forth in the new anti-money laundering law and anti-terrorism law, establishing the supervision and monitoring mechanism and determining the penalties for non-compliance. The administrative regulation has been

#### in force since November 12, 2006.

### Dispatch No. 227/2006, published in Macau Official Gazette No. 32 of August 7, 2006

Under this dispatch, the Chief Executive of the Macau Government created the GIF for the specific task of centralizing, monitoring, analyzing and providing information gathered in relation to actions against money laundering and financing of terrorism to police and judicial authorities. The GIF has the power to (i) request information from any private or public entity and (ii) provide information to foreign entities in compliance with any third party, including international agreements or other international instruments to which the MSAR is a party.



## Instruction No. 2/2006, issued by the DICJ on November 13, 2006

The instruction was issued in relation to compliance with the provisions of Section 2, No. 2 of Administrative Regulation No. 7/2006, to define the minimal compulsory duties, rules and procedures for Concessionaires and Subconcessionaires, including corporate entities entrusted by their management, lottery or sports betting Concessionaires, and Gaming Promoters, under the new anti-money laundering laws. Any breach of these duties can result in fines or administrative action from the DICJ, leading to heavy fines under the terms of Administrative Regulation No. 7/2006.

The following are other laws and regulations in Macau which relate to anti-money laundering:

#### Section 34 of the Gaming Law

This section imposes a duty on the external auditors of the Concessionaires, Subconcessionaires and managing companies of gaming operations to inform the DICJ and the MSAR Finance Department about any facts that may give rise to a suspicion of that entity, the members of the relevant corporate bodies or the employees of such entities of being involved in money laundering.

## Section 30 of the Gaming Promoters Regulation

This section provides that the Concessionaires and Subconcessionaires must inform the relevant authorities about any fact indicating that Gaming Promoters or their collaborators are involved in acts of money laundering.

Please also refer to "Internal Controls and Anti-Money Laundering" and "Risk Factors---Risks Relating to Our On-going Operations."

## LAND USE AND TITLE PROCESS LAWS IN MACAU

#### Land Concessions

The Macau Government grants the use of either new land that is claimed or to land that is vacant without being previously privately owned through an agreement called a "Land Concession." The Land Concession is basically a lease and is published in the Official Gazette of Macau Government. Each Land Concession creates an obligation on the developer/grantee to develop the land that is being granted. Therefore, the land is initially conceded on a provisional basis, subject to completion of the proposed development. Upon completion of the development, the Land Concession is converted into definitive status through registration with the Macau Property Registry. In accordance with the terms of each Land Concession, the developer must pay to the Macau Government an annual rent in addition to an upfront land premium. The Land Concession is granted for a determined period of time not to exceed 25 years, and it may be renewed successively for 10 year periods indefinitely. Applications for the renewal of the Land Concession (a "Declaration") can be filed by any proprietor, co-owner or mortgagee, or any other person having an interest either in the land, or in a building or unit built on the such land, and appropriately registered. Furthermore, any holder of a right that could be affected by the expiration of the Land Concession (e.g., owner, lessee, mortgagee of any unit within a building developed in the land) can issue the Declaration for the purpose of renewing the Land Concession. All acts regarding the Land Concession are submitted to the Macau Property Registry and available for public review by any person. The individual strata title rights over any building or unit under any Land Concession may be privately owned, mortgaged or sold on terms similar to any full ownership rights over real estate built on privately owned land. All ownership rights over the properties or buildings subject to a Land Concession (being strata title for residential units or full ownership of any building or fraction thereof) are also registered with the Macau Property Registry and fall-under a full private ownership regime. door apter water palawater and constantly light match constant part date date to e de la companya de l La companya de la comp and a set of and any transaction, involving the transfer of ownership rights over real-estate property must be notarized in a deed before a notary, which deed must subsequently be submitted to the Macau Property Registry. Similar procedures are applicable with respect to the execution of a mortgage.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATIONS**

Our Company, as well as all corporate entities in Macau, have to comply with the environmental principles of environment protection according to Macau laws, namely in respect of noise, pollution and construction nuisance.

All new projects and construction have to comply with Macau environmental ordinances and international conventions applicable in Macau, which require that plans and projects that may affect the environment and health of the citizens must be done with a study of the environmental impact. The conditions of the study are regulated by law and, after detailed analysis on the impact, the Macau Government may authorize the relevant projects as well as any alteration of a project or construction that is also under the approval of the Macau Government (Construction Bureau). These rules and regulations are established in Decree-Laws No. 79/85/M and No. 44/91/M regarding construction, Decree-Law No. 34/93/M regarding noise and Regulation No. 123/98/M on measures to deal with electrical accidents. Our Company also has to comply with the provisions of Decree-Law No. 37/89/M which establishes the environmental law-related rules and conditions for office and commercial spaces.

#### LABOR AND SAFETY REGULATIONS

Pursuant to Macau laws and regulations. Macau employers must register their employees under the mandatory Social Security Fund (pursuant to Decree-Law No. 58/93/M—Sections 3 and 4), make social security contributions for each of its employees (Dispatch No. 45/GM/98) and contract insurance to protect the rights and interests of their employees in the event of work-related accidents and/or occupational illnesses (as required from VML pursuant to Article 40 of the Subconcession Contract). In the particular case of gaming concessionaires or subconcessionaires, there is a general obligation to make annual contributions for urban construction, tourism promotion and social security (Section 22, No. 8 of the Macau Gaming Law and Articles 48 and 49 of the Subconcession Contract).

Employment relations and contracts are regulated under Law 7/2008 ("Labor Relations Law"), which came into force in January 2009. The Labor Relations Law contains various rules concerning employment contracts that range from, among other things, general principles applicable to employment relationships, duties and obligations of the employer and the employee, probation time, employment contract requirements, employment contract for a fixed term, working hours, overtime, weekly time-off, annual leave, remuneration to causes for termination, termination without cause and compensation due to the employee for termination without cause. Although certain of the above provisions are mandatory, some of these provisions can be changed by agreement between the employee and employee.

## Law No. 21/2009, published in Macau Official Gazette No. 43 of October 27, 2009 ("Law on Employment of Non-Resident Workers")

The Law on Employment of Non-Resident Workers established a general framework for the employment of non-resident workers to perform work in the MSAR. It sets forth the terms for granting and renewing work permits for non-resident workers, measures to ensure equal treatment of Macau residents and non-resident workers and the minimum contract terms and certain limits on the duration of employment contracts with non-resident employees. The Law on Employment of Non-Resident Workers is currently anticipated to become effective in April 2010.

## **REGULATIONS RELATING TO HONG KONG**

Three laws of general application in Hong Kong relate to money laundering. Regulations or guidelines have also been promulgated for certain industries, but none are of specific application to our Company and its subsidiaries. The three laws of general application are the Drug Trafficking (Recovery of Proceeds) Ordinance, the United Nations (Anti-Terrorism Measures) Ordinance, and OSCO. Each of these ordinances defines various offenses in relation to money laundering.



## **Drug Trafficking (Recovery of Proceeds) Ordinance**

The Drug Trafficking (Recovery of Proceeds) Ordinance provides for the tracing, confiscation and recovery of the proceeds of drug trafficking and defines various offenses in relation to the laundering of proceeds of drug trafficking. The offenses most likely to be relevant to our Company include:

- dealing with property known or believed to represent proceeds of drug trafficking (section (a) 25); and
- failing to disclose to the authorities knowledge or suspicion that any property represents any (b) person's proceeds of drug trafficking or was used, or is intended to be used, in connection with drug trafficking (section 25A).

## United Nations (Anti-Terrorism Measures) Ordinance

The United Nations (Anti-Terrorism Measures) Ordinance implements various directives and covenants of the United Nations with respect to anti-terrorism policies, including a decision of the Security Council of the United Nations in its Resolution 1373 of September 28, 2001 relating to measures for the prevention of terrorist acts and certain of the Special Recommendations on Terrorist Financing of the Financial Action Task Force. In relation to money laundering, the provisions most likely to be relevant to our Company are sections 6, 7, 8 and 12 of such ordinance.

Section 6(1) provides that where the Secretary for Security has reasonable grounds to suspect that any funds held by any person are terrorist property, the Secretary for Security may direct that the funds not be made available to any person except under the authority of a license granted by the Secretary for Security.

Section 7 provides that a person may not provide or collect funds by any means with the intention that the funds be used or knowing that the funds will be used to commit one or more terrorist acts, whether or not the funds are actually so used.

Section 8 further provides that no person may, except under the authority of a license granted by the Secretary for Security, make any funds or financial or related services available to or for the benefit of a person who the first-mentioned person knows or has reasonable grounds to believe is a terrorist or terrorist associate.

Section 12 requires that where a person knows or suspects that any property is terrorist property, then the person must disclose to an authorized officer the information or other matter on which the knowledge or suspicion is based as soon as practicable.

#### OSCO

OSCO is the anti-money laundering legislation of the broadest application in Hong Kong. OSCO creates two money laundering offenses, namely:

- dealing with property known or believed to represent the proceeds of an indictable offense (a) (section 25(1)); and
- (b) failing to disclose to the authorities knowledge or suspicion that any property represents any person's proceeds of an indictable offense or was used, or is intended to be used, in connection with an indictable offense (section 25A(i) and (7)).

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The Stock Exchange announced in March 2003 that it has no objections to foreign casinos being listed in Hong Kong so long as the activity is legal in the foreign jurisdiction and is not unlawful under the Gambling Ordinance.

We confirm that, to the best of our knowledge after due enquiry, no member of our Group was in violation of the Drug Trafficking (Recovery of Proceeds) Ordinance, the United Nations (Anti-Terrorism Measures) Ordinance, OSCO and the Gambling Ordinance during the Track Record Period.

Our Company will use its best endeavors to seek to ensure that the operation of its casino gaming activities in Macau is in compliance with all applicable laws in Macau and does not contravene the Gambling Ordinance.

## **REGULATIONS RELATING TO NEVADA**

As a result of its gaming operations in Nevada, U.S.A., our parent company, LVS, is subject to regulatory oversight responsibilities imposed by the Nevada regulatory authorities. See "Risk Factors-Risks Relating to Our On-going Operations-As a result of LVS's majority ownership in us, certain Nevada, Singapore and Pennsylvania gaming laws apply to our planned and on-going gaming activities and associations in Macau. If our operations, activities or associations do not comply with Nevada, Singapore and Pennsylvania gaming laws or laws of other jurisdictions in which LVS operates or may operate in the future, LVS may be compelled to curtail or sever its relationship with us, which would have a material adverse effect on us." The following descriptions highlight certain laws and regulations under the Nevada Gaming Control Act which impose obligations or responsibilities relating to our Macau gaming operations.

### Approval and Investigation of Foreign Gaming Operations

Pursuant to Section 463.680 of the Nevada Revised Statutes, "foreign gaming" refers to the conduct of gaming outside of the State of Nevada. Pursuant to Section 463.700 of the Nevada Revised Statutes, any licensee who proposes to participate in foreign gaming as defined under Section 463.680 of the Nevada Revised Statutes must deposit with the State Gaming Control Board of Nevada (the "Gaming Control Board") and thereafter maintain a refundable revolving fund in the amount of US\$10,000 to pay the expenses of investigation by the Gaming Control Board of his participation in foreign gaming no later than 30 days after either: (i) his execution of a definitive agreement pertaining to the proposed participation in foreign gaming or (ii) his filing of an application for licensing or related approval pertaining to the proposed participation, whichever is earlier. In particular cases, the Nevada Gaming Commission may also increase or decrease the required amount of the revolving fund. Upon the licensee's termination of all proposed and actual participation in foreign gaming, the Gaming Control Board shall refund the remaining balance in the licensee's revolving fund. Prior to participating in foreign gaming, a licensee shall provide to the Gaming Control Board all such information pertaining to his proposed participation as the Gaming Control Board may request.

As a gaming licensee in Nevada, our parent, LVS, is subject to these requirements with respect to the conduct of foreign gaming operations in Macau by us as its subsidiary.

#### **On-going Reporting Obligations**

Pursuant to Section 463.710 of the Nevada Revised Statutes, unless otherwise ordered by the Gaming Control Board or the Nevada Gaming Commission, a licensee who participates in foreign gaming shall file with the Gaming Control Board:

As soon as participation in foreign gaming begins:

all documents filed by him or by an affiliate with the foreign jurisdiction; and

- the systems of accounting and internal control utilized in the foreign gaming operation and any amendments to the systems as soon as made.
- Annual operational and regulatory reports describing compliance with regulations, procedures for audit, and procedures for surveillance relating to the foreign gaming operation.
- Quarterly reports regarding any of the following information which is within the knowledge of the licensee:
  - any changes in ownership or control of any interest in the foreign gaming operation;
  - any changes in officers, directors or key employees of the foreign gaming operation;
  - all complaints, disputes, orders to show cause and disciplinary actions, related to gaming, instituted or presided over by an entity of the United States, a state or any other governmental jurisdiction concerning the foreign gaming operation;
  - any arrest of an employee of the foreign gaming operation involving cheating or theft, related to gaming, in the foreign jurisdiction; and
  - any arrest or conviction of an officer, director, key employee or owner of equity in the foreign gaming operation for an offense that would constitute a gross misdemeanor or felony in the State of Nevada.
- Any other information that the Nevada Gaming Commission may require by regulation.

## **Compliance Review and Reporting System**

The Nevada Gaming Commission also has the authority to impose conditions upon any license or order of registration to require implementation of a compliance review and reporting system by the licensee or registrant if the Nevada Gaming Commission determines that special circumstances exist which require additional management review by such licensee or registrant. The terms of the condition may include, without limitation: (i) that the condition expire on a certain date or after a designated period of time without action by the Nevada Gaming Commission; (ii) that the condition be administratively removed by the Gaming Control Board if a specified activity ceases or a specified event occurs; or (iii) that a periodic review will be conducted by the Gaming Control Board and upon such review the Gaming Control Board may recommend and the Nevada Gaming Commission may remove or continue to require any such condition. Subject to the approval of the Nevada Gaming Commission, and based on recommendations of the Gaming Control Board, such conditions may be modified or removed upon application by the licensee or registrant.

The compliance review and reporting system is created for the purpose of monitoring activities relating to the licensee's or registrant's continuing qualifications under the provisions of the Nevada Gaming Control Act and regulations of the Nevada Gaming Commission in accordance with a written plan to be approved by the Gaming Control Board administratively or as otherwise ordered by the Nevada Gaming Commission. The written plan must provide for the following: (i) the operation of the compliance review and reporting system and designation of parties which will be responsible for this system; (ii) involvement of at least one person knowledgeable of the provisions of the Nevada Gaming Control Act, as amended, and the regulations of the Nevada Gaming Commission, as amended; and (iii) periodic reports to senior management of the licensee or registrant. Periodic reports provided to senior management pursuant to this written plan shall be advisory and the licensee or registrant shall maintain responsibility for compliance with the Gaming Control Act and regulations of the Nevada Gaming Commission. Copies of the reports must also be provided to the Gaming Control Board. The activities to be monitored pursuant to the compliance review and reporting system must be set forth in the written plan and must be determined by the circumstances applicable to the licensee or registrant. Without limitation, the activities that may be required to be monitored pursuant to the compliance review and reporting system include the following: (i) associations with persons denied licensing or other related approvals by the Nevada Gaming Commission or who may be deemed to be



unsuitable to be associated with a licensee or registrant; (ii) business practices or procedures that may constitute grounds for denial of a gaming license or registration; (iii) compliance with other special conditions that may be imposed by the Nevada Gaming Commission upon the licensee or registrant; (iv) review of reports submitted pursuant to the Nevada Gaming Control Act and regulations of the Nevada Gaming Commission; (v) compliance with the laws, regulations, or orders of duly constituted governmental agencies or entities having jurisdiction over the gaming affairs, or such other business activities which the Gaming Control Board or the Nevada Gaming Commission may deem necessary or proper, of the licensee, registrant, or its affiliates; and (vi) review of such other activities determined by the Gaming Control Board or the Nevada Gaming Commission as being relevant to the licensee's or registrant's continuing qualifications under the provisions of the Nevada Gaming Control Act and the regulations of the Nevada Gaming Commission.

### Compliance Committee

Pursuant to LVS's order of registration, which was approved by the Nevada Gaming Commission, LVS must establish and maintain a gaming compliance program for the purpose of, at a minimum, performing due diligence, determining the suitability of relationships with other entities and individuals, and to review and ensure compliance by LVS, its subsidiaries and any affiliated entities, with the Nevada Gaming Control Act, as amended, the Nevada Gaming Commission's regulations, as amended, and the laws and regulations of any other jurisdictions in which LVS, its subsidiaries and any affiliated entities operate. The gaming compliance program, any amendments thereto, and the members of the compliance committee (one such member who shall be independent and knowledgeable of the Nevada Gaming Control Act, as amended) and the Nevada Gaming Commission's regulations, as amended, shall be administratively reviewed and approved by the Chairman of the Gaming Control Board or his designee. LVS shall amend the gaming compliance program, or any element thereof, and perform such duties as may be assigned by the Chairman of the Gaming Control Board or his designee, related to a review of activities relevant to the continuing qualification of LVS, under the provisions of the Nevada Gaming Control Act, as amended, and the Nevada Gaming Commission's regulations, as amended.

The approved Compliance Plan of LVS requires that any subsidiary of LVS that is involved in foreign gaming shall have its own designated compliance officer who may be a member of the LVS Compliance Committee or otherwise shall report to the LVS Compliance Committee directly or through the LVS Compliance Officer.

## Prohibited Practices and Suitability Reviews of Certain Activities or Associations of Licensee

Pursuant to Section 463.720 of the Nevada Revised Statutes, a licensee shall not, in a foreign gaming operation, knowingly:

- · violate a foreign, federal, tribal, state, county, city or township law, regulation, ordinance or rule, or any equivalent thereof, concerning the conduct of gaming;
- · fail to conduct the operation in accordance with the standards of honesty and integrity required for gaming in the State of Nevada;
- engage in an activity or enter into an association that is unsuitable for a licensee because it:
  - poses an unreasonable threat to the control of gaming in Nevada;

  - · reflects or tends to reflect discredit or disrepute upon the State of Nevada or gaming in the State of Nevada; or
  - is contrary to the public policy of the State of Nevada concerning gaming;
- engage in an activity or enter into an association that interferes with the ability of the State of Nevada to collect all license fees imposed under Chapter 463 of the Nevada Revised Statutes; or
- employ, contract with or associate with a person whom the Nevada Gaming Commission or a court in the State of Nevada has found guilty of cheating or to whom the Nevada Gaming

Commission has denied a gaming license, or finding of suitability, on the ground of unsuitability.

Pursuant to Section 463.715 of the Nevada Revised Statutes, if the Gaming Control Board determines that an actual or intended activity or association of a licensee in a foreign gaming operation may be prohibited because it: (i) poses an unreasonable threat to the control of gaming in Nevada; (ii) reflects or tends to reflect discredit or disrepute upon Nevada or gaming in Nevada; or (iii) is contrary to the public policy of Nevada concerning gaming (hereinafter referred to as "subsection 3 of Section 463.720 of the Nevada Revised Statutes"), the Gaming Control Board may require the licensee to file an application for a finding of suitability to be made by the Nevada Gaming Commission concerning the activity or association. The licensee shall file the application for a finding of suitability within 30 days after receiving the request from the Gaming Control Board unless the Chairman of the Gaming Control Board grants an extension of time.

In lieu of filing an application for a finding of suitability as set forth above, within 30 days after receiving a request from the Gaming Control Board, a licensee may petition the Nevada Gaming Commission to review the request and determine whether the licensee is required to file the application. A licensee may also file an application for a finding of suitability concerning his actual or intended activity or association in a foreign gaming operation without a request from the Gaming Control Board.

If the Nevada Gaming Commission determines that an intended activity or association of a licensee in a foreign gaming operation is unsuitable pursuant to subsection 3 of Section 463.720 of the Nevada Revised Statutes, the licensee shall not engage in the activity or enter into the association. If an activity or association of a licensee in a foreign gaming operation is prohibited pursuant to subsection 3 of Section 463.720 of the Nevada Revised Statutes, the licensee shall terminate the activity or association within the time prescribed by the Nevada Gaming Commission.

## **OTHER REGULATORY CONSIDERATIONS**

Our Controlling Shareholder, LVS, is subject to U.S. federal securities and other laws, such as the FCPA and the U.S. Anti-Money Laundering Laws. In addition, LVS is also subject to the gaming laws and regulations of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and will be subject to the gaming laws and regulations of the Republic of Singapore. In order for LVS to comply with the above, we, as a principal operating subsidiary of LVS, will need to take actions that we would not otherwise need to take, including but not limited to filing of quarterly financial statements, maintenance of books and records in line with the requirements of the FCPA, and implementing procedures to monitor compliance with anti-money laundering rules and other applicable laws and regulations. LVS is also listed on the NYSE and must comply with the NYSE's Listed Company Manual rules.

We understand from LVS that the issue of the Bonds by VVDI (II), the subsequent mandatory and automatic exchange of the Bonds for Shares and the spin-off of our Company from LVS are not subject to U.S. regulatory approval or the approval of LVS shareholders. Although we are not directly subject to U.S. Listing rules or regulations, as a result of LVS's on-going compliance obligations with respect to the above laws and regulations, we will need to monitor our compliance with several U.S. federal and state laws in addition to Macau laws and regulations. See "Risk Factors—Risks Relating to Our On-going Operations—LVS, our Controlling Shareholder, is subject to certain U.S. federal and state laws, which may impose on us greater administrative burdens and costs than we would otherwise have."

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## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The following is our selected combined financial information as of and for the years ended December 31, 2006, 2007 and 2008 and our combined financial information as of June 30, 2009 and for the six months ended June 30, 2008 and 2009, extracted from the 'Accountant's Report' set out in Appendix I to this prospectus. The selected combined financial information as of September 30, 2009 and for the three months ended September 30, 2008 and 2009 (except for adjusted EBITDAR data), as extracted from our condensed combined financial information for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2009 that was reviewed by our reporting accountant in accordance with ISRE 2410, reflects all adjustments that our management believes are necessary for the fair presentation of such information under IFRS. Results for interim periods are not indicative of results for the full year.

This selected combined financial information was prepared on the basis of presentation as set out in Note 1 of Section II of the Accountant's Report. The selected combined financial information should be read in conjunction with the combined financial statements set out in this prospectus, including the related notes;

## SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA

#### **Combined Income Statements**

Compined income state	For the year ended December 31,		For the six months ended June 30,			For the three months ended September 30,		
	2006	2007	2008	2008	2009	2009	2008	2009
	LISS	US\$	US\$	US\$ (unaudited) <i>(in m</i>	US\$ (audited) iillions)	HK\$	US\$ (unaudited)	US\$ (unaudited)
Net revenues		4 9 4 9 9	0.000 7	4 005 4	1,317.1	10,207.7	692.1	751,0
Casino	1,265.2	1,846.2	2,669.7	1,325.4	55.5	429.9	34.2	31,3
Rooms	0.1	49.3	140.0	67.5	25.4	429.5	13.4	13.8
Food and beverage	12.9	28.1	54.3	24.5		496.9	36.9	28.5
Mall Convention, ferry, retail		24.8	123.0	48.4	64.1			
and other	2.9	17.9	66.4	24.8	38.4	297.7	_20.1	
Total net revenues	1,281.1	1,966.2	3,053.3	1,490.6	1,500.6	11,629.5	796.7	846.0
Operating expenses				/		<b>3400 0</b>	101 1	493.7
Casino	742.2	1,238.0	1,875.4	903.1	916.2	7,100.3	491.1	
Rooms	0.2	13.1	32.2	16.2	14.0	108.2		5.9
Food and beverage	11.5	25.6	47.0	21.6	22.7	175.6		10.2
Mall		8.3	31.5	13.7	16.8	129.9	9.8	6.7
Convention, ferry, retail			100 4	46.2	59.7	462.5	36.7	31.6
and other	3.0	24.8	109.4	40.2	00.7	~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~	00.7	0.1.0
Provision for doubtful accounts	0.4	1.2	15.0	0.9	18.7	145.2	4,7	13.8
General and	Q1	* 200						
administrative								
expense	68.7	146.6	269.0	146.8	115.9	898.0		56.9
Corporate expense	0.4	2.7	14.7	4.3	4.7	36.4		1.7
	0.8	9.8	11.9	5.9	6.1	47.5	2.9	3.1
Land lease expense	34.7	141.9	112.3	38.1	52.4	406.1	29.8	12.3
Pre-opening expense	2.7							<u></u>
Development expense	6-1							
Depreciation and	35.2	104.0	268.2	123.4	158.4	1,227.9	69.7	80.1
amortization	30.4	104.0	200.2	120.4	10011	.,		
Loss/(gain) on disposal of property and								
equipment	1.9	0.6	1.6	1.2	4.9	37.9	0.0	(0.3)
Fair value losses/(gains) on financial assets at								
fair value through profit or loss	0.5	0.6	0.0	(0.1)			0.0	0.5
Net foreign exchange		- ^	(00.0)	(0.0)	0.1	1.0	) (18.4)	(0.4)
losses/(gains)		5.2	(29.2)				- <u> </u>	······································
Operating expenses	902.8	1,722.3	2,759.3	1,318.7	1,390.5	10,776.5	5 719.6	715.8

902.0	1,122.0	2,100.0	1,010.1	1,00010			
<b>378.3</b> 27.8	<b>243.9</b> 29.2	<b>294.0</b> 4.8	<b>171.9</b> 2.5	<b>110.1</b> 0.3	<b>853.1</b> 2.2	77.1 1.4	<b>130.2</b> 0.2
(30.3)	(77.0)	(122.9)	(60.2)	(52.2)	(404.6) 	(18.6)	(43.5) (0.2)
375.8	196.1	175.9	114.1	58.1	450.6	60.0	86.7
(0.0)	0.0	(0.2)	(0.1)	(0.2)	(1.3)	0.0	(0.1)
375.8	196.1	175.7	114.0	58.0	449.3	60.0	86.7
457.7	514.3	686.0	349.2	337.7	2,616.8	171.8	228.2
	27.8 (30.3)  <b>375.8</b> (0.0) <b>375.8</b>	378.3       243.9         27.8       29.2         (30.3)       (77.0)	$\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$				

# Our revised development plan may give certain of our hotel management companies for our Cotal Strip projects the right to terminate their agreements with us.

We have entered into management agreements with Starwood and are currently in discussions with others to manage hotels located on Parcels 3, 5 and 6 of our Cotal Strip development. Under our revised development plan, construction of these hotels has been suspended until supplemental financing is secured and general economic and capital market conditions improve. Under our management agreements with Starwood, we are required to perform all work necessary to cause (i) the opening of the first Sheraton hotel tower on Parcels 5 and 6 to occur by June 1, 2009; (ii) the opening of the second Sheraton hotel tower to occur by January 1, 2010; and (iii) the opening of the St. Regis hotel to occur by January 1, 2010. Our failure to open the first Sheraton hotel tower by the above specified date entitles Starwood to terminate its hotel management agreements with us. As of the Latest Practicable Date, Starwood has not terminated its hotel management agreements with us. Upon termination of the hotel management agreements we would also be liable to pay Starwood for all expenses arising as a result of such termination. We are currently negotiating amendments to our management agreements with Starwood to revise the construction and opening obligations and deadlines. If negotiations are unsuccessful, we may be subject to claims for damages and expenses under the management agreements, including breach of contract claims, losses of payables due to pre-opening consultants for services rendered and the opportunity costs of negotiating and executing these agreements. In addition, in the event that Starwood terminates its agreements with us, we would have to find new managers and brands for the projects described above, and which, in turn, could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

## We operate a passenger ferry service between Macau (Taipa Temporary Ferry Terminal) and Hong Kong under an agreement with the Macau Government. The loss of our ferry agreement or our ferry operator could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

For the years ended December 31, 2007 and 2008 and the six months ended June 30, 2009, which were the periods during which our CotaiJet ferry was in operation, our net revenues derived from ancillary operations, which includes ferry, convention and retail operations, amounted to US\$17.9 million, US\$66.4 million and US\$38.4 million (HK\$297.7 million), respectively. We operate CotaiJet, a passenger ferry service between Macau (Taipa Temporary Ferry Terminal ("TTFT")) and Hong Kong, under an agreement with the Macau Government. Pursuant to our ferry agreement, we were granted the right to operate passenger ferries between the TTFT and the Shun Tak ferry terminal in Sheung Wan, Hong Kong ("MFT"), until October 29, 2027. Another transportation company has claimed that entry into the agreement was improper and has sued the Macau Government seeking a review of the government's decision. In February 2009, the Court of Second Instance in Macau held that it was unlawful for the Macau Government to enter into the ferry agreement with Cotai Ferry Company Limited without engaging in a public tender process, and that the ferry agreement with Cotai Ferry Company Limited was void. We and the Macau Government have appealed the decision to the Court of Final Appeal in Macau. Our Macau legal advisor is of the opinion that, although uncertain, the outcome of the decision of the Court of Final Appeal is more likely to be unfavorable than favorable. See "Business-Legal Proceedings." If we lose this agreement or are otherwise unable to operate our ferry service, this could result in a significant loss of visitors to our Cotai Strip properties, including The Venetian Macao and the Plaza Macao, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows. This may also result in a potential impairment charge on the approximately US\$244.2 million in capitalized costs, as of June 30, 2009, related to our ferry operations. Moreover, under the terms of the Ferry Financing Facility, an event of default would occur if, upon losing the right to operate ferry services, we are unable to utilize available options to secure renewed rights to provide ferry services within six months of the loss of such right. Upon the occurrence of an event of default, our lender under the Ferry Financing Facility may cancel the Ferry Financing Facility and accelerate the repayment of the outstanding loans and interest, which would require us to repay such amounts with cash-on-hand or to seek any necessary refinancing to repay such amount. As of June 30, 2009, we had an aggregate outstanding principal amount of US\$228.5 million. See "Financial Information-Description of Material Indebtedness-Ferry Financing Facility."

Moreover, we rely on Chu Kong Passenger Transport Co., LTD ("CKS") for the daily operation of our CotaiJet ferry service through a management services agreement. As there are a limited number of established and licensed ferry operators in the Pearl River Delta region, it may be difficult to secure a replacement for CKS's services upon termination or failure to renew our operating agreement with CKS. The loss of CKS's services would materially and adversely affect our CotaiJet ferry operations, which could result in reduced traffic to our properties and therefore have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

## **Risks Relating to the Gaming Industry in Macau**

# Conducting business in Macau has certain political, economic and regulatory risks which may affect us.

As substantially all of our businesses and assets are located in Macau, our operations are governed principally by Macau laws and regulations. Current Macau laws and regulations concerning gaming and gaming concessions are, for the most part, fairly recent and there is limited precedent concerning the interpretation or enforcement of these laws and regulations by courts or administrative or regulatory bodies. Moreover, as a result of the limited volume of published decisions to guide the interpretation and enforcement of Macau's laws and regulations, their interpretation and application involve some uncertainty which may have a material adverse effect on our business development plans, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows. In addition, some of the existing laws and regulations were enacted during a different economic environment and stage of development, and may not sufficiently cover all aspects of our projects in Macau. In the past, constraints in the legal framework relating to construction, building and zoning have adversely affected our ability to develop our integrated resorts, resulting in delays or additional costs and the need to liaise with regulatory authorities to resolve such issues.

Amendments or differing interpretations, or implementation of tax laws and regulations, may also adversely affect our profitability after tax. For example, the percentage of our gross gaming revenues that we must contribute annually as special levies to the Macau authorities is subject to change in 2010. These factors may have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows. As some of these laws and regulations have not yet been applied by the Macau Government, the scope and enforcement of the provisions of Macau's gaming regulatory system cannot be fully assessed at this time and a court or an administrative or regulatory body may in the future render an interpretation of these laws and regulations, or issue regulations, which differ from our interpretation. Any such adverse developments in the regulation of our operations could be difficult to comply with and significantly increase our costs, which could cause our projects to be unsuccessful.

Our activities in Macau are subject to administrative review and approval by various government agencies. We cannot assure you that we will be able to obtain all necessary approvals, which may materially affect our long-term business strategy and operations. Macau laws permit redress to the courts with respect to administrative actions; however, such redress is largely untested in relation to gaming issues.

Gaming is a highly regulated industry in Macau and adverse changes or developments in gaming laws or regulations could be difficult to comply with or significantly increase our costs.

The Macau Government has authority over the scope of permitted business activities and the corporate affairs of the concessionaires and subconcessionaires. As the gaming laws and regulation of Macau continue to develop and evolve, current laws, such as licensing requirements, tax rates and other regulatory obligations, including those for anti-money laundering, could change or become more stringent and result in additional regulations being imposed upon the gaming operations in our casinos or gaming areas. A court or administrative or regulatory body may also issue new or modified regulations that differ from our interpretation. Any such adverse developments in the regulation of the



gaming industry could be difficult to comply with and significantly increase our costs, which could cause our existing operations and development projects to be unsuccessful.

Recently, the Macau Government announced its intention to review the size and growth of the Macau gaming industry, including the number of gaming tables currently in operation. In connection with this review, the Macau Government announced its intention to obtain scientific studies and research that would allow for a substantiated decision on this matter. If the Macau Government imposes a cap or any further limitation on the number of gaming tables, such restrictions may impact the number of gaming tables we may have at our future properties. In addition, we could face potential loss of gaming revenue and may not have sufficient tables to accommodate the number of gaming patrons visiting our properties or to generate sufficient revenues to sustain our operations. Because the Macau Government has yet to provide specific timelines and details on the proposed measures, we are currently unable to estimate the full extent of its impact on our operations.

The Macau Government also recently reiterated its intention to implement measures to raise the entry-age limit of casinos from 18 years old to 21 years old. If such age restrictions are put in place, the number of gaming patrons visiting our properties could be reduced. We would also need to ensure that our dealers and other gaming floor workers comply with such age limits, which could further restrict the pool of applicants for dealer positions in our casinos and gaming areas. See "Risk Factors—Risks Relating to Our On-going Operations—We depend on the continued services of key management personnel and we may not be able to attract and retain professional staff necessary for our existing and future properties in Macau."

# Policies and measures adopted from time to time by the PRC government could materially and adversely affect our operations.

As we expect a significant number of customers to come to our Macau properties from mainland China, general economic conditions and policies in mainland China could have a significant impact on our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows. Any slowdown in economic growth or changes to mainland China's current restrictions on travel and currency movements could result in a reduction in the number of visitors from mainland China to our properties in Macau, as well as the amounts visitors are willing and able to spend while at our properties. For example, in June 2008, news media began reporting that certain additional proposed restrictions were imposed on exit visa applicants for travel to Macau from mainland China by the Chinese authorities. On July 10, 2008, the Zhuhai General Station of Exit and Entry Frontier Inspection of the PRC announced that residents of Guangdong Province in mainland China are only allowed to apply for a visa once every two months, instead of once every month. In addition, residents of mainland China visiting Hong Kong may no longer visit Macau on the same visa, but instead must obtain a separate visa for any visit to Macau. It is unclear whether these measures will continue to be in effect, or become more restrictive in the future.

Currently, the PRC government also maintains certain restrictions limiting the export of Renminbi outside of mainland China and restrictions on the amount of Renminbi that can be converted into foreign currency, including the pataca. These restrictions, and any future policy developments that may be implemented, may have the effect of reducing the number of visitors to Macau from mainland China. Such events could adversely impact tourism and the gaming industry in Macau and limit the amount of money that players from mainland China spend on gaming activities, thereby restricting the growth of the gaming industry in Macau and negatively impacting our business, financial condition and results of operations.

We face intense competition in the gaming industry in Macau, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows. The gaming business in Macau is highly competitive. Our operations currently compete with numerous other casinos, gaming areas and resorts located in Macau, and we expect competition to increase in the near future from local and foreign casino operators. Many of our competitors have established gaming operations elsewhere, have a longer operating history, or may have greater



financial and other resources than we do. In addition, we and many of our competitors in Macau are constructing or planning to construct additional casinos, gaming areas and resorts. The opening of additional casinos, gaming areas and resorts will result in a significant increase in gaming tables, VIP rooms, slot machines, hotel rooms and other entertainment and convention facilities, services and amenities. If these additional casinos or gaming areas fail to attract an incremental proportion of patrons, competition in Macau for existing customers will intensify and may lead to saturation of the Macau gaming industry. We cannot assure you that the increase in integrated resorts will lead to a corresponding increase in the number of customers, or in our revenue, or that we will be able to maintain or grow our market share in the future or otherwise compete effectively.

Our operations will also compete to some extent with casinos and integrated resorts located elsewhere in Asia, and elsewhere in the world. In addition, certain countries have legalized, and others may in the future legalize casino gaming. Gaming tax regimes may also be more favorable in certain jurisdictions, such as the Republic of Singapore, in which some of our competitors may operate, which would allow them to yield much higher gaming margins than us or provide their customers with more favorable terms. The proliferation of gaming venues in Southeast Asia and other regions could significantly and adversely affect our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

# The Macau Government could grant additional rights to conduct gaming in the future, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

We, through our subsidiary, VML, are one of six companies authorized by the Macau Government to conduct gaming activities in Macau. Pursuant to the terms of Law No. 16/2001, published in the Macau Official Gazette No. 39-I of September 24, 2001, the Macau Government was precluded from granting more than three gaming concessions. Under its concession contracts with Galaxy, SJM and Wynn Macau, the Macau Government also undertook not to grant any additional gaming concessions before April 1, 2009. If additional concessions or subconcessions are granted, we would face additional competition, which could cause us to lose market share and have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

## Exchange rates could change and increase our foreign currency risk.

Our functional currency is patacas. The pataca is pegged to the Hong Kong dollar, which in turn is pegged against the U.S. dollar. We cannot assure you that the Hong Kong dollar will remain pegged to the U.S. dollar and the pataca will remain pegged to the Hong Kong dollar. As such, our revenue or expenses derived from our operations may be subject to currency fluctuation risks which may have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows. We do not currently hedge for foreign currency risk.

# Macau's transportation infrastructure may not be adequate to support the development of Macau's gaming industry.

In order to service the increased number of visitors to Macau, several infrastructure projects have been announced, including the construction of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macau Bridge, expansion of the Macau International Airport and construction of a light railway system, a new ferry terminal in Taipa and improved pedestrian walkways and boundary crossings. These projects are in various stages of planning or development and we cannot assure you that any of these projects will be approved or completed at the same pace as the proposed improvements in transportation infrastructure, or that they will be completed at all. If any of these infrastructure projects are delayed or not completed or Macau's transportation infrastructure is insufficient to meet the demands of an increased volume of visitors to Macau, the desirability of Macau as a gaming and tourist destination could be negatively impacted. Moreover, only a limited number of airlines have been able to successfully acquire concessions for airline routes to Macau. Failure to successfully implement improvements to Macau's



transportation infrastructure may impede the expected increase in visitation to Macau and could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

## Macau is susceptible to typhoons that may disrupt operations and damage our properties.

In the event of a major typhoon or other natural disaster in Macau, our business may be disrupted and our results of operations could be adversely affected. We cannot assure you that our insurance coverage will be sufficient to fully indemnify us against all direct and indirect costs, including loss of business, that could result from substantial damage to, or partial or complete destruction of, our Macau properties or other damage to the infrastructure or economy of Macau as a result of such events.

## **Risks Relating to the Global Offering**

# An active trading market for our Shares may not develop, which could have a material and adverse effect on our Share price and on your ability to sell your Shares.

Prior to the Global Offering, no public market existed for our Shares. The initial offering price for our Shares will be determined by us, the Selling Shareholder and the Joint Bookrunners (jointly on behalf of the Underwriters), and may differ significantly from the market price for our Shares following the completion of the Global Offering. We have applied to list our Shares on the Stock Exchange. However, a listing on the Stock Exchange does not guarantee that an active trading market for our Shares will develop following the completion of the Global Offering or in the future. If an active public market for our Shares does not develop, the Shares could trade at a price lower than their initial offering price and you may not be able to resell your Shares for an extended period of time, if at all.

## The market price and trading volume for our Shares may be volatile.

The price and trading volume of our Shares might be highly volatile. Various factors could cause the market price of our Shares to change substantially, including:

- our operating performance and the performance of our competitors and other similar companies;
- expected or actual fluctuations in our results of operations;
- uncertainties or delays relating to the financing, completion and successful operation of our properties;
- announcements by us or our competitors of new projects, alliances or acquisitions;
- regulatory developments affecting us or our competitors;
- changes in financial estimates or recommendations by securities research analysts;
- the addition or departure of our executive officers or key personnel;
- · sales or perceived sales of our Shares;
- · expected or actual fluctuations in currency exchange rates; or
- changes in general economic conditions.
  - changes in general economic conditions.

Any such developments might result in large and sudden changes in the volume and price at which our Shares will trade. In addition, shares of other companies listed on the Stock Exchange have experienced substantial price volatility in the past and it is possible that our Shares will be subject to changes in price that may not be directly related to our financial or business performance. *Future offerings or sales of our Shares may negatively impact our Share price and result in dilution.* Future offerings or sales of our Shares by us or LVS, our Controlling Shareholder, or other Shareholders in the public market, or the perception that such offerings or sales could occur, may



cause the market price of our Shares to decline. See "Underwriting—Underwriting Arrangements and Expenses—Hong Kong Public Offering" for details of restrictions that may apply to future sales of our Shares. After these restrictions lapse, the market price of our Shares may decline as a result of future sales of substantial amounts of our Shares or other securities relating to our Shares in the public market, the issuance of new Shares or other securities relating to our Shares (including the issuance of new Shares or other securities relating to our Shares (including the issuance of new Shares or other securities relating to yus) or the perception that sales or issuances may occur. This could also have a material and adverse effect on our ability to raise capital in the future at a time and at a price which we deem appropriate. In addition, if we issue additional Shares or employee options in the future, you may experience further dilution.

## As the Offer Price is higher than the unaudited pro forma adjusted net tangible asset value per Share, you will experience immediate dilution in the book value of the Shares you purchased in the Global Offering.

The Offer Price will be higher than the unaudited pro forma adjusted net tangible asset value per Share of the outstanding Shares prior to the Global Offering. Therefore, purchasers of our Shares in the Global Offering will experience an immediate dilution in the unaudited pro forma adjusted net tangible asset value of US\$0.91 (HK\$7.02) per Share (assuming an Offer Price of HK\$10.38 per Share), and of US\$1.28 (HK\$9.93) per Share (assuming an Offer Price of HK\$13.88 per Share).

# The Stock Exchange could cancel our listing if we fail to comply with applicable gaming or other laws.

Pursuant to the guidelines issued by the Stock Exchange in relation to "Gambling Activities Undertaken by Listing Applicants and/or Listed Issuers," dated March 11, 2003, if we, through our subsidiary, VML, are engaged in gambling activities and fail to comply with applicable gambling laws in the areas in which our subsidiaries operate or contravene the Gambling Ordinance, our business may be considered unsuitable for listing under Rule 8.04 of the Listing Rules. As a result, the Stock Exchange may require us to take remedial actions, and/or may suspend the dealings in, or may cancel the Listing of, our Shares.

# A Shareholder that is determined to be an unsuitable person by a gaming regulator with authority over our Company or our Controlling Shareholders is subject to prohibitions on receiving dividends and voting our Shares and may have its Shares redeemed by us.

Our Memorandum and Articles of Association prohibit anyone who is determined to be an unsuitable person by a gaming regulator in a jurisdiction to which we or our Controlling Shareholders are subject from receiving dividends or interest with regard to our Shares and from voting our Shares. In Nevada, Singapore and Pennsylvania, in general, a person would not be regarded as a suitable person if that person failed to establish his good character, honesty and integrity. A person may not pass that test if he is associated with a person(s) who could not pass that test or was found unsuitable unless such relationship has been terminated. In Macau, only shareholders holding 5.0% or more of VML's share capital are required to comply with the suitability criteria. The criteria used in determining suitability in Macau include the shareholder's experience in the industry, his reputation, the nature and reputation of the companies in the shareholder's group (where the shareholder is a company) and the nature and reputation of entities closely associated with the shareholder. Other criteria may also be taken into account by the Macau Government. Our Memorandum and Articles of Association also permit us to redeem the Shares owned or controlled by a Shareholder that is determined to be an unsuitable person. In addition, our Memorandum and Articles of Association require any Shareholder that is determined to be an unsuitable person to indemnify us for any and all costs, including attorneys' fees, incurred by us as a result of the unsuitable person's ownership or control of our Shares or its failure to promptly divest itself of our Shares. As a Shareholder, if you are determined to be an unsuitable person by a relevant gaming regulator, you may be subject to the restrictions as set out above, and you may suffer loss as a result.

You may face difficulties in protecting your interests because we are incorporated under Cayman Islands law and these laws may provide different protections to minority shareholders than the laws of Hong Kong.

Our corporate affairs are governed by our Memorandum and Articles of Association and by the Cayman Companies Law and common law of the Cayman Islands. The laws of the Cayman Islands relating to the protection of the interests of minority shareholders differ in some respects from those established under statues or judicial precedent in existence in Hong Kong. These differences may mean that our minority Shareholders may have different protections than they would have under the laws of Hong Kong. A summary of Cayman Islands law on the protection of minority shareholders is set out in "Summary of the Constitution of Our Company and Cayman Companies Law" in Appendix VI to this prospectus.

## You may have difficulty enforcing judgments obtained against us.

We are a Cayman Islands exempted company. All our current operations, and administrative and corporate functions are conducted in Macau and Hong Kong and substantially all of our assets are located in Macau. In addition, a substantial portion of the assets of our Directors and officers persons are located outside the United States and Hong Kong. As a result, it may be difficult for you to effect service of process within the United States or Hong Kong upon these persons. It may also be difficult for you to enforce against us and our officers and Directors in the Cayman Islands, Hong Kong and Macau, any judgments obtained in the courts of the United States, Hong Kong or other foreign jurisdictions based on the civil liability provisions of the securities laws of the United States or any state or Hong Kong. In addition, it is uncertain whether the Cayman Islands, Hong Kong or Macau courts would be competent to hear original actions brought in the Cayman Islands, Hong Kong or Macau against us or such persons predicated upon the securities laws of the United States or any state.

# Certain statistics, industry data and other information relating to the Macau, Las Vegas and Atlantic City economy and gaming industry contained in this prospectus are derived from official government sources and may not be reliable.

Certain statistics, industry data and other information relating to the Macau; Las Vegas, Nevada; Atlantic City, New Jersey; Hong Kong and the PRC economy and the Macau, Las Vegas and Atlantic City gaming industry contained in this prospectus have been derived from various official government publications with information provided by Macau, Hong Kong, PRC, Nevada, New Jersey and other government agencies. We cannot assure you or make any representation as to the accuracy or completeness of such information. Neither we nor any of our respective affiliates or advisors, nor the Joint Global Coordinators, the Joint Bookrunners, the Joint Sponsors, the Underwriters or any of their respective affiliates or advisors, have prepared or independently verified the accuracy or completeness of such information directly or indirectly derived from official government sources. Such information may not be consistent with other information available from other sources and should not be unduly relied upon. Due to possible flawed collection methods, discrepancies between published information, different market practices or other problems, the statistics, industry data and other information relating to the economy and the industry derived from official government sources might be inaccurate or might not be comparable to statistics produced from other sources. In all cases, you should give careful

consideration as to how much weight or importance you should attach or place on such statistics, projected industry data and other information relating to the economy and the industry.

You should read the entire prospectus carefully and we strongly caution you not to place any reliance on any information contained in press articles or other media regarding us and the Global Offering, including, in particular, any financial projections, projections, valuations or other forward-looking information.

Prior to the publication of this prospectus, there has been press and media coverage regarding us and the Global Offering, including but not limited to, coverage in the Hong Kong Economic Times, Ming Pao Daily News, Hong Kong Economic Journal, Apple Daily, the South China Morning Post, Sing Tao



Daily News, Reuters News, Associated Press Newswires and Bloomberg, which included, among others, certain financial information, certain projections, valuations and/or other information about the Global Offering and the Group. We have not authorized the disclosure of any such information in the press or media and do not accept any responsibility for the accuracy or completeness of such press articles or other media. We make no representation as to the appropriateness, accuracy, completeness or reliability of any of the projections, valuations or other forward-looking information about us, or of any assumptions underlying such projections, valuations or other forward-looking information included in or referred to by the press articles or other media. To the extent that any such statements are inconsistent with, or conflict with, the information contained in this prospectus, we disclaim them. Accordingly, prospective investors are cautioned to make their investment decisions on the basis of the information contained in this prospectus only and should not rely on any other information.

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## WAIVERS FROM COMPLIANCE WITH THE LISTING RULES AND EXEMPTION FROM THE COMPANIES ORDINANCE

In preparation for the Global Offering, we have sought the following waivers from strict compliance with the relevant provisions of the Listing Rules and exemption from the Companies Ordinance:

### CONNECTED TRANSACTIONS

Members of our Group have entered into certain transactions which would constitute continuing connected transactions of our Company under the Listing Rules following the completion of the Global Offering. We have received from the Stock Exchange a waiver from strict compliance with the announcement and/or independent shareholders' approval requirements set out in Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules for certain continuing connected transactions. Further details of such continuing connected transactions and the waiver are set out in "Connected Transactions."

## JOINT COMPANY SECRETARIES

Rule 8.17 of the Listing Rules requires our Company Secretary to be a person who is ordinarily resident in Hong Kong and who has the requisite knowledge and experience to discharge the functions of a secretary and who is either (i) an ordinary member of The Hong Kong Institute of Chartered Secretaries, a solicitor or barrister as defined by the Legal Practitioners Ordinance or a professional accountant, or (ii) an individual who, by virtue of his academic or professional qualifications or relevant experience, is in the opinion of the Stock Exchange capable of discharging those functions.

Our Company has appointed Mr. Luís Nuno Mesquita de Melo and Ms. Ho Siu Pik as joint Company Secretaries. Ms. Ho has been appointed as joint Company Secretary for an initial three-year term commencing from the Listing Date unless notice is given by our Company to terminate such appointment after one year commencing from the Listing Date. Such right may be effected by the Company giving not less than 30 days prior written notice to Ms. Ho. We believe that Mr. Melo, by virtue of his knowledge of and experience in Macau law, will be capable of discharging his functions as a Company Secretary. As Mr. Melo does not possess the formal qualifications required under the Listing Rules and is not ordinarily resident in Hong Kong as required under Rule 8.17 of the Listing Rules, we have applied to the Stock Exchange for, and the Stock Exchange has granted, a three-year waiver from the Listing Date from strict compliance with the requirements under Rule 8.17 in relation to Mr. Melo being appointed as joint Company Secretary. Our intention is for Mr. Melo to obtain the relevant qualifications as stipulated in Rule 8.17 during the aforementioned three-year period. At the end of the three-year waiver period or upon Mr. Melo obtaining the relevant qualifications as stipulated in Rule 8.17, we will assess the then qualifications and experience of Mr. Melo in order to determine whether the requirements as stipulated in Rule 8.17 can be satisfied at that time, and whether our Company may exercise the aforementioned early termination right to terminate the services of Ms. Ho as joint company secretary. If the requirements are satisfied, it is our intention for Mr. Melo to then become the sole secretary of our Company. During the waiver period, Ms. Ho (as the other joint Company Secretary) will work closely with, and provide assistance to, Mr. Melo in the discharge of his duties.

Further, we will have the following arrangements in place:

- (a) We will appoint Mr. Steven Craig Jacobs, in addition to Mr. Melo, as authorized representatives pursuant to Rule 3.05 of the Listing Rules. These authorized representatives will act as our Company's principal communication channel with the Stock Exchange. Both Mr. Jacobs and Mr. Melo will be able to meet with the Stock Exchange in Hong Kong within a reasonable time frame, upon request by the Stock Exchange, and will be readily contactable by mobile or residential telephone, facsimile or e-mail. Each of the two authorized representatives is authorized to communicate on behalf of our Company with the Stock Exchange.
- (b) In addition, we have appointed CLSA as our compliance advisor pursuant to Rule 3A.19 of the Listing Rules. CLSA will also act as our additional communication channel with the Stock Exchange, in addition to our authorized representatives. The contact persons of our compliance advisor will be fully available to answer enquiries from the Stock Exchange.



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## CLAWBACK MECHANISM

Paragraph 4.2 of Practice Note 18 of the Listing Rules requires a clawback mechanism to be put in place which would have the effect of increasing the number of Offer Shares under the Hong Kong Public Offering to a certain percentage of the total number of Offer Shares offered in the Global Offering if certain prescribed total demand levels are reached. An application has been made for, and the Stock Exchange has granted, a waiver from strict compliance with paragraph 4.2 of Practice Note 18 of the Listing Rules such that, in the event of over-applications in the Hong Kong Public Offering, the Joint Bookrunners shall apply a clawback mechanism following the closing of the application lists on the following basis:

- if the number of the Offer Shares validly applied for under the Hong Kong Public Offering represents less than 10 times the number of the Offer Shares initially available for subscription under the Hong Kong Public Offering, then no Offer Shares will be reallocated to the Hong Kong Public Offering from the International Offering, so that the total number of the Offer Shares available under the Hong Kong Public Offering will be 187,000,000 Offer Shares, representing 10.0% of the Offer Shares initially available under the Global Offering;
- if the number of the Offer Shares validly applied for under the Hong Kong Public Offering represents 10 times or more but less than 40 times the number of the Offer Shares initially available for subscription under the Hong Kong Public Offering, then the number of the Offer Shares to be reallocated to the Hong Kong Public Offering from the International Offering will be increased so that the total number of the Offer Shares available under the Hong Kong Public Offering will be 280,500,000 Offer Shares, representing 15.0% of the Offer Shares initially available under the Global Offering;
- if the number of the Offer Shares validly applied for under the Hong Kong Public Offering represents 40 times or more but less than 50 times the number of the Offer Shares initially available for subscription under the Hong Kong Public Offering, then the number of Offer Shares to be reallocated to the Hong Kong Public Offering from the International Offering will be increased so that the total number of the Offer Shares available under the Hong Kong Public Offering will be 374,000,000 Offer Shares, representing 20.0% of the Offer Shares initially available under the Global Offering; and
- if the number of the Offer Shares validly applied for under the Hong Kong Public Offering represents 50 times or more the number of the Offer Shares initially available for subscription under the Hong Kong Public Offering, then the number of Offer Shares to be reallocated to the Hong Kong Public Offering from the International Offering will be increased, so that the total number of the Offer Shares available under the Hong Kong Public Offering will be 467,500,000 Offer Shares, representing 25.0% of the Offer Shares initially available under the Global Offering.

# SUBSCRIPTION OF SHARES BY BONDHOLDERS AS ORDINARY PLACEES IN THE INTERNATIONAL OFFERING

Pursuant to Rule 10.04 of the Listing Rules, a person who is an existing Shareholder may only subscribe for or purchase any Shares which are being marketed by or on behalf of our Company either in his or its own name or through nominees if the conditions in Rules 10.03(1) and (2) of the Listing Rules are fulfilled, that is, that no Shares are offered to them on a preferential basis and no preferential treatment is given to them in the allocation of securities and the minimum public float in our Shares is achieved.

We have applied to the Stock Exchange for, and the Stock Exchange has granted, a waiver from strict compliance with Rule 10.04 of the Listing Rules so as to permit the Bondholders to indicate an interest, and subscribe for Shares as ordinary placees, in the International Offering.

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Such waiver has been granted on the following conditions:

- (a) the terms and conditions of the Bonds were based on arm's length negotiations between VVDI (II) and the Bondholders;
- (b) each of the Bondholders is a third party who is not connected with our Company or its subsidiaries;
- (c) each of the nine investor groups holding the Bonds will own less than 2.0% of the issued share capital of our Company immediately following the completion of the Global Offering, the Capitalization Issue and the mandatory and automatic exchange of the Bonds for Shares, and without taking into account any Shares which may be subscribed by each Bondholder in the International Offering;
- (d) Goldman Sachs confirms that no preferential treatment will be given to the Bondholders in the allocation of Shares to them if they indicate an interest, and subscribe for Shares as ordinary placees, in the International Offering; and
- (e) none of the nine investor groups holding the Bonds will become substantial shareholders (as defined under the Listing Rules) of our Company following the completion of the Global Offering, the Capitalization Issue and the mandatory and automatic exchange of the Bonds for Shares.

In addition, the waiver has been granted on the basis that Goldman Sachs has confirmed that no preferential treatment will be given to the Bondholders in the allocation of Shares to them if they indicate an interest, and subscribe for Shares as ordinary placees, in the International Offering. Notwithstanding the waiver, we will continue to comply with the requirement under Rule 8.08(3) of the Listing Rules such that not more than 50.0% of our Shares held in public hands at the time of Listing are beneficially owned by the three largest public shareholders of our Company.

## DETAILS OF THE BONDHOLDERS

Pursuant to Section 342(1) of the Companies Ordinance and paragraph 10 of the Third Schedule to the Companies Ordinance, we are required to disclose in this prospectus certain details relating to the Bondholders, namely, the names and addresses of the Bondholders, the principal amount of the Bonds subscribed by each of them and the number of Shares to be issued to each of them upon the mandatory and automatic exchange of the Bonds for Shares (the "Relevant Information").

We have applied to the SFC for a certificate of exemption under Section 342A(1) of the Companies Ordinance from strict compliance with the disclosure requirement of Section 342(1) of the Companies Ordinance in respect of paragraph 10 of the Third Schedule to the Companies Ordinance on the grounds that strict compliance by us with such disclosure requirement would be irrelevant. Each investor group holding the Bonds and each Bondholder is a third party who is not connected with our Group, our Directors or their associates, the LVS Group or LVS's directors or their associates. The Bondholders do not have any special rights in our Company and the Bonds will be mandatorily and automatically exchanged for Shares on the Listing Date. Following the mandatory and automatic exchange of the Bonds for Shares, the individual shareholding of each investor group holding the Bonds and each Bondholder in our Company will be less than 2.0% as described in "History and Reorganization-Pre-IPO Bonds-Bondholders." Such shareholding interest in our Company would be below the 5.0% disclosure of interest threshold under the SFO, and therefore, each Bondholder would not be required to publicly disclose its name, address and shareholding interest in our Company. Accordingly, it would be irrelevant to disclose the names and addresses of the Bondholders and their respective shareholding interest in our Company in this prospectus. The principal terms and conditions of the Bonds, including a brief description of the Bondholders and the aggregate shareholding interest of the Bondholders in our Company following the mandatory and automatic exchange of the Bonds for Shares, are set out in "History and Reorganization-Pre-IPO Bonds". Having regard to the above, the

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Directors are of the view that the grant of the exemption will not prejudice the interests of the investing

public.

The SFC has granted the certificate of exemption under the Companies Ordinance on the condition that:

(1) a full list of all the Bondholders containing all the details of the Bonds required under paragraph 10 of the Third Schedule to the Companies Ordinance will be made available for public inspection in the form and manner as set out in "Documents Delivered to the Registrar of Companies and Available for Inspection---Documents Available for Inspection" in Appendix VIII to this prospectus;

(2) the following details in respect of the Bonds are disclosed in this prospectus:

- (a) the number of Bondholders and the aggregate number of Shares to be issued upon the mandatory and automatic exchange of the Bonds upon Listing;
- (b) the consideration paid for the Bonds;
- (c) the period during which the Bonds can be exchanged for Shares; and
- (d) the price at which the Bonds will be exchanged for Shares; and
- (3) the particulars of the exemption are set out in this prospectus.

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## DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE CONTENTS OF THIS PROSPECTUS

This prospectus contains particulars given in compliance with the Companies Ordinance, the Securities and Futures (Stock Market Listing) Rules (Chapter 571V of the Laws of Hong Kong) and the Listing Rules for the purpose of giving information to the public with regard to us. The Directors collectively and individually accept full responsibility for the accuracy of the information contained in this prospectus and confirm, having made all reasonable enquiries, that to the best of their knowledge and belief, there are no other facts the omission of which would make any statement in this prospectus misleading.

## INFORMATION ON THE GLOBAL OFFERING

The Hong Kong Public Offer Shares are offered solely on the basis of the information contained and representations made in this prospectus and the application forms as set out in "How to Apply for Hong Kong Public Offer Shares" and on the terms and subject to the conditions set out herein and therein. No person is authorized to give any information in connection with the Hong Kong Public Offering or to make any representation not contained in this prospectus, and any information or representation not contained herein must not be relied upon as having been authorized by us, the Selling Shareholder, the Joint Global Coordinators, the Joint Bookrunners, the Joint Sponsors, the Underwriters, any of their respective directors, agents, employees or advisers or any other person involved in the Hong Kong Public Offering.

Details of the structure of the Global Offering, including its conditions, are set out in "Structure of the Global Offering" and the procedures for applying for Hong Kong Public Offer Shares are set out in "How to Apply for Hong Kong Public Offer Shares" and in the relevant Application Forms.

## **RESTRICTIONS ON OFFERS AND SALES OF SHARES**

No action has been taken to permit a public offering of the Offer Shares, other than in Hong Kong, or the distribution of this prospectus in any jurisdiction other than Hong Kong. Accordingly, this prospectus may not be used for the purpose of, and does not constitute, an offer or invitation in any jurisdiction or in any circumstances in which such an offer or invitation is not authorized or to any person to whom it is unlawful to make such an offer or invitation.

The distribution of this prospectus and the offering and sales of the Offer Shares in other jurisdictions are subject to restrictions and may not be made except as permitted under the applicable securities laws of such jurisdictions pursuant to registration with or authorization by the relevant securities regulatory authorities or an exemption therefrom. In particular, the Offer Shares have not been offered and sold, and will not be offered or sold, directly or indirectly, in the PRC.

## PROFESSIONAL TAX ADVICE RECOMMENDED

We recommend applicants for the Offer Shares to consult their professional advisers if they are in any doubt as to the taxation implications of holding and dealing in the Shares. It is emphasized that none of our Company, the Selling Shareholder, the Joint Global Coordinators, the Joint Bookrunners, the Joint Sponsors, the Underwriters, any of their respective directors, agents, employees or advisers or any other person involved in the Global Offering accepts responsibility for any tax effects or liabilities of holders of the Shares resulting from the subscription, purchase, holding or disposal of the Shares.

## HONG KONG REGISTER OF MEMBERS

Our Company's principal register of members will be maintained by its principal registrar, Walkers Corporate Services Limited in the Cayman Islands and our Company's Hong Kong register of members will be maintained by its Hong Kong Share Registrar in Hong Kong, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited.

## STAMP DUTY

Dealings in the Shares registered in our Company's Hong Kong register of members will be subject to Hong Kong stamp duty. The current ad valorem rate of Hong Kong stamp duty is 0.1% on



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the higher of the consideration for or the market value of the Shares and it is charged on the purchaser on every purchase and on the vendor on every sale of the Shares. In other words, a total stamp duty of 0.2% is currently payable on a typical sale and purchase transaction involving the Shares.

## **OVER-ALLOTMENT AND STABILIZATION**

Stabilization is a practice used by underwriters in some markets to facilitate the distribution of securities. To stabilize, the underwriters may bid for, or purchase, the newly issued securities in the secondary market, during a specified period of time, to retard and, if possible, prevent a decline in the initial public offer price of the securities.

In connection with the Global Offering, the Stabilizing Manager, its affiliates or any person acting for it, may over-allocate or effect transactions with a view to supporting the market price of the Shares at a level higher than that which might otherwise prevail for a limited period after the last day for the lodging of applications under the Hong Kong Public Offering. This stabilizing activity may include exercising the Over-allotment Option, stock borrowing, making market purchases of Shares in the secondary market or selling Shares to liquidate a position held as a result of those purchases. Any such stabilizing activity will be effected in compliance with all applicable laws and regulatory requirements. However, there is no obligation on the Stabilizing Manager, its affiliates or any person acting for it to conduct any such stabilizing activity, which if taken, will be done at the absolute discretion of the Stabilizing Manager and may be discontinued at any time. Any primary stabilizing activity is required to be brought to an end within 30 days of the last day for the lodging of applications under the Hong Kong Public Offering. The number of Shares which can be over-allocated will not exceed the number of Shares that may be sold under the Over-allotment Option, namely 187,000,000 Shares, which is 10.0% of the number of Shares initially available under the Global Offering.

The Stabilizing Manager, its affiliates or any person acting for it, may, in connection with a stabilizing action, maintain a long position in the Shares. The size of the long position, and the period for which the Stabilizing Manager, its affiliates or any person acting for it, will maintain the long position is at the discretion of the Stabilizing Manager and is uncertain. In the event that the Stabilizing Manager liquidates this long position by making sales in the open market, this may lead to a decline in the market price of the Shares.

Primary stabilizing action to support the price of the Shares is not permitted after the stabilizing period, which begins on the day on which trading of the Shares commence on the Stock Exchange and ends on the 30th day after the last day for the lodging of applications under the Hong Kong Public Offering. The stabilizing period is expected to end on or before Saturday, December 19, 2009. After the stabilizing period, when no further action may be taken to support the price of the Shares, demand for the Shares, and therefore the market price of the Shares, may fall.

Any stabilizing action taken by the Stabilizing Manager, its affiliates or any person acting for it, may not necessarily result in the market price of the Shares staying at or above the Offer Price either during or after the stabilizing period. Stabilizing blds may be made on transactions effected in the course of the stabilizing action at or below the Offer Price and therefore at or below the price paid by subscribers or purchasers of the Shares.

## CURRENCY TRANSLATIONS

Save as stated in the Accountant's Report or unless otherwise stated, amounts denominated in U.S. dollars, MOP and Hong Kong dollars have been converted, for the purposes of illustration only, in this prospectus at:

US\$1.00: HK\$7.75 US\$1.00: MOP8.00 US\$1.00: RMB6.84 HK\$1.00: MOP1.03



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No representation is made that any amounts in U.S. dollars, MOP, RMB or Hong Kong dollars can be or could have been at the relevant dates converted at the above rates or any other rates or at all.

#### LANGUAGE

If there is any inconsistency between this prospectus and the Chinese translation of this prospectus, this prospectus shall prevail. If there is any inconsistency between the Portuguese names of the Macau entities mentioned in this prospectus and their English translations, the Portuguese names shall prevail.

#### ROUNDING

Any discrepancies in any table between totals and sums of amounts listed therein are due to rounding.

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Name	Address	Nationality
Executive Directors		
Steven Craig Jacobs	Apartment 44B, Dynasty Court, 23 Old Pe Mid-levels, Hong Kong	eak Road, American
Stephen John Weaver	Apartment 25C, Estoril Court, 55 Garden Mid-levels, Hong Kong	Road, Australian
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Sheldon Gary Adelson	901 Trophy Hill Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89	134, U.S.A. American
Jeffrey Howard Schwartz	23 Carriage Lane, Cherry Hills Village, C U.S.A.	O 80121, American
Irwin Abe Siegel	750 Park Avenue NE, Apt. 13N, Atlanta, U.S.A.	GA 30326, American
Independent Non-executive I	irectors	
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Yun Chiang	8N, Scenic Villas, Pokfulam, Hong Kong	Chinese
David Muir Turnbull	G/F., Block B, 23 Bisney Road, Pokfulam Kong	n, Hong British
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	UBS AG, Hong Kong Branch 52/F Two International Finance Centre 8 Finance Street Central Hong Kong
Joint Sponsors	Goldman Sachs (Asia) L.L.C. 68th Floor, Cheung Kong Center 2 Queen's Road Central Hong Kong
	CLSA Equity Capital Markets Limited 18th Floor, One Pacific Place 88 Queensway Hong Kong
Legai Advisors to our Company	<i>As to Hong Kong and United States law</i> Sidley Austin 39th Floor, Two International Finance Centre 8 Finance Street Central, Hong Kong
	As to Cayman Islands law Walkers 15th Floor, Alexandra House 18 Chater Road Central Hong Kong
· ·	. As to Macau law Leonel Alves Law Firm Av. Da Praia Grande, 517 Edf. Comercial Nam Tung, 20th Floor Macau

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·	As to United States law Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP 18th Floor The Hong Kong Club Building 3A Chater Road Central
	Hong Kong <i>As to Macau law</i> Advogados & Notários Edf. Centro Comercial da Praia Grande 25th Floor, No. 429 Avenida da Praia Grande Macau
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## CORPORATE INFORMATION

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Principal Place of Business and Head Office in Macau	Estrada da Baía de Nossa Senhora da Esperança The Venetian Macao Resort Hotel Executive Offices, L2 Taipa, Macau
Place of Business in Hong Kong Registered under Part XI of the Companies Ordinance	Level 39, One Exchange Square 8 Connaught Place, Central, Hong Kong
Company's Website	www.sandschinaltd.com (The information on the website does not form part of this prospectus)
Joint Company Secretaries	Luis Nuno Mesquita de Melo Ho Siu Pik <i>(HKICS)</i>
Authorized Representatives	Steven Craig Jacobs The Venetian Macao Resort Hotel Executive Offices - L3 Estrada da Baía de N. Senhora da Esperança, s/n Taipa, Macau
	Luis Nuno Mesquita de Melo The Venetian Macao Resort Hotel Executive Offices - L2 Estrada da Baía de N. Senhora da Esperança, s/n Taipa, Macau
Audit Committee	lain Ferguson Bruce (Chairman) Chiang Yun Irwin Abe Siegel
Remuneration Committee	David Muir Turnbull (Chairman) Iain Ferguson Bruce Jeffrey Howard Schwartz
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Hong Kong Share Registrar	Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited Shops 1712-1716, 17th Floor Hopewell Centre 183 Queen's Road East

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#### **OUR HISTORY**

Our Company was incorporated as an exempted company with limited flability in the Cayman Islands on July 15, 2009. VML, one of our subsidiaries, holds one of the six concessions or subconcessions permitted by the Macau Government to operate casinos or gaming areas in Macau. Our subsidiary, VCL, owns and operates The Venetian Macao (except the casino) and the Plaza Macao (except the Plaza Casino and Four Seasons Hotel, each of which are owned, but not operated, by VCL). Our subsidiary, VML, owns and operates the Sands Macao and operates the gaming areas in The Venetian Macao and the Plaza Casino. The Sands Macao, The Venetian Macao and the Plaza Macao provide a complementary mix of gaming, hotel, retail, dining, MICE and entertainment facilities. We are the leading developer, owner and operator of integrated resorts and casinos in Macau as measured by EBITDA for the year ended December 31, 2008 and the six months ended June 30, 2009.<sup>(1)</sup> A summary of our history is set out below.

Following the liberalization of Macau's gaming industry, the Macau Government launched an international tender process and granted three concessions in March 2002, under the terms of Law No. 16/2001, published in Macau Official Gazette No. 39-I of September 24, 2001 (the "Macau Gaming Law") and passed other related legislation which authorizes the Macau Government to award up to three gaming concessions. Galaxy, SJM and Wynn Macau received these three gaming concessions. The Macau Government subsequently and successively authorized three subconcessions, permitting each of Galaxy, SJM and Wynn Macau to enter into the subconcession contracts with their respective Subconcessionaires to operate casino games in Macau. The granting of the subconcessions, which are contemplated in the Macau gaming regulatory framework, are prohibited unless specifically authorized by the Macau Government. VML executed a tripartite Subconcession Contract with Galaxy and the Macau Government on December 26, 2002. The Subconcession Contract and Macau gaming regulatory framework established the terms and conditions upon which Galaxy granted VML a Subconcession to operate casino games, as approved and authorized by the Macau Government. In addition, according to the Macau gaming regulatory framework, 10.0% of VML's issued share capital must be held by its managing director, who must be appointed by VML and must be a permanent Macau resident.

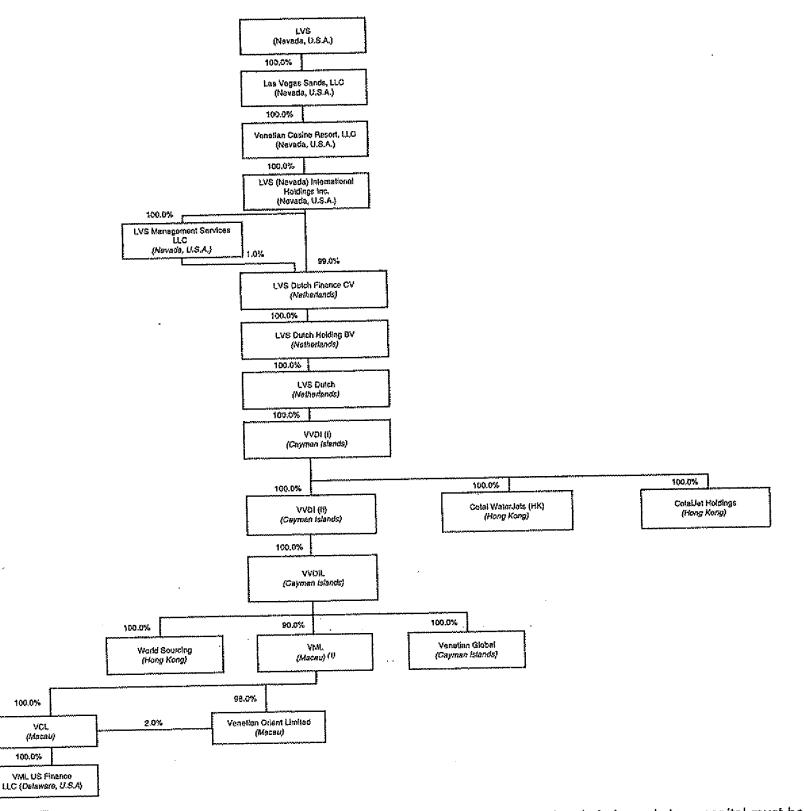
After entering into VML's Subconcession, we opened the Sands Macao, the first Las Vegas-style casino on the Macau peninsula, in 2004 and opened The Venetian Macao, which is the anchor property for our Cotai Strip development, in August 2007. In August 2008, we opened the Plaza Macao, which is connected to The Venetian Macao, and features, among others, upscale gaming facilities referred to as the Plaza Casino, the Four Seasons Hotel, the Paiza mansions, and the Shoppes at Four Seasons. FS Macau Lda. manages and operates the Four Seasons Hotel.

Given the challenging conditions in the capital markets and the global economy and their impact on our on-going operations, in November 2008, we suspended the construction of Parcels 5 and 6 on Cotai. We plan to restart construction once we have sufficient funds necessary to complete Phases I and II. We intend to fully fund the development and construction costs related to Phases I and II with at least US\$500.0 million of the proceeds from the Global Offering, together with project financing of up to US\$1.75 billion that we are currently seeking to obtain from a group of lenders and, to the extent necessary, cash flow from existing and future operations. As of the Latest Practicable Date, we have received aggregate commitments for project financing in the amount of US\$1.45 billion from commercial banks and other financial institutions, including from affiliates of all the Joint Bookrunners, towards the targeted US\$1.75 billion of total project financing that we are seeking. Once we recommence construction, we estimate that it will take approximately 18 months to complete construction of Phase I and another six months thereafter to complete the internal fit-out of the additional Sheraton hotel tower in Phase II. We will commence construction of Phase III at a future date as demand and market conditions warrant. As of June 30, 2009, we have capitalized construction costs of US\$1.7 billion (HK\$13.2 billion) on the development of Parcels 5 and 6 and, if supplemental financing is secured, we expect to spend an additional US\$2.2 billion to complete Phase I and II.

<sup>(1)</sup> Based on publicly available information, including company financial reports.

## **OUR CORPORATE REORGANIZATION**

Prior to the Reorganization, the simplified shareholding structure of our major operating subsidiaries, the companies involved in the Reorganization and companies referred to in this prospectus was as follows:



(1) According to the Macau gaming regulatory framework, 10.0% of each Subconcessionaire's issued share capital must be held by its managing director, who must be appointed by the applicable Subconcessionaire and must be a permanent Macau resident. VVDIL has entered into an usufruct agreement with Mr. Antonio Ferreira, the managing director of VML, whereby Mr. Ferreira agreed to create a usufruct over 10.0% of VML's issued share capital to the sole and exclusive benefit of VVDIL:

We were incorporated under the laws of the Cayman Islands on July 15, 2009. Prior to the Global Offering, a number of reorganization steps were taken in preparation for the Listing. The Reorganization steps are set out below: • In the first stage of the Reorganization, on September 2, 2009, VVDI (I) and VVDIL entered into a sale and purchase agreement pursuant to which VVDI (I) agreed to sell and VVDIL agreed to purchase (i) the entire issued share capital of Cotal WaterJets (HK) at a consideration of

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HK\$1.00; and (ii) the entire issued share capital of CotaiJet Holdings at a consideration of HK\$1.00. Since the net asset values of both Cotai Waterjets (HK) and CotaiJet Holdings were

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negative, a nominal amount of HK\$1.00 was adopted as consideration for each of the sale of Cotai Waterjets (HK) and CotaiJet Holdings, respectively.

- As part of the second stage of the Reorganization, on September 28, 2009, VVDIL and VVDI (I) entered into (i) a sale and purchase agreement pursuant to which VVDIL agreed to sell and VVDI (I) agreed to purchase the entire issued share capital of World Sourcing at a consideration of HK\$4,838,000; and (ii) a sale and purchase agreement pursuant to which VVDIL agreed to sell and VVDI (I) agreed to purchase the entire issued share capital of Venetian Global at a consideration of US\$1.00. The sale of World Sourcing was effected at its net asset value. Since Venetian Global recorded a negative asset value, a nominal amount of US\$1.00 was adopted as consideration for the sale of Venetian Global.
- · In the third stage of the Reorganization, on September 29, 2009, LVS IP Holdings, LLC was organized under the laws of Nevada as a wholly owned subsidiary of our Company.
- In the fourth stage of the Reorganization, on November 10, 2009, VVDI (II) and our Company entered into a share transfer form pursuant to which VVDI (II) agreed to transfer by means of contribution to our Company the entire issued share capital of VVDIL for nil consideration.

Our Macau legal counsel has confirmed to us that all governmental approvals and consents for the Global Offering, the Listing and the trading of Shares following the Global Offering have been obtained.

The table below sets out the subsidiaries which our Group disposed of during the Track Record Period:

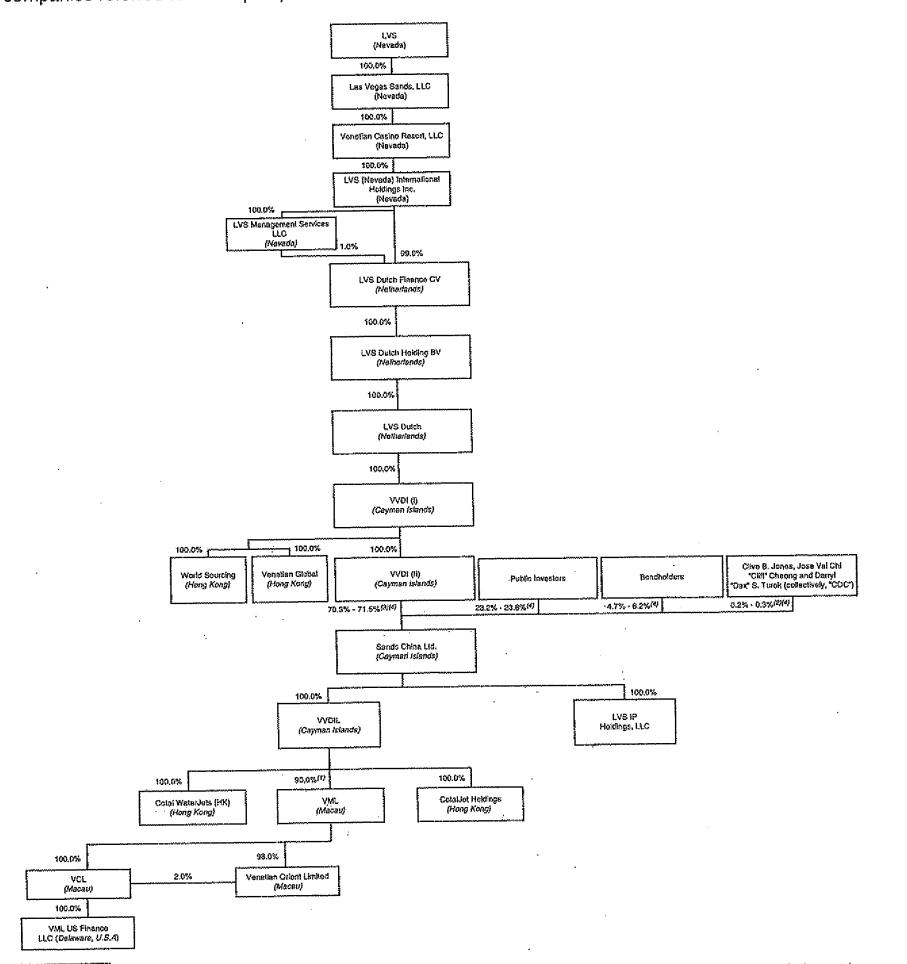
Name of the subsidiary disposed of	Consideration	Basis of consideration
World Sourcing	HK\$4,838,000	Net asset value
Venetian Global	US\$ 1.00	Net asset value

World Sourcing provides global procurement consultancy services to the LVS Group in relation to the global procurement of raw materials, furniture, fixtures and equipment, operating supplies and room amenities, among other items, with respect to the design, development, construction, equipping, management and operation of casinos, casino hotels and integrated resorts. Venetian Global is an investment holding company holding investments in a number of companies which are either investment holding businesses or conducting businesses which are dissimilar to the business of our Group. Both World Sourcing and Venetian Global were disposed of by our Group as part of the Reorganization as they did not form part of the core business of our Group. The assets and liabilities and profit and losses of both World Sourcing and Venetian Global have been excluded from the financial information of our Group as, prior to and after the Reorganization, both companies had and have autonomous operations and financing, no more than incidental common facilities and costs with our Group and will not have material financial commitments, guarantees or contingent liabilities with our Group. The results of each of World Sourcing and Venetian Global during the Track Record Period are irrelevant and immaterial to the financial results of our Group.

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Immediately following the completion of the Reorganization, the Global Offering, the Capitalization Issue and the mandatory and automatic exchange of the Bonds for Shares and assuming the Over-allotment Option is not exercised, the simplified shareholding and corporate structure of our major operating subsidiaries, the companies involved in the Reorganization and the companies referred to in this prospectus will be as follows:



(1) According to the Macau gaming regulatory framework, 10.0% of each Subconcessionaire's issued share capital must be held by its managing director, who must be appointed by the applicable Subconcessionaire and must be a permanent Macau resident. VVDIL has entered into an usufruct agreement with Mr. Antonio Ferreira, the managing director of VML, whereby Mr. Ferreira agreed to create a usufruct over 10.0% of VML's issued share capital to the sole and exclusive benefit of VVDIL.

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- These Shares will be allotted and issued pursuant to the allotment and issuance by our Company of Shares from the (2)Capitalization Issue to CDC at the request of LVS (through VVDI(II)) upon the completion of the Global Offering pursuant to a confidential settlement agreement dated June 3, 2009 to which LVS is party, for the dismissal of a lawsuit filed by Clive B. Jones, Jose Val Chi "Cliff" Cheong and Darryl "Dax" S. Turok (collectively, "CDC") against, inter alia, LVS, without admission of wrongdoing or liability of any kind by any of the parties to such proceedings. The number of Shares to be allotted and issued was calculated by dividing US\$30,000,000 by the amount payable under the Global Offering for each Share, being the aggregate of the Offer Price for each Share plus 1.0% brokerage, SFC transaction levy of 0.004% and Stock Exchange trading fee of 0.005%. Such number of Shares will be finalized once the final Offer Price is agreed, and has been calculated tentatively, for illustrative purposes only, on the basis that the final Offer Price will be HK\$10.38 to HK\$13.88 per Share, being the Offer Price range stated in this prospectus. The number of Shares to be issued to CDC would be 22,185,115 Shares, representing approximately 0.3% of the issued share capital of our Company following the completion of the Global Offering, the Capitalization Issue and the mandatory and automatic exchange of the Bonds for Shares, assuming an Offer Price of HK\$10.38, being the low end of the Offer Price range stated in this prospectus. The number of Shares to be issued to CDC would be 16,583,452 Shares, representing approximately 0.2% of the issued share capital of our Company following the completion of the Global Offering, the Capitalization Issue and the mandatory and automatic exchange of the Bonds for Shares, assuming an Offer Price of HK\$13.88 per Share being the high end of the Offer Price range stated in this prospectus. We are not party to the foregoing dispute or proceedings or settlement agreement and are not liable for any payment or loss arising out of the settlement (the "CDC Settlement").
- (3) If the Over-allotment Option is exercised, the Selling Shareholder will hold 68.0% (assuming the Offer Price is HK\$10.38) and 69.1% (assuming the Offer Price is HK\$13.88), respectively, of our total issued share capital immediately following the completion of the Reorganization, the Global Offering, the Capitalization Issue and the mandatory and automatic exchange of the Bonds for Shares.
- (4) Assuming an Offer Price of HK\$10.38 to HK\$13.88 per Share.

#### Ownership of and Control over VML

As a result of the Reorganization, our Company (through VVDIL) holds 90.0% of the issued share capital and corresponding voting rights of VML. As mentioned above, with respect to the remaining 10.0% of the issued share capital of VML (the "10.0% shares") held by Mr. Antonio Ferreira, the managing director of VML, a usufruct agreement dated November 10, 2008 (the "Usufruct Agreement") was entered into between Mr. Ferreira and VVDIL. The Usufruct Agreement was entered into to grant VVDIL: (1) the right to all annual profits distributed by VML; (2) the right to any and all the amounts related to the 10.0% shares in the event of the winding up of VML; and (3) the right to vote in all the shareholders' meetings of VML except for those held for the purpose of amending the articles of association of VML, or for the merger, split-up, transformation or dissolution of VML, as allowed by the Macau Commercial Code. Under a power of attorney (the "Power of Attorney") entered into on the same date, Mr. Ferreira also conferred on VVDIL full and unlimited powers to, among other things, dispose, alienate or donate, the 10.0% shares, for a price or under any conditions it deems convenient without prior authorization or approval by Mr. Ferreira. The aforementioned 10.0% shares were previously held by Mr. Joaquim Jorge Perestrelo Neto Valente pursuant to an agreement identical to the Usufruct Agreement. Our Group has been able to exercise all voting and economic rights of the relevant 10.0% shareholding interest in VML since its incorporation. The usufruct agreements were carried out between the parties in full force and effect pending the obtaining of the relevant government approval stipulated as a condition precedent to such agreements. The approval for the Usufruct Agreement has since been obtained on October 19, 2009.

The Usufruct Agreement is effective so long as VML is not dissolved or wound up, up to the maximum term permitted under Macau law, which is currently 30 years, unless VVDIL and Mr. Ferreira mutually agree to reduce such term, or VVDIL unilaterally renounces the Usufruct Agreement. Pursuant to Macau law, the Power of Attorney is not limited in duration and cannot be rescinded or limited in any way without VVDIL's consent.

Our Macau legal advisor has confirmed that the Usufruct Agreement is valid and binding between the parties to the Usufruct Agreement and is effective under the laws of Macau. Although (a) the condition precedent of the Usufruct Agreement requiring government approval of such agreement was only obtained on October 19, 2009 and the Usufruct Agreement only became effective at such time with prospective effect and (b) the condition precedent of the usufruct agreement between VVDIL and Mr. Joaquim Jorge Perestrelo Neto Valente requiring government approval was not obtained, our Macau legal advisor is of the opinion that upon the relevant government approval being obtained on

October 19, 2009, the validity, binding nature and effectiveness of the Usufruct Agreement under the laws of Macau is not affected by the past non-fulfillment of the aforementioned conditions precedent under the usufruct agreements, and that the Group will not suffer any sanctions or other legal consequences for non-fulfillment of such conditions precedent under the usufruct agreements.

There have been no changes in the shareholding of VML since its date of incorporation other than for: (1) the transfer of 10.0% of the shares in VML from VML's former managing director, Mr. Joaquim Jorge Perestrelo Neto Valente, to Mr. Ferreira on November 10, 2008, with no consideration being paid for such transfer, and (2) the transfer of 0.005% of the shares in VML from Mr. Bradley Hunter Stone, a former director of VML, to Mr. Steven Craig Jacobs on October 6, 2009, no consideration being paid for such transfer.

#### PRE-IPO BONDS

## Issue of the Bonds

On September 4, 2009, VVDI (II), our immediate Controlling Shareholder, issued the Bonds in the aggregate principal amount of US\$600.0 million to the Bondholders. The Bonds will be mandatorily and automatically exchanged for Shares upon the Listing at an exchange price equal to 90.0% of the Offer Price. Our Macau legal advisor has advised us that because (i) the Bonds will be mandatorily and automatically exchanged for Shares upon the Listing, and tradeable thereafter, and (ii) the Bonds exchanged for Shares by each of the investor groups holding the Bonds will represent less than 2.0% of VML's share capital, the issue of the Bonds and the subsequent mandatory and automatic exchange of the Bonds for Shares do not require the approval of the Macau Government. The Bonds are neither secured nor guaranteed by any party.

## Principal Terms and Conditions of the Bonds

The following is a summary of the principal terms and conditions of the Bonds:

## **Interest Rate:**

The Bonds bear interest at the following rate, calculated by reference to the principal amount of the Bonds:

- from (and including) September 4, 2009 to (but excluding) September 4, 2010 — 9.0% per annum;
- from (and including) September 4, 2010 to (but excluding) September 4, 2011 - 12.0% per annum; and
- from (and including) September 4, 2011 to (but excluding) September 4, 2014 (the "Maturity Date") - 15.0% per annum.

Each Bond will be mandatorily and automatically exchanged for Shares at an exchange price equal to 90.0% of the Offer Price on the Listing Date.

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the Shares prior to the mandatory and automatic exchange of the Bonds for Shares. 

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set of the trust deed constituting the Bonds and save as disclosed in this prospectus, the Bondholders do not have any other rights.

The Bonds constitute direct, senior, unconditional, unsubordinated in Status: right of payment and unsecured obligations of VVDI (II) and will at all times rank pari passu and without any preference or priority among themselves and at least equally with all other present and future unsubordinated, unsecured obligations of VVDI (II), except as may be required by mandatory provisions of law. Unless previously redeemed, exchanged, or purchased and cancelled, **Redemption at Maturity:** VVDI (II) will redeem the Bonds at 100% of the aggregate principal amount of the Bonds together with accrued but unpaid interest to the date of redemption on the Maturity Date. The Bonds may be redeemed at the option of VVDI (II) at 100% of the **Redemption at the Option** principal amount of the Bonds, in whole or in part, together with of VVDI (II): accrued but unpaid interest to the date of redemption at any time from (and including) the date falling 30 days after September 4, 2009 to (but excluding) the Maturity Date, subject to redemption of a minimum of US\$50,000,000 in principal amount of the Bonds. In order to exercise such option, VVDI (II) will give not less than 30 days' nor more than 60 days' notice to, among others, the Bondholders. Any Bondholder may, unless notice of redemption of all of the Bonds **Redemption at the Option** has been previously given by VVDI (II) (as referred to in the of the Bondholders: immediately preceding paragraph) on or prior to the date of deposit of a demand of redemption by such Bondholder, upon not less than 30 days nor more than 60 days prior to September 4, 2012, require VVDI (II) to redeem all or a portion (being US\$250,000 in aggregate principal amount or an integral multiple thereof) of the Bonds held by such Bondholder at 100% of the aggregate principal amount of the Bonds, together with all accrued and unpaid interest to the date of redemption. If a Change of Control (as defined below) has occurred, VVDI (II) will Repurchase in the Event of as soon as possible give notice of that fact to, among others, the **Change of Control:** Bondholders within three days after it becomes aware of such Change of Control. If a Change of Control occurs, each Bondholder will have the right, at such Bondholder's option, to require VVDI (II) to repurchase all (or any portion of the aggregate principal amount thereof which is US\$250,000 or an integral multiple thereof) of such Bondholder's Bonds on the date set by VVDI (II) for such repurchase, which shall not be less than 30 days nor more than 60 days following the date on which VVDI (II) notifies, among others, the Bondholders in writing of the Change of Control, at a price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the Bonds,

"Change of Control" means any sale, pledge or other transfer of equity securities whereby (a) LVS ceases to own, directly or indirectly, at least 50.1% of the voting equity securities of our Company and VVDI (II); or (b) VVDI (II) ceases to own directly or indirectly 100% of the equity securities of certain subsidiaries (subject to applicable mandatory minority shareholder requirements in accordance with legal requirements of Macau and subject to certain exceptions).

together with accrued but unpaid interest to the date of redemption.



**Issue of Warrants:** 

In the event the Bonds are redeemed at the option of VVDI (II) prior to their mandatory and automatic exchange for Shares on the Listing Date, VVDI (II) will issue to each Bondholder one warrant for every US\$250,000 in aggregate principal amount of the Bonds being redeemed.

Each warrant comprises the right of the warrantholder to receive such number of Shares calculated by dividing US\$250,000 (converted into Hong Kong dollars) by a price equal to 90.0% of the Offer Price upon payment of the exercise price of US\$250,000 by the warrantholder. The Company will issue new Shares to the warrantholders upon the exercise of the warrants.

Each warrant may be exercised at any time prior to the fifth business day prior to the Listing Date and will otherwise not be exercisable in any other circumstances.

All warrants will automatically lapse to the extent they are not exercised prior to the fifth Business Day prior to the Listing Date, or remain outstanding on September 4, 2014, whichever is earlier.

Each Bondholder has undertaken to Goldman Sachs, in its capacity as the placement agent of the Bonds, and VVDI (II) that, for a period from (and including) the Listing Date and ending on (but excluding) the same calendar date in the sixth calendar month following the month in which the Listing occurred, neither the Bondholder nor its, his or her nominee or trustee holding any Shares on its, his or her behalf or any other person acting on behalf of any of such persons will, except with the prior written approval of VVDI (II) and Goldman Sachs:

(a) issue, offer, sell, grant, contract to sell, pledge, encumber or otherwise transfer or dispose of any Shares received upon exchange of the Bonds or any securities convertible or exchangeable into or exercisable for such Shares or warrants or options or other rights to purchase or sell such Shares or any security or financial product whose value is determined directly or indirectly by reference to the price of such Shares, including equity swaps, forward sales and options representing the right to receive or dispose of any such Shares (whether or not such contract is to be settled by delivery of such Shares or such other securities, in cash or otherwise); or

transfer to others, in whole or in part, any of the economic consequences of ownership of such Shares; or

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paragraph (a), (b) or (c) above.

In the event the Bonds are redeemed by VVDI (II) and warrants are issued to the Bondholders, the warrantholders will give the same lockup undertaking described above to Goldman Sachs and VVDI (II) in respect of the Shares obtained upon exercise of the warrants.

The Bonds may be transferred by the Bondholders subject to the consent of VVDI (II) (which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld, it being understood that (a) consent may not be withheld to a transfer by a Bondholder to one of its affiliates (except such consent may be withheld pursuant to sub-paragraph (b) below), provided that such affiliate remains an affiliate of such Bondholder after the transfer; and (b) consent may be withheld with respect to a transfer to any person who or whose affiliate is engaged in any business activity that competes with the business of VVDI (II) and certain subsidiaries or with respect to any transfer which would or might, in the reasonable opinion of VVDI (II), have a material adverse effect on VVDI (II)'s ability or the ability of certain subsidiaries to comply with applicable gaming regulatory requirements).

#### Governing Law:

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#### Use of Proceeds From the Issue of the Bonds

The net proceeds received by VVDI (II) from the sale and issuance of the Bonds were on-lent to our Company by way of an intercompany shareholder's loan. Through this shareholder's loan, we borrowed US\$582.0 million, an amount equal to the net proceeds received by VVDI (II). The shareholder's loan bears interest at the same rate as that of the Bonds, is not secured by assets of the Group and is due upon demand. The proceeds received by our Company under the shareholder's loan were on-lent by our Company to certain members of our Group by way of intercompany loans in order to repay outstanding intercompany payables owed to certain members of the LVS Group. The intercompany loans between our Company and certain members of our Group do not bear interest, are not secured by assets of the respective obligors and are due upon demand. The intercompany loans between our Company and certain members of our Group will remain in place after the Listing. Concurrent with the completion of the Global Offering, our obligations under the intercompany shareholder's loan will be satisfied by our Company through the issuance of Shares directly to the Bondholders in connection with the mandatory and automatic exchange of the Bonds for Shares. Immediately upon the completion of the Global Offering, we will not have any shareholders' loans or intercompany payables owed to the LVS Group, save for certain intercompany trade payables to related companies. For further details, please see "Relationship with Our Controlling Shareholders-Independence from the LVS Group."

#### Bondholders

The Bonds are held by 26 Bondholders comprising nine separate investor groups (including high net worth individuals, hedge funds and private equity funds). Each of the Bondholders and the investor groups holding the Bonds is a third party who is not connected with our Group, our Directors or their associates, the LVS Group or LVS's directors or their associates. Upon the mandatory and automatic exchange of the Bonds for Shares, each of the nine investor groups holding the Bonds will own less than approximately 2.0% of our issued and outstanding share capital following the completion of the Global Offering, the Capitalization Issue and the mandatory and automatic exchange of the Bonds for Shares (without taking into account any Shares which may be subscribed by each Bondholder in the International Offering). None of the nine investor groups holding the Bonds will become substantial shareholders (as defined under the Listing Rules) of our Company following the completion of the Global Offering, the Capitalization Issue and the mandatory and automatic exchange of the Bonds for Shares.



### Shareholding of the Bondholders

Immediately following the completion of the Global Offering and the Capitalization Issue and assuming there is no early redemption or repurchase of any of the Bonds, the Bonds will be mandatorily and automatically exchanged for the following number of Shares:

Offer Price	Aggregate number of Shares issued upon the mandatory and automatic exchange of the Bonds	% of issued and outstanding share capital of our Company
HK\$12.13 (being the midpoint of the Offer Price range)	426,214,465	5.3%
HK\$13.88 (being the high end of the Offer Price range)	372,297,822	4.7%
HK\$10.38 (being the low end of the Offer Price range)	497,858,661	6.2%

As of the Latest Practicable Date, none of the Bonds has been redeemed or repurchased by VVDI (II).

For the purpose of calculating the number of Shares to be issued to the Bondholders upon the mandatory and automatic exchange of the Bonds for Shares disclosed in this prospectus, the principal amount of the Bonds has been converted into Hong Kong dollars at the rate of US\$1.00 to HK\$7.75. The actual number of Shares to be issued to the Bondholders upon the mandatory and automatic exchange of the Bonds for Shares on the Listing Date will be calculated using the applicable US dollar to Hong Kong dollar exchange rate on the third day prior to the Listing Date in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Bonds.

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#### THE CONCESSION REGIME

Following its decision to open Macau's gaming industry, the Macau Government conducted an international tender process for gaming concessions in Macau. In March 2002, the Macau Government awarded three gaming concessions to Galaxy, SJM and Wynn Macau, respectively, pursuant to the terms of the Macau Gaming Law and other related legislation. The Macau Government subsequently and successively authorized three subconcessions, permitting each of Galaxy, SJM and Wynn Macau to enter into the subconcession contracts with their respective Subconcessionaires to operate casino games and other games of chance in Macau. The granting of the subconcessions is prohibited unless specifically authorized by the Macau Government. The existing concessions and subconcessions do not place any limit on the number of casinos or gaming areas that may be operated under each concession or subconcession, although governmental approval is required before a Concessionaire or Subconcessionaire can commence operation of a casino or gaming area. As of June 30, 2009, we operated three of the 32 casinos or gaming areas in Macau. Of the remaining casinos or gaming areas in Macau, SJM operated 19, Galaxy operated five, Melco Crown operated three, and Wynn Macau and MGM Grand Paradise each operated one.

Galaxy, SJM and Wynn Macau entered into subconcession contracts with VML, MGM Grand Paradise and Melco Crown, respectively. These contracts sets out the terms and conditions of their subconcession with their respective Concessionaire, as authorized by the Macau Government. We, through VML, our subsidiary, executed a Subconcession Contract with Galaxy on December 26, 2002. Galaxy will develop hotel and casino projects that are independent from us. If the Galaxy concession is terminated for any reason, VML's Subconcession will remain in effect. See "Regulation-Overview of Macau's Regulatory Framework on Gaming Operations."

Details of the concessions and subconcessions are set forth below:

Concessionaire <sup>(1)</sup> :	Galaxy	SJM	Wynn Macau
Committed investment of the Concessionaire:	MOP8.8 billion <sup>(2)</sup> (US\$1.1 billion)	MOP4.7 billion (US\$0.6 billion)	MOP4.0 billion <sup>(3)</sup> (US\$ 0.5 billion)
Expiry Term:	June 26, 2022	March 31, 2020	June 26, 2022
Special levies:			
Contribution to a public foundation in Macau for promotion, development and study of culture, society, economy, education, science and charity events:	1.6% of gross gaming revenue <sup>(4)(5)</sup>	1.6% of gross gaming revenue <sup>(4)(5)</sup>	1.6% of gross gaming revenue <sup>(4)(5)</sup>
Contribution to the MSAR for urban development, tourism promotion and social security of the Macau Government:	2.4% of gross gaming revenue <sup>(4)(5)</sup>	1.4% of gross gaming revenue <sup>(4)(5)(6)</sup>	2.4% of gross gaming revenue <sup>(4)(5)</sup>



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Subconcessionaire <sup>(1)</sup> :	VML	MGM Grand Paradise	Melco Crown					
Committed investment of the Subconcessionaire:	MOP4.4 billion <sup>(2)</sup> (US\$0.6 billion)	MOP4.0 billion (US\$0.5 billion)	MOP4.0 billion <sup>(3)</sup> (US\$0.5 billion)					
Expiry term:	June 26, 2022	March 31, 2020	June 26, 2022					
Special levies:								
Contribution to a public foundation in Macau for promotion, development and study of culture, society, economy, education, science and charity events:	1.6% of gross gaming revenue <sup>(4)(5)</sup>	1.6% of gross gaming revenue <sup>(4)(5)</sup>	1.6% of gross gaming revenue <sup>(4)(5)</sup>					
Contribution to the MSAR for urban development, tourism promotion and social security of the Macau Government:	2.4% of gross gaming revenue <sup>(4)(5)</sup>	2.4% of gross gaming revenue <sup>(4)(5)</sup>	2.4% of gross gaming revenue <sup>(4)(5)</sup>					
Total:	4.0% of gross gaming revenue <sup>(4)(5)</sup>	4.0% of gross gaming revenue <sup>(4)(5)</sup>	4.0% of gross gaming revenue <sup>(4)(5)</sup>					

#### Source: DICJ

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- Pursuant to the Macau Gaming Law, the Macau Government is precluded from granting more than three gaming (1) concessions. The Macau Government subsequently and successively authorized three subconcessions permitting each of Galaxy, SJM and Wynn Macau to enter into a subconcession contract with its respective Subconcessionaire to operate casino games in Macau.
- Under the tripartite Subconcession Contract executed among Galaxy, the Macau Government and VML, VML was (2) responsible for MOP4.4 billion of Galaxy's original investment obligations of MOP8.8 billion under the Galaxy concession. On May 11, 2006, we received a letter from the DICJ confirming completion of our committed investment.
- Under the subconcession contract between Wynn Macau and Melco Crown, as authorized by the Macau Government, (3) Melco Crown is required to invest at least MOP4.0 billion in Macau for one resort-hotel-casino complex to be concluded and open to the public by December 2010.
- The contribution percentages are subject to changes upon re-negotiation between the Concessionaires or (4) Subconcessionaires, as the case may be, and the Macau Government in 2010.
- Gross gaming revenue is defined as all revenue derived from casino or gaming areas. (5)
- Under the concession contract between the Macau Government and SJM, SJM agreed it would contribute only 1.4% of its (6) gross gaming revenue, taking into consideration SJM's commitment to be jointly responsible with one of its controlling shareholders for Macau's navigation channel dredging service with the support of the corresponding consideration costs. There are no similar arrangements between the Macau Government and the other two Concessionaires.

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The following information in connection with contributions to the Macau Government is common to all Concessionaires and Subconcessionaires:

35.0% of gross gaming revenue <sup>(1)</sup> ; plus
<ul> <li>MOP30.0 million (US\$3.8 million) per annum fixed premium;</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>MOP300,000 (US\$37,500) per annum per VIP gaming table<sup>(3)</sup>;</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>MOP150,000 (US\$18,750) per annum per mass market gaming table; and</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>MOP1,000 (US\$125) per annum per electric or mechanical gaming machine including slot machines.</li> </ul>

Gross gaming revenue is defined as all revenue derived from casino or gaming areas.

- (2) A Concessionaire or Subconcessionaire may increase or decrease the number of gaming tables and/or slot machines it operates upon sending an advance notice to the DICJ. There is currently no limit on the number of VIP gaming tables, mass market gaming tables and electric or mechanical gaming machines that VML can set up.
- (3) VML's VIP gaming tables include tables for VIP, premium and Paiza cash players.

#### The Subconcession Contract

The tripartite Subconcession Contract executed among Galaxy, the Macau Government and VML and its related laws and regulations set out the terms and conditions of the Subconcession granted to VML for the operation of casino games. VML does not have the right to grant a subconcession to third parties pursuant to the Subconcession Contract.

Our Group did not pay any amount to, or for the benefit of, Galaxy for the Subconcession. Instead, Galaxy and VML agreed that VML would share half of Galaxy's investment obligations under its concession, amounting to MOP4.4 billion (US\$0.6 billion). Because the Subconcession is independent from Galaxy's concession, it will not be affected by any modification, suspension, redemption, termination or rescission of Galaxy's concession. In addition, an early termination of Galaxy's concession before June 26, 2022 would not result in the termination of VML's Subconcession. Our Macau legal advisor is of the opinion that the Subconcession was authorized and approved by the Macau Government and that its negotiation and formalization process complied with the applicable legal framework in Macau, including the Macau Gaming Law, the "Regulation of the public tender for awarding licenses to operate casino games of chance in casino," the concession contracts and the suitability and financial standing of the candidates (Administrative Regulation No. 26/2001). In addition, our Macau legal advisor has advised us that, absent any change to VML's legal status, rights, duties and obligations towards the Macau Government, VML shall continue to be validly and unconditionally entitled to operate independently under and pursuant to the Subconcession, notwithstanding the termination or rescission of Galaxy's concession, the insolvency of Galaxy and/or the replacement of Galaxy as concessionaire in the Subconcession Contract. Pursuant to the Subconcession Contract, each of the Macau Government and Galaxy is obligated to cooperate with VML so that VML can fulfill its legal and contractual obligations under the Subconcession Contract. VML's Subconcession expires on June 26, 2022.

VML may operate other gaming-related activities, provided that it receives prior approval from the Macau Government. If VML's Subconcession Contract is not extended or renewed upon its expiration on June 26, 2022, on that date, all of its casino premises and gaming-related equipment would be automatically transferred to the Macau Government without compensation and VML would cease to generate any revenues from such operations. See "Risk Factors—Risks Relating to Our On-going"

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Operations—The Macau Government can terminate VML's Subconcession under certain circumstances without compensation to VML, which would have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows." Beginning on December 26, 2017, the Macau Government may redeem the Subconcession by providing VML at least one year's prior notice. In the event the Macau Government exercises this redemption right, VML is entitled to fair compensation or indemnity. Pursuant to VML's Subconcession Contract, the amount of such compensation or indemnity will be determined based on the amount of gaming and non-gaming revenue generated by The Venetian Macao (but not the Sands Macao or the Plaza Macao), excluding the convention and exhibition facilities, during the taxable year prior to the redemption, before deducting interest, depreciation and amortization, multiplied by the number of remaining years before expiration of the Subconcession.

The Subconcession Contract requires, among other things: (i) approval of the Macau Government for transfers of shares in VML, or of any rights over or inherent to such shares, including the grant of voting rights or other stockholder's rights to persons other than the original owners, as well as for the creation of any charge, lien or encumbrance on such shares; (ii) approval of the Macau Government for transfers of shares, or of any rights over such shares, in any of our direct or indirect stockholders, provided that such shares or rights are directly or indirectly equivalent to an amount that is equal to or higher than 5.0% of VML's share capital; and (iii) that the Macau Government be given notice of the creation of any encumbrance or the grant of voting rights or other stockholder's rights to persons other than the original owners on shares in any of the direct or indirect stockholder's rights to persons other than the original owners on shares in any of the direct or indirect stockholder's rights to persons other than the original owners on shares in any of the direct or indirect stockholder's rights to persons other than the original owners on shares in any of the direct or indirect stockholder's rights to persons other than the original owners on shares in any of the direct or indirect stockholder's rights to persons other than the original owners on shares in any of the direct or indirect stockholder's rights to persons other than the original owners on shares in any of the direct or indirect stockholder's rights to persons other than the original owners on shares in any of the direct or indirect stockholders in VML, provided that such shares or rights are equivalent to an amount that is equal to or higher than 5.0% of VML's share capital. The requirements in provisions (ii) and (iii) above will not apply, however, to securities listed as tradable on a stock exchange. As of the Latest Practicable Date, other than the terms of the Usufruct Agreement set forth in the "History and Reorganization" section,

In addition, VML, as a Subconcessionaire, must obtain prior approval from the Macau Government for the issuance of shares or bonds or the listing of its shares in a stock exchange. Our Macau legal advisor has advised us that, as a parent company of VML, our Listing on the Stock Exchange does not require Macau Government authorization, license, consent or approval, nor any notice to or filing with the Macau Government pursuant to the Subconcession Contract.

The transfer or creation of encumbrances over VML's gaming assets (including casinos and gaming equipment and utensils) is also subject to approval of the Macau Government.

To ensure VML's suitability and financial capacity as a Subconcessionaire, the Macau Government requires VML's directors, certain key employees and shareholders holding 5.0% or more of VML's share capital to be subject to suitability assessment and on-going suitability screening during the Subconcession term, and accept the persistent and long-term inspection and supervision exercised by the Macau Government. The Macau Government may investigate relevant individuals at any time and may object to suitability for any cause it deems reasonable. VML is required to immediately notify the Macau Government should it become aware of any fact that may be material to the appropriate qualification of any shareholder who owns 5.0% of its share capital, or any officer, director or key employee. Changes in our officers, directors or key employees must be reported to the Macau gaming authorities and, in addition to their authority to object to a finding of suitability, the Macau gaming authorities have jurisdiction to disapprove a change in corporate position. If the Macau gaming authorities were to find one of our officers, directors or key employees unsuitable for licensing, we would have to sever all relationships with that person. In addition, the Macau gaming authorities may require us to terminate the employment of any person who refuses to be subject to a suitability review. Any person who refuses to after being ordered to do so by the Macau gaming authorities may be found unsuitable. We will be subject to disciplinary action if, after we receive notice that a person is unsuitable to be a stockholder or to have any other relationship with us, we:

pay that person any dividend or interest upon its shares;

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- allow that person to exercise, directly or indirectly, any voting right conferred through shares held by that person;
- · pay remuneration in any form to that person for services rendered or otherwise; or
- fail to pursue all lawful efforts to require such unsuitable person to relinquish its shares.

VML is also required to: (i) notify and obtain prior approval from the Macau Government before it may provide loans to, or enter into similar contracts with, VML's board of directors, shareholders and key employees in its casinos or other gaming areas; and (ii) obtain the Macau Government's prior approval of any recapitalization plan proposed by VML's board of directors. The Chief Executive of the MSAR could also require VML to increase its issued share capital if he deems it necessary and duly justified on a case-by-case basis.

The Macau Government imposes a special gaming tax on the Concessionaires and Subconcessionaires at the rate of 35.0% of gross gaming revenue, payable on a monthly basis. The special gaming tax accounted for approximately 76.9%, 76.1% and 82.5% of Macau's total public revenue for fiscal years 2006, 2007 and 2008, making it the biggest contributor to Macau's public revenue. The Macau Government also requires the Concessionaires and Subconcessionaires to pay a percentage of the gross gaming revenue as a special levy to be given to (i) a public foundation designated by the Macau Government and (ii) the Macau Government for urban development, tourism promotion and social security. As with all other Concessionaires and Subconcessionaires, VML is exempt from payment of complementary tax, which acts as a tax on profit, pursuant to the Dispatch of Chief Executive No. 167/2008, until the end of fiscal year 2013. All Concessionaires and Subconcessionaires and Subconcessionaires and Subconcessionaires and Subconcessionaires and Subconcessionaires and Subconcessionaires.

- (a) For VML: Fiscal year 2004 until fiscal year 2013 (inclusive), pursuant to the Dispatch from the Chief Executive of MSAR No. 250/2004, dated September 30, 2004 and No. 167/2008, dated May 21, 2008.
- (b) For SJM: Fiscal year 2007 until fiscal year 2011 (inclusive), pursuant to the Dispatch from the Chief Executive of MSAR No. 333/2007, dated December 8, 2007.
- (c) For Galaxy: Fiscal year 2004 until fiscal year 2013 (inclusive), pursuant to the Dispatch from the Chief Executive of MSAR No. 249/2004, dated September 30, 2004 and No. 326/2008 dated November 20, 2008.
- (d) For Wynn Macau: Fiscal year 2006 until fiscal year 2010 (inclusive), pursuant to the Dispatch from the Chief Executive of MSAR No. 283/2006, dated September 19, 2006.
- (e) For Melco Crown: Fiscal year 2007 until fiscal year 2011 (inclusive), pursuant to the Dispatch from the Chief Executive of MSAR No. 180/2007, dated June 7, 2007.
- (f) For MGM Grand Paradise: Fiscal year 2007 until 2011 (inclusive), pursuant to the Dispatch from the Chief Executive of MSAR No. 186 / 2008, dated June 19, 2008.

VML is also required to remit annually to the Macau Government a gaming premium with a fixed portion and a variable portion based on the number and type of gaming tables and electronic gaming machines operated by VML as described below. The fixed portion is MOP30.0 million (US\$3.8 million), while the variable portion is dependent upon the number of gaming tables or gaming machines. The variable portion of the gaming premium shall not be less than MOP45.0 million (US\$5.6 million) per annum. VML is required to pay the fixed portion of the gaming premium by January 10 of each year or upon the request of the Macau Government, make the payment on a monthly basis, and one-twelfth of the variable portion of the gaming premium must be paid by the 10th day of each month. VML is required under Article 33 of the Subconcession Contract and section 432 of the Macau Commercial Code to maintain a legal reserve fund equal to one-fourth of its share capital. In addition, the Subconcession Contract requires VML to provide, for the first five years ended December 26, 2007, a "first demand" guarantee of an amount not exceeding MOP500.0 million (US\$62.5 million) and from



that date until 180 days after the term of the Subconcession, an amount not exceeding MOP300.0 million (US\$37.5 million).

Under the terms of the Subconcession Contract, VML is required to carry certain types of insurance policies for the entire duration of the Subconcession. As of the Latest Practicable Date, VML maintained all-risk property insurance for substantially all of its owned and leased properties, buildings, equipment and gaming-related inventories such as chips relating to any of its casino, gaming area and slot machine operations. VML is also required by the Subconcession Contract to carry general third-party liability insurance in connection with the operation of casino games located in the MSAR and the development of gaming-related services included in the Subconcession Contract that are not already covered by existing insurance policies.

Based on (i) the DICJ's confirmation dated September 16, 2009, which confirms full compliance by VML with the Subconcession Contract and that no default or event of default exists thereunder; (ii) due inquiry of VML's anti-money laundering legal and regulatory framework; (iii) examination of the agreements executed between VML and its five largest Gaming Promoters in terms of income contribution, as well as a random sample of VML's agreements with its remaining Gaming Promoters; (iv) inquiry of several of our top officials in relation to the modus operandi of VML's compliance checks; and (v) the nonexistence of noticed investigations by the DICJ in relation to non-compliance of VML or any Gaming Promoter engaging in business activities with VML, our Macau legal advisor is of the opinion that VML is in compliance with its obligations as a Subconcessionaire, which include compliance with anti-money laundering legal and regulatory framework requirements and the relevant laws relating to VML's business operations with Gaming Promoters. Our Macau legal advisor has advised us that VML is the only company in our Group which is bound by the obligations pertaining to the prevention and repression of money laundering offenses.

There are no renewal conditions imposed under the Subconcession Contract. However, the Macau Government may impose new conditions for renewal. See "Risk Factors—Risks Relating to Our On-going Operations—The Macau Government can terminate VML's Subconcession under certain circumstances without compensation to VML, which would have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows."

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VML is not required to make any one-off payments to the Macau Government under the Subconcession but has certain payment obligations under the Subconcession Contract and pursuant to Macau Gaming Law, which include payment of a special gaming tax, annual gaming premiums and contributions to a public foundation in Macau and to urban development, the promotion of tourism and social security. Pursuant to the Subconcession Contract VML also agreed to a committed investment of MOP4.4 billion (US\$0.6 billion) which was completed as of December 31, 2005. The following table sets out some of the major terms and conditions of the Subconcession Contract:

Committed investment:	MOP4.4 billion (US\$0.6 billion) <sup>(1)</sup>
Term:	19 1/2 years to June 26, 2022
Special gaming tax:	35.0% of gross gaming revenue <sup>(2)</sup>
Annual gaming premium <sup>(3)</sup> :	MOP30.0 million (US\$3.8 million) per annum fixed premium
	MOP300,000 (US\$37,500) per annum per VIP gaming table <sup>(4)</sup>
	MOP150,000 (US\$18,750) per annum per mass market gaming table
	MOP1,000 (US\$125) per annum per electric or mechanical gaming machine including slot machines
Special levies:	
Contribution to a public foundation in Macau	1.6% of gross gaming revenue—for promotion, development or study of culture, society, economy, education, science and charity events <sup>(2)(5)</sup>
Contribution to the MSAR	2.4% of gross gaming revenue—for urban development, tourism promotion and social security <sup>(2)(5)</sup>
Total	4.0% of gross gaming revenue <sup>(2)(5)</sup>
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On May 11, 2006, we received a letter from the DICJ confirming completion of our committed investment. (1)

- Gross gaming revenue is defined as all revenue derived from casino or gaming areas. (2)
- There is currently no limit on the number of VIP gaming tables, mass market gaming tables and electric or mechanical (3) gaming machines that VML can set up.
- VML's VIP gaming tables include tables for VIP, premium and Paiza cash players. (4)
- The contribution percentages are subject to changes upon re-negotiation between the Concessionaires or the (5) Subconcessionaires, as the case may be, and the Macau Government in 2010.

The Subconcession Contract also contains various general covenants and obligations. Specifically, VML shall, among other obligations:

- · submit periodic, detailed financial and operating reports to the Macau Government and furnish any other information that the Macau Government may request;
- · arrange for its casinos or gaming areas to remain open for operations on a daily basis;
- ensure the proper management and operation of casino games;
- hire staff with appropriate qualifications;
- · undertake and operate casino games in a fair and honest manner and free from the influence of criminal activities;
- safeguard and ensure the Macau Government's tax revenue from operation of casino games; and
- maintain required insurance coverage.
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VML's Subconcession may be terminated by agreement between VML and Galaxy but Galaxy is not entitled to unilaterally terminate VML's Subconcession. Although the Subconcession Contract specifies that the Macau Government has the right to unilaterally terminate the Subconcession after consultation with Galaxy, the Subconcession Contract does not explicitly grant Galaxy any veto rights, nor require Galaxy's consent in order to allow the Macau Government to exercise its unilateral termination rights. Moreover, in a letter from the Macau Government received in May 2006, the Macau Government reconfirmed that VML's Subconcession is separate from Galaxy's concession and that VML does not have any obligations to Galaxy pursuant to the Subconcession Contract, except with respect to the investment obligations under the Subconcession Contract which were completed as of December 31, 2005.

The Macau Government, after consultation with Galaxy, has the right to unilaterally terminate VML's Subconcession Contract for non-compliance with fundamental obligations under the Subconcession Contract and the applicable Macau laws such as:

- operation of casino games without permission or operation of business beyond the scope of VML's Subconcession;
- suspension of operations of VML's gaming business without reasonable grounds for more than seven consecutive days or more than 14 non-consecutive days within one calendar year;
- unauthorized transfer of all or part of VML's gaming operations in Macau in violation of the relevant laws and administrative regulations governing the operation of casino games;
- failure to pay taxes, premiums, levies or other amounts payable to the Macau Government;
- refusal or failure to resume operations or failure to continue operations due to on-going serious disruption or insufficiency of its organization or operations following the temporary assumption of operations by the Macau Government;
- repeated objections to the implementation of supervision and inspection power or repeated failure to comply with decisions of the Macau Government, in particular, DICJ Instructions;
- systematic non-compliance with fundamental obligations stipulated in the applicable laws under the concession regime;
- refusal or failure to provide or replenish the bank guarantee or surety in the Subconcession Contract within the prescribed period;
- bankruptcy or insolvency of VML. The terms "bankruptcy" or "insolvency" are not expressly defined in the Subconcession Contract. However, the Macau Civil Procedure Code expressly establishes that a company is deemed "bankrupt" when a court judges that such company is "unable to fulfill its obligations timely" and that a debtor becomes "insolvent" when its liabilities are greater than its assets. Although a company cannot be declared legally "insolvent" by a court pursuant to the Macau Civil Procedure Code, our Macau legal advisor has advised us that this legal definition of insolvency is frequently used to provide contracting parties with remedies in a situation whereby a counterparty is, for all intents and purposes, bankrupt, but has not yet been legally so declared by a court. Accordingly, our Macau legal advisor has advised us that the Macau Government will not need to have a court judgment declaring VML's bankruptcy in order to unilaterally terminate VML's Subconcession as the Macau Government can unilaterally terminate VML's Subconcession upon
  - determining that VML's liabilities are greater than its assets;
  - non-compliance with Macau laws, regulations and/or DICJ Instructions for the purpose of antimoney laundering and counter-terrorism financing;
  - fraudulent activity by VML to the detriment of the public interest;
- serious violation of the applicable rules for the operation of casino games or harm to fairness of the casino games;
  - grant to a third party the managing powers over gaming activities; and
  - non-compliance with the obligation regarding transfer of shares.

These events could ultimately lead to the termination of VML's Subconcession without compensation to VML or even result in potential liability to VML. Upon such termination, all of VML's casinos, slot machine operations and related equipment and property rights to the casino premises in Macau would be automatically transferred to the Macau Government without compensation to VML and we would cease to generate any revenue from VML's operations. In many of these instances, the Subconcession Contract does not provide a specific cure period within which any such events may be cured and, instead, we would rely on consultations and negotiations with the Macau Government to give us an opportunity to remedy any such default.

Beginning on December 26, 2017, the Macau Government will be allowed to exercise its right to redeem the Subconcession by providing VML with at least one-year prior written notice. In such event, VML is entitled to fair compensation or indemnity. The amount of such compensation or indemnity will be determined based on the amount of gaming and non-gaming revenue generated by The Venetian Macao, excluding the convention and exhibition facilities, during the taxable year prior to the redemption, before deducting interest, depreciation and amortization, multiplied by the number of remaining years before expiration of the Subconcession.

### Investment Obligations under the Subconcession Contract

As part of the requirements under the Subconcession Contract, VML was required to make certain capital investments of a stipulated value of MOP4.4 billion (US\$0.6 billion) in Macau within a specified period. Under VML's Subconcession Contract, this investment by VML was taken into account for the purpose of assessing Galaxy's compliance with the investment obligations established for Galaxy under its concession, and Galaxy was responsible for any shortfall in VML's committed capital investments under its Subconcession Contract. Our Macau legal advisor has advised us that with respect to these investment obligations, Galaxy and VML were severally, but not jointly, obligated vis-à-vis the Macau Government until VML's fulfillment of its investment obligations but Galaxy and VML were not, and are not, co-obligees, either severally, jointly, nor severally and jointly, for compliance with either Galaxy's concession or the Subconcession in any other respects. The Macau Government may request or approve the request to make changes in the plans and specifications of VML's properties in Macau. Under the investment plan attached to the Subconcession Contract, VML's obligation to invest in the construction and development of The Venetian Macao was subsequently extended to December 2009. The construction and development costs of the Sands Macao were also applied to the fulfillment of this total investment obligation. We opened the Sands Macao in May 2004 and The Venetian Macao in August 2007 and on May 11, 2006, the DICJ issued a certificate affirming that, as of December 31, 2005, VML had fulfilled its investment obligations under the Subconcession. VML has therefore met its required investment obligations through its investments in The Venetian Macao and the Sands Macao. VML's agreement to make these capital investments constitutes the sole consideration to Galaxy in connection with the entering into the Subconcession Contract. Under the Subconcession Contract, VML is not obligated to make any further payments or contribution to Galaxy.





This section and other sections of this prospectus contain information relating to Macau, Hong Kong, the PRC, Las Vegas, Nevada, and Atlantic City, New Jersey. The information has been derived from various publications of government agencies of Macau, Hong Kong, PRC, Nevada, New Jersey and other government agencies. While we and our Directors have taken reasonable care in the extraction, compilation and reproduction of the information derived from government-sources, we cannot assure you as to the accuracy or completeness of such information. We have no reason to believe that such information is false or misleading or that any fact has been omitted that would render such information false or misleading. Neither we nor any of our respective affiliates or advisors, nor the Selling Shareholder, the Joint Global Coordinators, the Joint Bookrunners, the Joint Sponsors, the Underwriters, nor any of their respective affiliates or advisors have prepared or independently verified the accuracy or completeness of such information directly or indirectly derived from government sources, and such information may not be consistent with that available from other sources and should not be unduly relied upon. See "Risk Factors-Risks Relating to the Global Offering-Certain statistics, industry data and other information relating to the Macau, Las Vegas and Atlantic City economy and gaming industry. contained in this prospectus are derived from official government sources and may not be reliable." 

#### **Overview of Macau**

The MSAR was established on December 20, 1999 following more than 400 years of administration by Portugal. Macau is located on the southeast coast of mainland China to the west of Guangdong Province. Macau consists of the Macau peninsula and the islands of Taipa and Coloane and the reclaimed area of Cotai. Three bridges link the Macau peninsula to Taipa while the two islands are connected by the land reclamation area known as Cotai.

Macau is the only region in China to offer legalized casino gaming. Historically, Macau's gaming industry was controlled pursuant to a monopoly, which ended formally in 2002 when the Macau Government launched an international tender process and granted three concessions to Galaxy, SJM and Wynn Macau. The Macau Government subsequently and successively authorized three subconcessions. In December 2002, Galaxy, the Macau Government and VML, our subsidiary, entered into the Subconcession Contract, which allows us to develop and operate gaming facility projects in Macau independently from Galaxy. The two other Subconcessionaires are Melco Crown and MGM Grand Paradise.

Following the liberalization of its gaming laws, Macau has become the largest gaming market in the world based on casino gaming revenue, surpassing Las Vegas in 2006 and growing by over 90.0% between 2006 and 2008, based on information published by the DICJ and the Nevada Gaming Control Board. The growth in the gaming market in Macau has contributed to the strong growth in Macau's GDP.

Recently, the Macau Government announced its intention to review the size and growth of the Macau gaming industry, including the number of gaming tables currently in operation in an effort to prevent over-expansion of the gaming industry. In connection with this review, the Macau Government announced its intention to obtain scientific studies and research that would allow for a substantiated decision on this matter but has not yet announced any firm timelines or details of such a review. The Macau Government also recently announced its intention to change the entry-age limit for casinos from 18 years old to 21 years old. See "Risk Factors—Risks Relating to the Gaming Industry in Macau—Gaming is a highly regulated industry in Macau and adverse changes or developments in gaming laws or regulations could be difficult to comply with or significantly increase our costs."



According to the DSEC, 30.2 million people visited Macau in 2008, representing a CAGR of 16.0% from 16.7 million visitors in 2004 when the Sands Macao first opened. Tourism and gaming account for the majority of Macau's GDP. In 2008, tourism GDP totaled US\$17.4 billion, representing 81.1% of GDP. Of the tourism GDP, gaming GDP accounted for US\$13.4 billion, or 76.8%, of such expenditures. The following table illustrates Macau's total GDP, tourism GDP and gaming GDP from 2004 to the six months ended June 30, 2009:

	I	For the six months ended June 30,				
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
	<u></u>	(US\$	millions, ex	cept percer	ntages)	
Total GDP	10,279	11,524	14,214	18,682	21,483	9,629
Year-on-year Change, nominal		12.1%	23.3%	31.4%	15.0%	
Tourism GDP <sup>(1)</sup>	7,881	8,409	10,162	13,946	17,422	7,991
Tourism GDP as a % of Total GDP	76.7%	73.0%	71.5%	74.7%	81.1%	83.0%
Gaming GDP <sup>(2)</sup>	5,375	5,788	7,023	10,225	13,383	6,304
Gaming GDP as a % of Tourism GDP	68.2%	68.8%	69.1%	73.3%	76.8%	78.9%

Source: DSEC. Converted from MOP at the exchange rate stated in "Information about this Prospectus and the Global Offering---Currency Translations."

(1) Defined as tourism expenditures of non-residents of Macau.

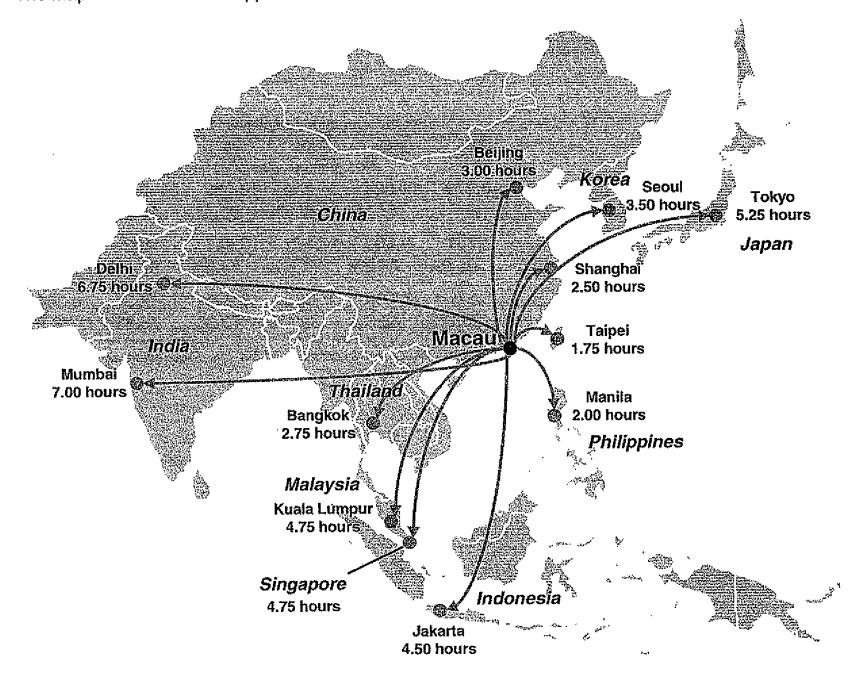
(2) Defined as gaming expenditures of non-residents of Macau.





### **Proximity to Significant Population Mass**

Macau is centrally located in the Asian region, which is home to more than three billion people. The map below shows the approximate travel times to Macau from key gateway cities in Asia.



Visitors traveling to Macau generally come from mainland China and other locations in Asia, such as Hong Kong and Taiwan. According to the DSEC statistics, 81.2% of visitors to Macau during 2008 came from mainland China and Hong Kong. Since July 2003, residents from mainland China have been allowed to apply for a visa to visit Macau and Hong Kong on an individual basis under the facilitated individual travel ("FIT") scheme. Following implementation of the FIT scheme, the number of mainland Chinese tourists has significantly increased and mainland China has become one of Macau's most important markets for tourism. According to the Macau Yearbook 2008, by the end of 2007, the FIT scheme had been extended to residents of all of Guangdong Province, Beijing, Shanghai and other major cities which may be approved from time to time. In June 2008, however, news media began reporting that certain PRC authorities were imposing additional restrictions on exit visa applicants for travel to Macau from mainland China. On July 10, 2008, the Zhuhai General Station of Exit and Entry Frontier Inspection of the PRC announced that residents of Guangdong Province in mainland China are only allowed to apply for a visa once every two months, instead of once every month. In addition, residents of mainland China visiting Hong Kong may no longer visit Macau on the same visa, but instead must obtain a separate visa for any visit to Macau. See "Risk Factors-Risks Relating to the Gaming Industry in Macau-Policies and measures adopted from time to time by the PRC government could materially and adversely affect our operations." Although total visitation in Macau has declined in 2009 as a result of the visa restrictions imposed in 2008, recent disruptions in the global financial markets and the outbreak of swine flu, we expect that visitation from mainland China, Hong Kong and Taiwan will continue to be strong because of a growing middle class with a high propensity to game.

Although starting from a very low base and still only accounting for a small percentage of total visitation, in 2008, visitors from Southeast Asia grew 24.7% compared to 2007. This included visitors from Thailand, whose numbers increased 79.1% from 2007 to 2008. Similarly, in 2008, visitors from other parts of Asia grew 25.7% compared to 2007. From 2007 to 2008, this growth included visitors from India, South Korea and Japan, which grew 81.1%, 24.1% and 22.6%, respectively. We believe that the increasing appeal of Macau, led primarily by the development of world-class integrated resorts, economic growth throughout Asia, and expanding infrastructure development will enable Macau to attract visitors from an increasingly wider radius. The following table presents information on visitor arrivals to Macau by place of residence from 2004 to the six months ended June 30, 2009:

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	Visitors	%	Visitors	%	Visitors	%	Visitors	%	Visitors	%	Visitors	<u>%</u>
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Mainland												
China	9.5	57.29	% 10.5	55.9%	5 12.0	54.5%	6 14.9	55.1%	6 11.6	50.6%	6 5. <b>1</b>	49.5%
Hong Kong	5.1	30.3%	% 5.6	30.0%	6.9	31.6%	6 8.2	30.3%	6 7.0	30.6%	6 3.3	32.1%
Taiwan	1.3	7.79	% 1.5	7.9%	5 1.4	6.5%	6 1.4	5.3%	6 1.3	5.7%	6 0.6	6.0%
Southeast												
Asia <sup>(2)</sup>	0.3	1.69	% 0.4	2.1%	6 0.7	3.2%	6 1.2	4.4%	6 1.5	6.4%	6 0.6	6.3%
Other Asia <sup>(3)</sup>	0.2	1.39	% 0.3	1.7%	6 0.4	1.9%	6 0.6	2.2%	6 0.7	3.3%	6 0.3	3.1%
Others <sup>(4)</sup>	0.3	$2.0^{\circ}$	% 0.4	2.3%	6 0.5	2.3%	6 0.7	2.7%	6_0.8	3.4%	% 0.3	3.2%
Total	16.7	100.0	% 18.7	100.0%	6 22.0	100.0%	6 27.0	100.09	% 22.9	100.09	% 10.4	100.0%

Source: DSEC Visitor Arrivals by Place of Residence.

(1) On February 24, 2009, the DSEC amended its methodology for the computation of visitor arrivals by excluding visitors such as imported workers and foreign students. Therefore, the number of visitor arrivals in 2008 was revised from 30.2 million to 22.9 million. The DSEC did not revise the figures published for previous years, which affects the year-on-year comparability of the data above. To allow a direct comparison of year-on-year visitor arrivals prior to 2007, the number of arrivals in 2008 would total 30.2 million.

(2) Includes Philippines, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, Thalland and other Southeast Asian countries.

(3) Includes India, Japan, South Korea and other East and South Asian countries not already listed separately.

(4) Includes the Americas, Europe, Oceania, Africa and the Middle East.

#### **Regional Economic Growth**

In 2008, China's GDP (in current prices) totaled US\$4.4 trillion (RMB30.1 trillion) compared to US\$2.3 trillion (RMB15.7 trillion) in 2004, representing a CAGR of 17.1%. In addition, regional Chinese economies surrounding Macau, such as Guangdong Province, have also exhibited substantial growth. We believe that the continuing strong economic performance of the economies of mainland China, particularly Guangdong Province, and Hong Kong will help support future development of tourism and gaming projects in Macau. The following table illustrates the annual growth rate of GDP for mainland China, including Guangdong Province, and Hong Kong from 2004 to the six months ended June 30, 2009:

		For the six months ended June 30,				
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
•		(US\$	in billions, d	except perc	entages)	
Total China GDP	2,337	2,679	3,098	3,762	4,396	2,045
Year-on-year Change, nominal		14.6%	15.7%	21.4%	16.9%	,     —
Total Hong Kong GDP.	167	178	190	208	216	100
Year-on-year Change, nominal		7.0%	6.7%	9.5%	3.8%	)
Total Guangdong Province GDP	276	317	383	454	522	242
Year-on-year Change, nominal	·	15.0%	20.8%	18.6%	14.8%	

Sources: National Bureau of Statistics of China, Statistics Bureau of Guangdong Province and Hong Kong Census and Statistics Department. Converted from Hong Kong dollars and RMB at the exchange rate stated in "Information about this Prospectus and the Global Offering—Currency Translations."

#### Accessibility of Macau

Visitors from southeastern China, Hong Kong, Taiwan and other locations in Asia can reach Macau in a relatively short period of time using a variety of transportation methods. One of the major methods of transportation to Macau from Hong Kong is the ferry service, including our CotaiJet ferry service, which commenced operation in late 2007. Our CotaiJet ferry service and the TurboJet ferry service operate 24 hours a day and take approximately one hour to travel between Hong Kong and Macau, with departures occurring at 15 to 30-minute intervals during peak times. Visitors from more distant locations in Asia can take advantage of short travel times by air to Macau, Zhuhai, Shenzhen, Guangzhou or to Hong Kong (followed by a car, ferry or helicopter trip to Macau). Several airline carriers currently fly directly to Macau International Airport from many major cities in Asia. In 2009, several airlines announced plans for new direct routes to Macau from countries such as Vietnam, South Korea, Japan and India.

We believe that improved transportation to and within Macau will also contribute to growth in visitation and mass market gaming. According to the National Development and Reform Commission, the PRC Government has expressed support for a more open, modern and integrated transportation system within the region as outlined in its Outline of the Plan for the Reform and Development of the Pearl River Delta (2008-2020). The PRC Government's plan lists as transportation priorities the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macau Bridge, the eastern passage between Shenzhen and Hong Kong, the loop expressway of the Pearl River Delta, the Zhongshan-Shenzhen passage across the estuary of the Pearl River and a number of railways. Below is a summary of certain announced infrastructure improvement projects:

- the new Taipa Ferry Terminal, which is expected to be completed by 2012, will be the second permanent ferry terminal in Macau, together with the existing terminal on the Macau peninsula. It is expected to have sixteen 400-passenger berths, three 1,200-passenger berths and a heliport;
- the proposed Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macau bridge, which is expected to be completed between 2015 and 2016, will link Hong Kong's Lantau Island to Zhuhai via Macau and would reduce travel time by car from central Hong Kong to Macau from 4.5 hours to only 40 minutes;

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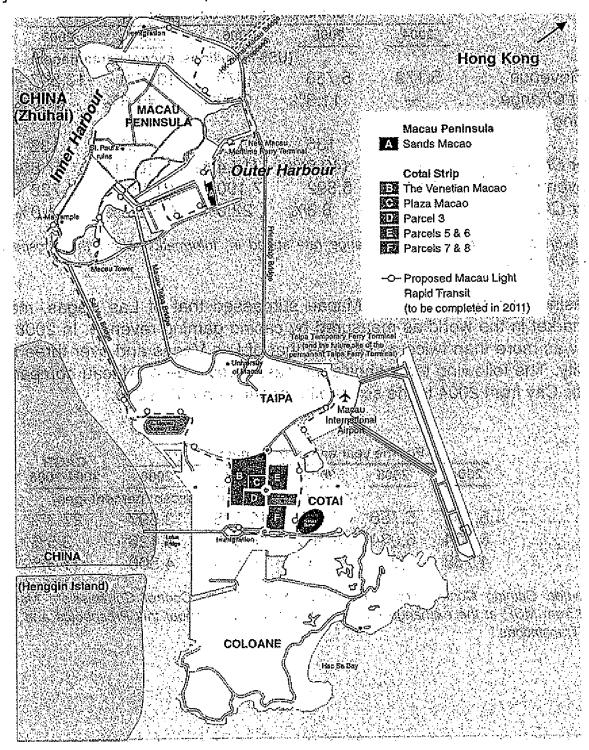


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- the proposed Guangzhou-Zhuhai High Speed Railway, which is expected to be completed by 2015, will result in travel time from Guangzhou to Macau of 40 to 50 minutes;
- the proposed Macau Light Rapid Transit, which is expected to commence construction in June 2010 and be completed in 2011, will link the ferry terminals to key locations via 12 stops on the Macau peninsula and 11 stops on Cotal and Taipa; and
- the addition of new routes and air service between key feeder markets and the Macau International Airport.

### Macau's Casino Gaming Industry

According to the DICJ, as of June 30, 2009, the Macau gaming market had 32 gaming facilities, 22 of which are located on the Macau peninsula. The Macau peninsula is connected to mainland China and was historically the only gaming destination in Macau. The 32 gaming facilities vary greatly in terms of size of operations and amenities offered. The majority of casinos on the Macau peninsula were constructed prior to the implementation of the concession system in 2002 and are characterized by casinos spread across multiple floors with very few non-gaming amenities. Following the opening of the Sands Macao in 2004, more facilities on the Macau peninsula have begun to introduce more modern casinos and non-gaming amenities in an attempt to broaden the appeal of Macau to a wider audience of potential customers. Cotai is an area of new gaming development in Macau and features large-scale, integrated resorts. These facilities tend to have more significant non-gaming and leisure areas than many of those on the Macau peninsula.



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The table below shows the year-on-year change in the number of casinos and slot machines in Macau for the periods indicated:

	As of December 31,					
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Oreinen	15	17	24	28	31	32
Casinos Year-on-year Change (%)		13.3%	41.2%	16.7%	10.7%	
	1.092	1.388	2,762	4,375	4,017	4,390
Gaming Tables Year-on-year Change (%)	.,	27.1%	99.0%	58.4%	(8.2)%	
Slot Machines	2,254	3.421	6,546	13,267	11,856	13,509
Year-on-year Change (%)		51.8%	91.3%	102.7%	(10.6)%	11000-TT

Source: DICJ.

Following the liberalization of Macau's gaming industry, total gaming revenue in Macau increased from approximately US\$5.4 billion in 2004 to approximately US\$13.7 billion in 2008, reflecting a CAGR of 26.0%. These revenues are generated primarily by casino gaming, consisting of table games and slot machines, and to a lesser extent, non-casino gaming activities, including greyhound racing, horse racing, sports lotteries and instant lotteries. The following table sets forth gaming revenues in Macau from 2004 to the six months ended June 30, 2009:

		For the six months ended June 30,				
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
		(US	S\$ in millions	s, except perc	entages)	
Casino Gaming Revenue Year-on-year Change	5,172	5,756 11.3%	7,078 23.0%	10,378 46.6%	13,597 31.0%	6,428
Non-casino Gaming Revenue Year-on-year Change Total Gaming Revenue Year-on-year Change	267  5,439 	136 (49.0)% 5,892 8.3%	112 (17.4)% 7,190 22.0%	103 (8.1)% 10,481 45.8%	132 27.8% 13,728 31.0%	6,484

Source: DICJ. Converted from MOP at the exchange rate stated in "Information about this Prospectus and the Global Offering—Currency Translations."

In 2006, casino gaming revenue in Macau surpassed that of Las Vegas, making Macau the largest gaming market in the world as measured by casino gaming revenue. In 2008, Macau's casino gaming revenue was more than twice as large as that of Las Vegas and over three times as large as that of Atlantic City. The following table shows the casino revenue of Macau compared to that of Las Vegas and Atlantic City from 2004 to the six months ended June 30, 2009:

For the six months ended CAGR June 30,	3	ecember 31	ar ended C			
2008 2004-2008 2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	
xcept percentages)	except perc	in millions,	US\$			
13,597 27.3% 6,428		10,378		5 756	5 172	<b>K F</b>
6,126 3.5% 2,731	6,126	6.828	na			
4,500 (1.3)% 1,926	4,500	4,889	5,167	4,957	4,738	
6,126 3.5% 2,73	6,126	6,828	7,0 <u>78</u> 6,688 5,167	5,756 6,034 4,957	5,172 5,334 4,738	Macau

Sources: DICJ, Nevada Gaming Control Board and New Jersey Casino Control Commission. Macau gaming revenue converted from MOP at the exchange rate stated in "Information about this Prospectus and the Global Offering-Currency Translations."



### Mass Market, VIP and Premium Players

The Macau gaming market consists of three segments: mass market, VIP and premium players. Historically, gaming operators in Macau focused on VIP players, however, gaming operations have now begun to focus on the fast-growing mass market segment:

- Mass Market Players. The mass market segment consists of both table games and slot machines played on public mass gaming floors for lower stakes. The mass market segment is generally viewed as a higher-margin component of the overall gaming market versus the VIP player segment due to the commission costs of operating the VIP player segment. Mass market gaming revenues have grown significantly since the introduction in 2004 of casino properties that cater to the mass market. According to the DICJ, from 2004 to December 31, 2008, mass market table and slot operations have grown at a CAGR of 27.9% and 72.4%, respectively. Mass market table and slot operations accounted for approximately 29.7% and 6.0%, respectively, of total casino gaming revenue in Macau for the six months ended June 30, 2009.
- · VIP Players. VIP players in Macau are typically wealthy persons who play mostly in dedicated VIP rooms or designated gaming areas. VIP players are sourced by Gaming Promoters. Many VIP players in Macau rely on Gaming Promoters to make travel and other arrangements for them to play at a particular casino or gaming area, provide concierge services and arrange their purchases of chips. Gaming Promoters also often extend credit to VIP players that they source and bring to the casinos or gaming areas. In accordance with general industry practice, Gaming Promoters typically commit to certain casino-specified minimum rolling chip purchases per VIP room per month. In return for their services, the gaming operator typically pays a commission to the Gaming Promoter based on either gaming wins or losses or the rolling chip volume of the VIP players they direct to the casinos or gaming areas. The obligation to pay commissions to Gaming Promoters means that although this segment accounts for a large proportion of total gaming revenues, margins are lower than those of the mass market segment. VIP players typically receive various forms of complimentary services, including transportation, accommodation and food and beverage services from the Gaming Promoters or casinos. These complimentary services also affect the margins associated with the rolling chip segment of the business.
- Premium Players. Premium players are players brought in through the direct marketing efforts of the gaming operators who select VIP rooms based on their relationship with or preference for a particular gaming operator. As such, premium players have potentially higher margins compared to VIP players. Like VIP players, premium players typically receive various forms of complimentary services from gaming operators.





The following table shows Macau casino gaming revenue by segment from 2004 to the six months ended June 30, 2009:

	,	For the yea	For the six months ended June 30,			
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
•			S\$ in millio	ons, except p	ercentages	}
VIP Baccarat <sup>(1)</sup>	3,723	3,608	4,598	6,970	9,222	4,139
Year-on-year Change	·	-3.1%	27.4%	51.6%	32.3%	
Mass Market Baccarat.	748	1,306	1,489	2,064	2,658	1,463
Year-on-year Change		74.7%	14.0%	38.7%	28.8%	
Other Mass Market Table Gaming	622	686	735	894	1,010	443
Year-on-year Change		10.3%	7.1%	21.7%	13.0%	
Slot Machine	80	156	257	449	707	383
Year-on-year Change		95.3%	<u>64.2</u> %	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	······································
Total	5,172	5,756	7,078	10,378	13,597	6,428
Year-on-year Change		11.3%	23.0%	46.6%	31.0%	·

Source: DICJ. Macau gaming revenue converted from MOP at the exchange rate stated in "Information about this Prospectus and the Global Offering—Currency Translations."

(1) Includes revenue from both VIP and premium players.

## Macau's Hotel, Convention and Retail Industries

Prior to the liberalization of the Macau gaming industry, many of the casino properties were gaming-centric facilities that contained a relatively limited offering of non-gaming amenities. Conversely, recent developments have consisted of larger properties that offer a variety of non-gaming services such as high quality hotel room options, retail and dining areas, MICE space and entertainment amenities in addition to traditional gaming areas. According to statistics reported by the DSEC, visitor spending on non-gaming services accounted for 23.2% and 21.1% of total visitor spending on services in Macau for 2008 and the six months ended June 30, 2009, respectively. In comparison, according to statistics reported by the Nevada Gaming Control Board, non-gaming spending accounted for 60.3% of total spending in Las Vegas for the 12 months ended June 30, 2008. We expect that, over time, non-gaming services will represent a larger percentage of total visitor spending in Macau, similar to the trend of non-gaming spending in Las Vegas.

# The Macau Hotel and Convention Market

According to the Macau Statistics and Census Service, there were 54 hotels, containing approximately 16,928 rooms, in operation in Macau as of December 31, 2008. This represented an increase from 39 hotels, containing approximately 8,608 rooms in operation as of December 31, 2004. We believe that the introduction of additional high quality hotels, in combination with MICE space, will continue to enhance Macau's reputation as a world-class tourist and business destination and to contribute to an increase in the average length of stay in Macau.



Following the opening of The Venetian Macao, Macau's first integrated resort, and other new developments, overnight hotel visitation increased from 23.0% of total visitation to Macau in 2004 to 28.0% of total visitation at the end of 2008, with an average length of stay of 1.4 nights in 2008. The following table shows total available guest rooms, total hotel guests, average length of stay, occupancy and ADR statistics for the Macau hotel market from 2004 to the six months ended June 30, 2009:

	Ąs	of or for the	year ended	December 3	31,	As of or for the six months ended June 30,
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Total available guest rooms(1)	9,168	10,872	12,978	16,148	17,490	18,128
Total hotel guests (in millions) <sup>(2)</sup>	4.0	4.1	4.7	5.7	6.5	3.1
Average length of stay (nights)	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.4
Occupancy (%)	75.6%	70.9%	72.3%	77.2%	74.5%	
ADR (US\$) <sup>(3)</sup>		78	85	98	104	122

Source: DSEC and Macau Government Tourist Office. Converted from MOP at the exchange rate stated in "Information about this Prospectus and the Global Offering—Currency Translations."

(1) Total available rooms as of year end. Includes both hotel rooms and guest houses.

(2) Includes guests that stay in hotel rooms and guest houses.

(3) Based on three-, four- and five-star hotels in Macau.

We believe the average length of stay in Macau will continue to improve and Macau will ultimately develop into a hotel market similar to Las Vegas. According to the "2008 Las Vegas Visitor Profiles Study" published by the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority, visitors in 2008 stayed on average 3.5 nights in Las Vegas. Convention facilities in Macau are still limited in size as compared to other regional convention markets. The largest convention facility in Macau is located at The Venetian Macao, which opened in August 2007 and contains 1.2 million square feet of meeting, convention and exhibition space. According to the Macau Government Tourist Office, meeting and convention attendance in Macau has grown at a CAGR of 81.6% from 2004 to 2008. Despite this growth, however, Macau hosted fewer than 400,000 conventioneers in 2008. Conversely, according to the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority, conventioneers totaled 5.9 million in Las Vegas during the same period. Furthermore, according to the Hong Kong Tourism Board, overnight MICE arrivals in Hong Kong totaled approximately 1.2 million in 2008.

According to the DSEC, during the six months ended June 30, 2009, a total of 730 MICE events were held at various venues in Macau, comprising 694 meetings/conferences and 36 exhibitions. These events were attended by 211,287 participants and the average length of stay by visitors attending these events was 2.0 days. The following table shows the number of MICE events and participants in Macau from 2004 to the six months ended June 30, 2009:

		For the ye		For the six months ended June 30.		
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Total Number of MICE Events	278	305	360	1,177	1,240	730
Year-on-year Change (%)	<del></del>	9.7%	18.0%	227.0%	5.4%	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Total MICE Participants.	33,501	43,531	57,089	301,979	364,320	211,287

Year-on-year Change (%) . . — 29.9% 31.1% 429.0% 20.6% —

Source: DSEC.

According to the National Development and Reform Commission's Outline of the Plan for the Reform and Development of the Pearl River Delta, the region will seek to grow its convention and exhibition industries through the creation and global marketing of specialized conventions and exhibitions, and through increased cooperation between Macau, Hong Kong and the Pearl River Delta. We expect future developments to create a critical mass of high quality accommodations and other amenities which we believe will enable Macau to develop into a leading MICE destination.

#### **Retail Market**

The retail market in Macau is growing and becoming an increasingly important part of the Macau economy. Retailers benefit from Macau's luxury goods tax-exemption (like Hong Kong but unlike mainland China), making Macau a relatively attractive and inexpensive place to shop for mainland Chinese visitors. Existing retail areas of scale total approximately 1,643,000 gross square feet and include:

Opened	Retail Area	Property	Square Footage(1)
2007	The Grand Canal Shoppes	The Venetian Macao	1,000,000
2008	The Shoppes at Four Seasons	Plaza Macao	211,000
2009	The Boulevard	City of Dreams	175,000 <sup>(2)</sup>
2009	New Yaohan	New Yaohan	257,000

Square footage for The Grand Canal Shoppes and The Shoppes at Four Seasons represent net square footage. Square (1)footage for The Boulevard and New Yaohan represent gross square footage.

Includes both phases. Currently, only Phase I (85,000 square feet) is open. Phase II (90,000 square feet) is expected to (2)open in December 2009.

Based on our management's experience, we believe that the build-out of integrated resorts on Cotai will drive retail spending in a manner similar to that experienced in Las Vegas following the opening of integrated resorts and related retail facilities such as The Grand Canal Shoppes at The Venetian in Las Vegas. The following table illustrates the growth in total shopping spending by visitors to Macau from 2004 to the six months ended June 30, 2009:

	For	the year	ended D	ecembe	r 31,	CAGR	For the six months ended June 30,
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2004-2008	2009
			(US\$ in	millions	s, except	percentages	s)
Total shopping spending <sup>(1)</sup>	1,409	1,457	1,906	2,224	2,638	17.0%	756

Source: DSEC Visitor Expenditure Survey. Converted from MOP at the exchange rate stated in "Information about this Prospectus and the Global Offering—Currency Translations."

Shopping spending as calculated by the DSEC consists of spending for clothing, jewelry, local food products, cosmetics, (1) electrical equipment, shoes, handbags, wallets and others.

According to DSEC Tourism Statistics, total shopping spending, driven by the substantial growth in visitation and the development of Las Vegas-style casinos and integrated resort destinations beginning in 2004, has increased at a CAGR of 17.0% from approximately US\$1,409 million in 2004 to US\$2,638 million in 2008.

#### Competition

The gaming operators in Macau currently consist of the six Concessionaires or Subconcessionaires. As of June 30, 2009:

····VML, our subsidiary, operated three gaming facilities: The Venetian Macao, the Sands Macao and the Plaza Casino at the Plaza Macao;

- 5 . . . . . <u>.</u> · Galaxy operated five gaming facilities in Macau, including StarWorld Hotel, and is developing the Galaxy Mega Resort, which is adjacent to The Venetian Macao;
- · Melco Crown operated three gaming facilities, including the Altira and City of Dreams, a ्रमेंद्रेः क्रिकेटियालयः जिन्द्र्येतः जेतिहे ति्तुवेधयोगधाणि दिया property located across the street from The Venetian Macao; - Andrew whether the stanger and solution and been all a standard and the second the control MGM Grand Paradise Limited operated one gaming facility, the MGM Grand Macau;
  - SJM operated 19 gaming facilities in Macau, including the Lisboa and the Grand Lisboa; and
  - Wynn Macau operated one gaming facility, the Wynn Macau.

In addition, some of these gaming operators have planned or are currently developing projects, which will increase future casino supply and intensify competition. The Macau market also faces competition from casinos located in other areas of Asia and from other major gaming centers worldwide. See "Risk Factors—Risks Relating to the Gaming Industry in Macau—We face intense competition in the gaming industry in Macau, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows." The relative scale of our properties and gaming operations and those of the other operators is shown in the table below:

	Nun	nber of Cas	inos	Gaming Tables <sup>(1)</sup>			Slot Machines <sup>(2)</sup>			
	As of Dec	ember 31,	As of June 30,	As of Dec	ember 31,	As of June 30,	As of Dec	ember 31,	As of June 30,	
Operator	2007	2008	2009	2007	2008	2009	2007	2008	2009	
 VML	2	3	3	1,450	1,202	1,098	5,134	4,260	4,291	
Other	26	28	29	2,925	2,815	3,292	8,133	7,596	9,218	
Total	28	31	32	4,375	4,017	4,390	13,267	11,856	13,509	

Source: DICJ.

(1) Includes VIP rooms and mass market gaming tables.

(2) As of December 31, 2007 and 2008 and as of June 30, 2009, VML had 4,237, 3,445 and 3,631 slot machines, respectively, which were active on the floor.

Based on the publicly available data shown in the table below, we estimate that our three existing Macau properties enjoy approximately 23.9% and 24.6% of the share of Macau gaming revenue for the year ended December 31, 2008 and the six months ended June 30, 2009, respectively. This market share exceeds those of several of our competitors in Macau.

	For the year ended December 31, 2007		For the year er December 31, 3	nded 2008	For the six months ended June 30, 2009				
Company	Gaming Revenue	%	Gaming Revenue	%	Gaming Revenue				
	(US\$ in millions, except percentages)								
VML	2.198	21.2%	3,246	23.9%	, 1,584	24.6%			
Others	8,179	78.8%	10,350		<u>4,844</u>	<u>    75.4</u> %			
Total	10,377	100.0%	13,596	100.0%	6,428	100.0%			

Source: DICJ.



#### **BUSINESS**

#### **OVERVIEW**

We are the leading developer, owner and operator of integrated resorts and casinos in Macau as measured by EBITDA for the year ended December 31, 2008 and the six months ended June 30, 2009.(1) We are the largest operator of integrated resorts in Macau which contain not only gaming areas but also meeting space, convention and exhibition halls, retail and dining areas and entertainment venues. We believe that our integrated resorts are unique to Macau and differentiate us from our competitors. VML, our subsidiary, holds one of six concessions or subconcessions permitted by the Macau Government to operate casinos or gaming areas in Macau. Macau is the largest gaming market in the world as measured by casino gaming revenue and is the only location in China offering legalized casino gaming.

We own The Venetian Macao, the Sands Macao, and the Plaza Macao. We also own one of the largest convention and exhibition halls in Asia, Macau's largest entertainment venue, The CotaiArena<sup>™</sup>, and one of three major high-speed ferry companies operating between Hong Kong and Macau. Our luxury and mid-market retail malls feature over 380 shops with well-known retail brands such as Calvin Klein, Cartier, Chanel, Esprit, Gucci, Hermès, Louis Vuitton, Nike and Prada, as well as the Malo Clinic and Spa, one of Asia's largest medical and beauty spas. As of June 30, 2009, our properties featured a combined 3,554 suites and hotel rooms, 1,098 table games, 3,631 slot machines, over 60 different restaurants and food outlets, as well as other integrated resort amenities.

Our business strategy is to develop Cotai and to leverage our integrated resort business model to create Asia's premier gaming, leisure and convention destination. Our ultimate plans for Cotai include five interconnected integrated resorts, which leverage a wide range of branded hotel and resort offerings to attract different segments of the market. When completed, we expect our Cotai Strip development to contain over 20,000 hotel rooms, over 1.6 million square feet of MICE space, over 2.0 million square feet of retail malls, six theaters and other amenities. We believe our business strategy and development plan will allow us to achieve more consistent demand, longer average lengths of stay in our hotels and higher margins than more gaming-centric facilities.

Our properties are designed to cater to a broad range of customers, including the following:

- · Leisure customers who visit resort destinations for quality accommodations, retail, dining, entertainment, spas and sightseeing, and who may opt to game as part of that experience;
- MICE organizers who seek an environment which attracts more buyers and exhibitors to trade shows and exhibitions because of the quality and ambiance of the venue, business-friendly accommodations, dining and other resort facilities;
- · MICE participants who attend trade shows, exhibitions and conventions in venues that offer them quality business-friendly accommodations, entertainment, dining and retail facilities;
- · Mass market players, who represent the highest profit margin gaming segment, and are characterized by non-rolling chip and slot machine play; and
- · VIP and premium players, who enjoy our private Paiza Club gaming rooms, luxury accommodations and amenities, and are characterized by rolling chip play.

In May 2004, we opened the Sands Macao to target the mass market segment. The Sands Macao was the first Las Vegas-style casino in Macau, and currently contains a mix of gaming areas for mass market, VIP and premium players, and entertainment and dining facilities. In August 2007, we opened Macau's largest integrated resort, The Venetian Macao, and in August 2008, we opened the Plaza Macao, a boutique luxury integrated resort featuring a Four Seasons Hotel and the Plaza Casino. In July 2009, we opened our ultra-exclusive Paiza mansions at the Plaza Macao. These mansions are individually designed and made available by invitation only.

Based on publicly available information, including company financial reports. (1)

### IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

VENETIAN MACAU LTD., a Macau corporation,

Petitioner,

vs.

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Respondents,

and

STEVEN C. JACOBS,

Real Party in Interest.

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# SUMMARY COMBINED FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The following is a summary of our combined financial information as of and for the years ended December 31, 2006, 2007 and 2008 and our combined financial information as of June 30, 2009 and for the six months ended June 30, 2008 and 2009, extracted from the "Accountant's Report" set out in Appendix I to this prospectus. The summary combined financial information as of September 30, 2009 and for the three months ended September 30, 2008 and 2009 (except for adjusted EBITDAR data), as extracted from our condensed combined financial information for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2009 that was reviewed by our reporting accountant in accordance with ISRE 2410, reflects all adjustments that our management believes are necessary for the fair presentation of such information under IFRS. Results for interim periods are not indicative of results for the full year.

The results were prepared on the basis of presentation as set out in the Accountant's Report. The summary combined financial information should be read in conjunction with the combined financial statements set out in the Accountant's Report, including the related notes.

Combined Income State	ments For the year ended December 31,			For the six months ended June 30,			For the three months ended September 30,		
			2008	2008	2009	2009	2008	2009	
	2006 US\$ (audited)	US\$ (audited)	US\$	US\$ (unaudited)	US\$	HK\$	US\$	US\$ (unaudited)	
Net revenues Casino Rooms Food and beverage	1,265.2 0.1 12.9	1,846.2 49.3 28.1	2,669.7 140.0 54.3 123.0	1,325.4 67.5 24.5 48.4	1,317.1 55.5 25.4 64.1	10,207.7 429.9 197.2 496.9	692.1 34.2 13.4 36.9	751.0 31.3 13.8 28.5	
Mall Convention, ferry, retail and other	— 2.9	24.8 <u>17.9</u>	66.4	24.8	38.4	297.7	_20.1	21.5	
Total net revenues	1,281.1	1,966.2	3,053.3	1,490.6	1,500.6	11,629.5	796.7	846.0	
Operating expenses Casino Rooms Food and beverage Mall Convention, ferry, retail	742.2 0.2 11.5	1,238.0 13.1 25.6 8.3	1,875.4 32.2 47.0 31.5	903.1 16.2 21.6 13.7	916.2 14.0 22.7 16.8	7,100.3 108.2 175.6 129.9	7.6 11.4 9.8	493.7 5.9 10.2 6.7	
and other Provision for doubtful accounts	3.0 0.4	24.8 1.2	109.4 15.0	46.2 0.9	59.7 18.7	462.5 145.2		31.6 13.8	
administrative expense Corporate expense Land lease expense Pre-opening expense Development expense	68.7 0.4 0.8 34.7 2.7	146.6 2.7 9.8 141.9	269.0 14.7 11.9 112.3	146.8 4.3 5.9 38.1	115.9 4.7 6.1 52.4	898.0 36.4 47.5 406.1	7.7	56.9 1.7 3.1 12.3	
Depreciation and amortization Loss/(gain) on disposal of property and	35.2	104.0	268.2		158.4	1,227.9		80.1	
equipment Fair value losses/(gains) on financial assets at	1.9	0.6	1.6	1.2	4.9	37.9		(0.3)	
fair value through profit or loss	0.5			•		_	0.0	0.5	
losses/(gains)	····		-	~	0.1 1,390.5	1.0 10,776.		(0.4) <b>715.8</b>	
Operating profit	378.3	243.9	294.0	171.9	110.1 0.3	<b>853</b> . 2.		<b>130.2</b> 0.2	
Interest expense, net of amounts capitalized Loss on modification of	. (30.3	;) (77.0	)) (122.9	9) (60.2)	(52.2	) (404.	6) (18.6)	(43.5) (0.2)	
debt Profit before income tax		196.1	175.9		58.1	450.	6 60.0	86.7	
Income tax (expenses)/ credits			<u>. (0.2</u>					(0.1)	
Profit for the year/period	. 375.8			7 114.0	58.0	449.	.3 60.0	86.7	
Adjusted EBITDAR <sup>(1)</sup> (unaudited)	457.7	7 514.	3 686.0		337.7	2,616	.8 171.8	228.2	

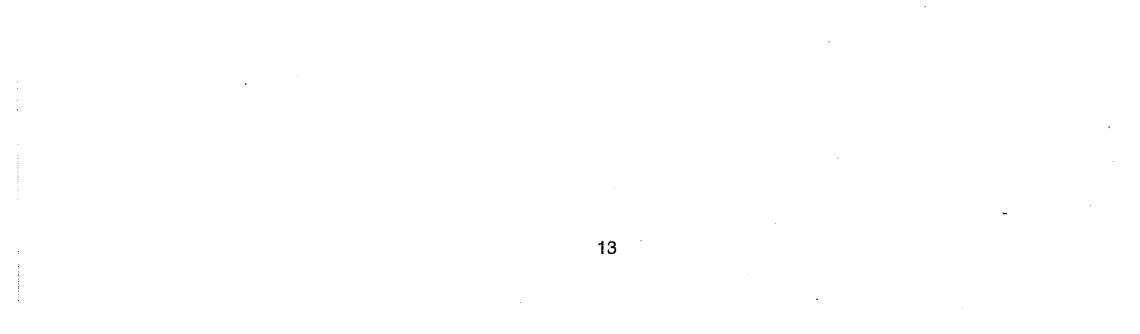
### **Combined Income Statements**



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· . . Adjusted EBITDAR is used by management as the primary measure of operating performance of our Group's properties (1) and to compare the operating performance of our Group's properties with that of its competitors. However, adjusted EBITDAR should not be considered in isolation; construed as an alternative to profit or operating profit; as an indicator of our IFRS operating performance, other combined operations or cash flow data; or as an alternative to cash flow as a measure of liquidity. Adjusted EBITDAR presented in this prospectus may not be comparable to other similarly titled measures of other companies. In addition, our adjusted EBITDAR presented in this prospectus may differ from adjusted EBITDAR presented by LVS for its Macau segment in its filings with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.



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The following table sets forth the reconciliation of adjusted EBITDAR to profit. Adjusted EBITDAR is profit before interest, income taxes, depreciation and amortization (net of amortization of show production costs), pre-opening expense, development expense, net foreign exchange losses or gains, loss or gain on disposal of property and equipment, corporate expense, land lease expense, sharebased compensation, loss on modification of debt and fair value losses or gains on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss. With respect to adjusted EBITDAR for each of our properties, we make allocations of the shared support expenses based on revenue attributable to each property. Adjusted EBITDAR is used by management as the primary measure of operating performance of our Group's properties and to compare the operating performance of our Group's properties with that of its competitors. However, adjusted EBITDAR should not be considered in isolation; construed as an alternative to profit or operating profit; as an indicator of our IFRS operating performance, other combined operations or cash flow data; or as an alternative to cash flow as a measure of liquidity. Adjusted EBITDAR presented in this prospectus may not be comparable to other similarly titled measures of other companies. In addition, our adjusted EBITDAR presented in this prospectus may differ from adjusted EBITDAR presented by LVS for its Macau segment in its filings with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

	For the year ended December 31,			For the six months ended June 30,		For the three months ended September 30,	
	2006	2007	2008	2008	2009	2008	2009
	(US\$ in millions)						
Adjusted EBITDAR					~~~ ~	474.0	000.0
(unaudited)	457.7	514.3	686.0	349.2	337.7	171.8	228.2
Share-based compensation granted to employees							
by LVS	(4.1)	(9.6)	(15.2)	(7.3)	(3.5)	(4.0)	(2.0)
Corporate expense	(0.4)	(2.7)	(14.7)	(4.3)	(4.7)	(7.7)	(1.7)
Land lease expense	(0.8)	(9.8)	(11.9)	(5.9)	(6.1)	(2.9)	(3.1)
Pre-opening expense <sup>(1)</sup>	(33.2)	(138.0)	(111.4)	(37.9)	(52.0)	(29.4)	(12.3)
Development expense	(2.7)				<del></del>		
Depreciation and amortization	(35.2)	(104.0)	(268.2)	(123.4)	(158.4)	(69.7)	(80.1)
Amortization of show production		·					
costs	<u> </u>		1.9		2.1	0.8	1.1
Net foreign exchange (losses)/							
gains	(0.7)	(5.2)	29.2	2.6	(0.1)	18.4	0.4
(Loss)/gain on disposal of							
property and equipment	(1.9)	(0.6)	(1.6)	(1.2)	(4.9)	(0.0)	0.3
Fair value (losses)/gains on							
financial assets at fair value							
through profit or loss	(0.5)	(0.6)	(0.0)	0.1		(0.0)	(0.5)
Operating profit	378.3	243.9	294.0	171.9	110.1	77.1	130.2
Interest income	27.8	29.2	4.8	2.5	0.3	1.4	0.2
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Interest expense, net of amounts capitalized	(30.3)	(77.0)	(122.9)	(60.2)	(52.2)	(18.6)	(43.5)
Loss on modification of debt	(00.0)	(,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	(	() —	() 	. /	(0.2)
		400.4	476.0	4444	58.1	60.0	86.7
Profit before income tax	375.8	196.1	175.9	114.1	90, I	00.0	00.7

Income tax (expenses)/credits	(0.0)	0.0	(0.2)	(0.1)	(0.2)	0.0	(0.1)
Profit for the year/period	375.8	196.1	175.7	114.0	58.0	60.0	86.7

(1) Pre-opening expense excludes share-based compensation expense of US\$1.5 million, US\$3.8 million, US\$0.9 million, US\$0.2 million and US\$0.4 million for the years ended December 31, 2006, 2007 and 2008 and for the six months ended June 30, 2008 and 2009, respectively. Pre-opening expense for the three months ended September 30, 2008 and 2009 excludes share-based compensation expense of US\$0.4 million and US\$0.1 million, respectively.



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Combined Balance Sheets				•		· · ·
5.		of Decembe		As of J		As of September 30 2009
	2006 US\$	007 US\$	008 US\$	2009 US\$	2009 HK\$	US\$
	(audited)	(audited)	(audited)	(audited)		(unaudited)
			(in	millions)		
ASSETS		•				
Current assets           Inventories           Trade and other receivables and	1.7	8.4	10.9	10.1	78.4	9.9
prepayments, net	17.7	240.0	287.9	244.3	1,893.6	268.6
Restricted cash	233.4	. 59.2	124.1	172.1	1,333.9	196.7
Cash and cash equivalents	278.5	439.4	417.8	340.6	2,639.8	394.7
otal current assets	531.2	747.0	840.7	767.2	5,945.7	869.9
Ion-current assets						
Investment properties, net		292.7	338.0	621.7	4,818.5	663.2
Leasehold interests in land, net	. 8.6	234.6	274.4	284.5	2,205.2	.281.5
Property and equipment, net	2,008.7	3,568.7	5,235.8	5,008.0	38,811.7	4,991.8
Intangible assets, net	3.5	5.5	46.2	43.7	339.0	
Deferred income tax assets, net		0.1	0.2	0.2	1.2	0.1
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	0.5	0.0				2.2
Other assets	2.4	34.7	60.8	58.2	451.2	54.1
Trade and other receivables and						
prepayments, net		25.1	91.5	61.7	478.0	21.2
Restricted cash	232.1					
otal non-current assets	2,255.7	4,161.5	6,046.9	6,078.0	47,104.8	6,055.8
otal assets	2,786.9	4,908.5	6,887.6	6,845.2	53,050.5	6,925.6
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Current liabilities						
Trade and other payables	544.2	912.3	1,982.0	1,977.9	15,329.1	1,414.0
Current income tax liabilities	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.4	3.0	0.3
Borrowings	0.3	6.3	44.3	70.8	548.8	87.9
Fotal current liabilities	544.6	918.6	2,026.6	2,049.2	15,880.9	1,502.1
Non-current liabilities						
Trade and other payables	0.3	6.8	12.7	12.9	99.8	13.0
Borrowings	1,387.1	2,935.2	3,598.9	3,471.7	26,905.4	4,009.6
Total non-current liabilities	1,387.4	2,942.1	3,611.5	3,484.5	27,005.1	4,022.6
Fotal liabilities	1,932.0	3,860.7	5,638.1	5,533.7	42,886.1	5,524.7
EQUITY Capital and reserves attributable to equity holders of our Company Combined capital				 00 0		
Capital reserve Statutory reserve Share-based compensation	80.0 6.2	80.0 6.2	80.0 6.2	80.0 6.3	620.4 48.9	
reserve		•••	17.5	21.4	165.7	23.5

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Currency translation reserve	0.5 768.2	(2.8) 964.4	17.5 5.6 1,140.1	21.4 5.8 1,198.0	165.7 45.1 9,284.3	23.5 5.8 1,284.6
Total equity	855.0	1,047.9	1,249.5	1,311.5	10,164.5	1,400.9
Total equity and liabilities	2,786.9	4,908.5	6,887.6	6,845.2	53,050.5	6,925.6
Net current liabilities	(13.4)	(171.6)	(1,185.8)	(1,282.0)	(9,935.2)	(632.3)
Total assets less current liabilities	2,242.4	3,989.9	4,861.1	4,796.1	37,169.6	5,423.5

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### SUMMARY OPERATING DATA

The following table sets forth our key operating results for the periods indicated:

	year end	For the ded Decemb	er 31, s	For ti six months end		For the three months ended September 30,
	2006	2007	2008	2008	2009	2009
		(US\$ in millio	ons, except p	percentages ar	id hotel statis	tics)
The Venetian Macao <sup>(1)</sup> Gaming statistics: Non-rolling chip table games		4 445 0	2 520.4	1,731.6	1,623.3	834.9
drop Non-rolling chip table games win percentage	·	1,115.8 17.3%	3,530.1 19.9%	19.9%	23.2%	23.0%
Rolling chip volume Rolling chip win percentage		17,071.5 2.6%		18,599.8 3.0%	18,590.1 2.7%	9,062.2 2.8%
Slot handle		490.1 7.9%	1,941 <i>.</i> 9 8.0%	819.9 8.3%	1,093.8 7.5%	609.7 7.5%
Hotel statistics: Average daily rate Occupancy rate Revenue per available room	 	221 85.7% 190	226 85.3% 193	228 79.4% 181	209 76.7% 160	198 88.1% 175
Sands Macao <sup>(2)</sup> Gaming statistics: Non-rolling chip table games drop	4,178.7	3,525.6	2,626.9	1,381.3	1,208.4	626.4
Non-rolling chip table games win percentage Rolling chip volume Rolling chip win percentage	18.6%	26,325.3 6 3.0%	25,182.2	11,789.8	19.1% 9,845.3 2.7% 577.2	5,479.1
Slot handle	7.7%	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			6.7%	6.6%
Plaza Macao <sup>(3)</sup> Plaza Casino gaming statistics: Non-rolling chip table games						00.0
drop Non-rolling chip table games	******	—	99.8		167.5	82.9
win percentage		510000	21.1% 630.1	5-10-1-1-1-	25.2% 1,125.2	2,183.7
Rolling chip win percentage Slot handle Slot hold percentage			4.5% 38.2 5.6%	_	3.2% 100.0 5.7%	60.6
Four Seasons Hotel statistics: Average daily rate Occupancy rate Revenue per available room			344 32.0% 110	D	293 41.5% 122	294 6 56.2% 165

(1) The Venetian Macao commenced operations in August 2007.

(2) The suites at the Sands Macao are primarily provided to gaming patrons on a complimentary basis and therefore related statistics have not been included.

(3) The Plaza Macao commenced operations in August 2008.

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### **UNAUDITED PRO FORMA ADJUSTED NET TANGIBLE ASSETS**

The following table sets forth our unaudited pro forma adjusted net tangible assets which are calculated based on our audited combined net tangible assets as of June 30, 2009 in the "Accountant's Report" set out in Appendix I to this prospectus and are adjusted as described below:

	Unadjusted audited combined net tangible assets of our Group attributable to equity holders of our Company as of June 30, 2009 <sup>(1)</sup>	Estimated net proceeds from the Global Offering to our Company <sup>(2)</sup>	Unaudited pro forma adjusted net tangible assets of our Group attributable to the equity holders of our Company	adjust tang assei	dited orma ed net jible is per re <sup>(3)</sup>
	(U;	S\$ in millions)		US\$	HK\$
Based on an Offer Price of HK\$10.38 per Share	1,267.8	1,635.5	2,903.3	0.38	2.98
Based on an Offer Price of HK\$13.88 per Share	1,267.8	2,191.8	3,459.6	0.46	3.55

- (1) The unadjusted audited combined net tangible assets attributable to the equity holders of our Company as of June 30, 2009 is extracted from the "Accountant's Report" set out in Appendix I to this prospectus, which is based on the audited combined net assets of our Company attributable to the equity holders of our Company of US\$1,311,542,000 with an adjustment for the intangible assets of US\$43,746,000.
- (2) The estimated net proceeds to our Company from the Global Offering are based on the indicative Offer Price range of HK\$10.38 per Share to HK\$13.88 per Share after deduction of the underwriting fees and other related expenses payable by our Company. We may pay the Underwriters an additional incentive fee up to 0.75% of the Offer Price multiplied by the total number of Offer Shares. If we decide to pay such additional incentive fee, the net proceeds from the Global Offering and the pro forma adjusted net tangible assets of our Group attributable to the equity holders of our Company will decrease.
- (3) The unaudited pro forma net tangible assets per Share is arrived at after the adjustments referred to in note (2) above and on the basis that 7,550,000,000 Shares were in issue assuming the Capitalization Issue and the Global Offering had been completed on June 30, 2009.

Upon the Listing of the Shares, the Bonds issued by VVDI (II) will be mandatorily and automatically exchanged for Shares at an exchange price equal to 90.0% of the Offer Price. The number of Shares in issue would be 8,047,858,661 (assuming the Offer Price is HK\$10.38) and 7,922,297,822 (assuming the Offer Price is HK\$13.88), respectively. The unaudited pro forma net tangible assets per Share, taking into account the settlement of the intercompany shareholder's loan and the issue of new Shares to the Bondholders upon the mandatory and automatic exchange of the Bonds for Shares, would be US\$0.43 (HK\$3.36) (assuming the Offer Price is HK\$10.38) and US\$0.51 (HK\$3.95) (assuming the Offer Price is HK\$13.88), respectively.

- (4) As of September 30, 2009, our Group's property interests were valued by CB Richard Ellis Limited, an independent property valuer, and the relevant property valuation report is set out in Appendix IV to this prospectus. The net revaluation surplus, representing the excess of market value of the property interests over their corresponding book value shown in investment properties, leasehold interests in land and property and equipment, is approximately US\$4.3 billion. Such revaluation surplus has not been included in our Group's unaudited combined financial information as of September 30, 2009 and will not be included in our Group's financial statements for the year ending December 31, 2009. The above adjustment does not take into account the revaluation surplus. Had the property interests been stated at such valuation as of September 30, 2009, additional depreciation and land lease expense totaling US\$50.3 million would be charged against the combined income statement for the year ending December 31, 2009.
- (5) No adjustment has been made to reflect any trading result or other transaction of our Company entered into subsequent to June 30, 2009.

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### PROFIT FORECAST

On the bases and assumptions set out in "Profit Forecast" in Appendix III to this prospectus and, in the absence of unforeseen circumstances, certain profit forecast data of our Group for the year ending December 31, 2009 is set forth below:

	Based on an Offer Price of HK\$10.38	Based on an Offer Price of HK\$13.88
Forecast consolidated profit attributable to equity holders of our Company for the year ending December 31, 2009 <sup>(1)</sup>	Not less than US\$192.4 million	Not less than US\$192.4 million
Unaudited forecast earnings per Share on a pro forma basis assuming the Bonds are mandatorily and automatically exchanged for Shares upon Listing <sup>(2)</sup>	Not less than US\$0.02 (HK\$0.19)	Not less than US\$0.02 (HK\$0.19)

- (1) Our forecast consolidated profit attributable to equity holders of our Company for the year ending December 31, 2009 is extracted from "Financial Information—Profit Forecast for the Year Ending December 31, 2009." The bases and assumptions on which the above profit forecast has been prepared are summarized in Appendix III to this prospectus. Our Directors have prepared the forecast consolidated profit attributable to equity holders of our Company for the year ending December 31, 2009 based on the audited combined results of our Group for the six months ended June 30, 2009, the unaudited combined results based on the management accounts of our Group for the three months ended September 30, 2009 and a forecast of the consolidated results of our Group for the remaining three months ending December 31, 2009. The forecast has been prepared on a basis consistent in all material respects with the accounting policies presently adopted by our Group as set out in Note 2 of Section II of the Accountant's Report, the text of which is set out in Appendix I to this prospectus.
- (2) The unaudited forecast earnings per Share on a pro forma basis is calculated by dividing the forecast consolidated profit attributable to the equity holders of our Company for the year ending December 31, 2009 by 8,047,858,661 Shares (assuming the Offer Price is HK\$10.38) and 7,922,297,822 Shares (assuming the Offer Price is HK\$13.88), respectively, as if such Shares had been in issue on January 1, 2009. The number of Shares used in this calculation includes Shares in issue at the date of this prospectus and Shares to be issued pursuant to the Global Offering, the Capitalization Issue and the mandatory and automatic exchange of the Bonds for Shares.

### ADJUSTED EBITDAR FORECAST

The forecast adjusted EBITDAR of our Company has been derived from and on the same bases and assumptions as the "Profit Forecast" in Appendix III to this prospectus. In the absence of unforeseen circumstances, forecast adjusted EBITDAR for the year ending December 31, 2009 will not be less than US\$802.9 million.

Adjusted EBITDAR is used by management as the primary measure of operating performance of our Group's properties and to compare the operating performance of our Group's properties with that of its competitors. However, adjusted EBITDAR should not be considered in isolation or construed as an alternative to profit or operating profit, or as an indicator of our IFRS operating performance, other combined operations or cash flow data prepared in accordance with IFRS, or as an alternative to cash flow as a measure of liquidity. In addition, adjusted EBITDAR presented in this prospectus may not be comparable to other similarly titled measures of other companies. In addition, our adjusted EBITDAR presented in this prospectus may differ from adjusted EBITDAR presented by LVS for its. Macau segment in its fillings with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. For a quantitative reconciliation of adjusted EBITDAR to its most directly comparable IFRS measurement, operating profit for the years ended December 31, 2006, 2007 and 2008, for the six months ended June 30, 2008 and 2009 and for the three months ended September 30, 2008 and 2009, see "Financial Information—Summary of Results of Operations—Adjusted EBITDAR."



### SUMMARY

GLOBAL OFFERING STATISTICS	
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Market capitalization of our Shares <sup>(1)</sup> (in millions)	US\$10,778.9 US\$14,188.6
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automatically exchanged for Shares upon Listing <sup>(2)</sup>	US\$0.43 (HK\$3.36) US\$0.51 (HK\$3.95)

- (1) The calculation of market capitalization is based on the assumption that 8,047,858,661 Shares (assuming the Offer Price is HK\$10.38) and 7,922,297,822 Shares (assuming the Offer Price is HK\$13.88), respectively, will be in issue and outstanding immediately following the completion of the Global Offering, the Capitalization Issue and the mandatory and automatic exchange of the Bonds for Shares.
- (2) The unaudited pro forma adjusted net tangible asset value per Share has been arrived at after the adjustments referred to in "Unaudited Pro Forma Financial Information" in Appendix II to this prospectus, and on the basis that 8,047,858,661 Shares (assuming the Offer Price is HK\$10.38) and 7,922,297,822 Shares (assuming the Offer Price is HK\$13.88) had been in issue since January 1, 2009, respectively. The number of Shares used in this calculation includes Shares in issue at the date of this prospectus and Shares to be issued pursuant to the Global Offering, the Capitalization Issue and the mandatory and automatic exchange of the Bonds for Shares.

### DIVIDEND POLICY

We do not expect to pay cash dividends on our Shares in the foreseeable future. We intend to retain earnings to finance our operations and the expansion of our business, including the development of additional integrated resorts in Cotal. Our Board of Directors will determine whether to pay dividends in the future based on conditions then existing, including our earnings, financial condition and capital requirements, as well as economic and other conditions our Board may deem relevant. Our ability to declare and pay dividends on our Shares is also subject to the requirements of Cayman Islands law. Moreover, we are a holding company which is dependent upon the operations of our subsidiaries for cash and the terms of our subsidiaries' debt and other agreements restrict the ability of our subsidiaries to make dividends or other distributions to us. Specifically, pursuant to the Macau Credit Facility, there are restrictions on VML's ability to distribute dividends, and dividend distributions by VML are the principal means by which we would have the necessary funds to pay dividends on our Shares for the foreseeable future. Therefore, unless and until we pay cash dividends on our Shares, any gains from your investment in our Shares must come from an increase in the market price of such Shares. There are no restrictions under the Macau Credit Facility, Ferry Financing Facility or the Motor Vehicle Facility on our Company's ability to pay dividends.

Upon completion of the Global Offering and the mandatory and automatic exchange of the Bonds for Shares, there will be no restrictions in any of our loan agreements or other debt instruments that would limit or restrict our ability to pay dividends on our Shares, should we elect to pay cash dividends in the future.

### **USE OF PROCEEDS**

We estimate that the net proceeds to our Company from the Global Offering, assuming an Offer Price of HK\$12.13 per Share, being the midpoint of the Offer Price range set forth in this prospectus, will be approximately HK\$14,715.0 million (US\$1,898.7 million), after deducting underwriting commissions and estimated offering expenses payable by us in connection with the Global Offering.

We currently intend to apply such net proceeds as follows:

- approximately HK\$6,347.3 million (US\$819.0 million) will be used to repay all of the shareholders' loans and intercompany payables outstanding immediately prior to the completion of the Global Offering which are owed by us or our subsidiaries to LVS and certain of LVS's U.S. subsidiaries;
- approximately HK\$3,875.0 million (US\$500.0 million) will be used in conjunction with supplemental financing to finance the completion of the construction of the integrated resort on Parcels 5 and 6 in our Cotai Strip development in Macau;



### SUMMARY

- approximately HK\$2,325.0 million (US\$300.0 million) will be used to repay a portion of our Macau Credit Facility;
- approximately HK\$775.0 million (US\$100.0 million) will be used for general corporate purposes; and
- the balance of approximately HK\$1,392.8 million (US\$179.7 million) will be used, subject to the then current economic conditions and based upon what the Directors consider to be in the best interest of our Company, either for financing the completion of the construction of the integrated resort on Parcels 5 and 6 in our Cotai Strip development in Macau, or an incremental repayment of a portion of the Macau Credit Facility, as described above.

If the Offer Price is set at the high end of the indicative Offer Price range, being HK\$13.88 per Share, the net proceeds to our Company from the Global Offering will increase by approximately HK\$2,139.2 million (US\$276.0 million). We intend to apply the additional net proceeds either for financing the completion of the construction of the integrated resort on Parcels 5 and 6 in our Cotai Strip development, or the repayment of a portion of the Macau Credit Facility, as described above.

If the Offer Price is set at the low end of the indicative Offer Price range, being HK\$10.38 per Share, the net proceeds to our Company from the Global Offering will decrease by approximately HK\$2,139.2 million (US\$276.0 million). We first intend to reduce the original balance of net proceeds to be allocated towards either the financing of the completion of construction of the integrated resort on Parcels 5 and 6 in our Cotai Strip development, or the incremental repayment of a portion of our Macau Credit Facility by HK\$1,392.8 million (US\$179.7 million), as described above. We then intend to reduce the portion of net proceeds allocated towards general corporate purposes by HK\$746.4 million (US\$96.3 million). The HK\$3,875.0 million (US\$500.0 million) of net proceeds to be used in conjunction with supplemental financing to finance the completion of construction of the integrated resort on Parcels 5 and 6 in our Cotai Strip development in Macau will still be available if the Offer Price is set at the low end of the indicative Offer Price range.

We estimate that the net proceeds to the Selling Shareholder from the Global Offering, assuming an Offer Price of HK\$12.13 per Share, being the midpoint of the Offer Price range set forth in this prospectus, will be approximately HK\$7,005.1 million (US\$903.9 million) before any exercise of the Over-allotment Option and after deducting underwriting commissions and estimated offering expenses payable by the Selling Shareholder in connection with the Global Offering. We will not receive any proceeds from the sale of the Sale Shares (including any exercise of the Over-allotment Option).

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### DEFINITIONS

In this prospectus, unless the context otherwise requires, the following terms shall have the meanings set out below. Certain other terms are explained in "Glossary of Technical Terms."

"Application Form(s)"	WHITE Applications Form(s), YELLOW Application Form(s) and GREEN Applications Form(s), or where the context so requires, any of them
"Articles" or "Articles of Association"	our articles of association, conditionally adopted on November 8, 2009 and which will become effective upon the Listing, and as amended from time to time, a summary of which is set out in "Summary of the Constitution of Our Company and Cayman Companies Law" in Appendix VI to this prospectus
"associate(s)"	has the meaning ascribed to it under the Listing Rules
"Barclays Capital"	Barclays Capital Asia Limited
"BNP"	BNP Paribas Capital (Asia Pacific) Limited
"Board" or "Board of Directors"	the board of directors of our Company
"Bondholders"	the holders of the Bonds
"Bonds"	the US\$600.0 million exchangeable bonds due 2014 issued by VVDI (II), which will be mandatorily and automatically exchanged for Shares upon the Listing
"business day"	any day (other than a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday) on which banks in Hong Kong are generally open for normal banking business
"CAGR"	compound annual growth rate
"Capitalization Issue"	the issue of Shares to be made upon the capitalization of certain sums standing to the credit of the share premium account of our Company as further described in "Statutory and General Information—Further Information About Our Group—Resolutions in Writing of the Sole Shareholder of Our Company Passed on November 8, 2009" in Appendix VII to this prospectus
"Cayman Companies Law"	the Companies Law, Cap. 22 (Law 3 of 1961, as consolidated and revised) of the Cayman Islands
"CCASS"	the Central Clearing and Settlement System established and operated by HKSCC

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"CCASS Clearing Participant"

"CCASS Custodian Participant"

"CCASS Investor Participant"

a person admitted to participate in CCASS as a direct clearing participant or general clearing participant

a person admitted to participate in CCASS as a custodian participant

a person admitted to participate in CCASS as an investor participant who may be an individual or joint individuals or a corporation



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"CCASS Participant"	a CCASS Clearing Participant or a CCASS Custodian Participant or a CCASS Investor Participant
"China" or the "PRC"	the People's Republic of China excluding, for the purpose of this prospectus only, Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan, unless the context otherwise requires
"Citi"	Citigroup Global Markets Asia Limited
"CLSA"	CLSA Equity Capital Markets Limited
"Company," "our," "we," "us," or "Sands China"	Sands China Ltd., a company incorporated in the Caymar Islands on July 15, 2009 as an exempted company with limited liability and, except where the context otherwise requires, all o its subsidiaries, or where the context refers to the time before i became the holding company of its present subsidiaries, its present subsidiaries. When used in the context of gaming operations or the Subconcession, "we," "us," or "our" refer exclusively to VML
"Companies Ordinance"	the Companies Ordinance (Chapter 32 of the Laws of Hon Kong) as amended, supplemented or otherwise modified fror time to time
"Concessionaire(s)"	the holder(s) of a concession for the operation of casino game in the MSAR. As of the Latest Practicable Date, th Concessionaires were Galaxy, SJM and Wynn Macau
"connected person(s)"	has the meaning ascribed to it under the Listing Rules
"Controlling Shareholder(s)"	has the meaning ascribed to it under the Listing Rules and, will respect to our Company, the controlling shareholders as referre to in "Relationship with Our Controlling Shareholders"
"Cotai"	the name given to the land reclamation area in the MSA between the islands of Coloane and Taipa
"Cotai Ferry"	Cotai Ferry Company Limited (formerly known as Cot Waterjets (Macau) Limited), our indirect, wholly owne subsidiary
"Cotai Strip"	integrated resort projects on Cotai being developed by us ar inspired by the Las Vegas Strip in Las Vegas, Nevada, U.S. LVS has registered the Cotai Strip trademark in Hong Kong ar Macau
"Cotai WaterJets (HK)"	Cotai Waterjets (HK) Ltd, our indirect, wholly owned subsidiary
"CotaiJet Holdings"	CotaiJet Holdings (II) Ltd, our indirect, wholly owned subsidiary
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"DICJ"

"Director(s)"

"Drug Trafficking (Recovery of Proceeds) Ordinance"

"DSEC"

Gaming Inspection and Coordination Bureau ("Direcção de Inspecção e Coordenação de Jogos") under the Secretary for Economy and Finance of the MSAR

the Drug Trafficking (Recovery of Proceeds) Ordinance (Chapter 405 of the Laws of Hong Kong) as amended, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time

the Statistics and Census Bureau of the MSAR ("Direcção dos Serviços de Estatistica e Censos")

	DEFINITIONS
"DSF" or "MSAR Finance Department"	the Finance Services Bureau of the Macau Government ("Direcção dos Serviços de Finanças")
	the Financial Action Task Force on Money Laundering, an inter- governmental body created in 1989 to develop and promote national and international policies to combat money laundering and terrorist financing
"Four Seasons Hotel"	refers to the Four Seasons Hotel Macao, Cotal Strip <sup>®</sup> , which is managed and operated by FS Macau Lda., an affiliate of Four Seasons Hotels Limited
"Galaxy"	Galaxy Casino S.A. (also known as Galaxy Casino Company Limited), a company incorporated in Macau on November 30, 2001 and one of the three Concessionaires
"Gambling Ordinance"	the Gambling Ordinance (Chapter 148 of the Laws of Hong Kong) as amended, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time
"Gaming Commission"	the Macau Gaming Commission (" <i>Comissão Especializada Para</i> Sector dos Jogos de Fortuna ou Azar")
"GDP"	gross domestic product
"Global Offering"	the Hong Kong Public Offering and the International Offering
"Goldman Sachs"	Goldman Sachs (Asia) L.L.C.
"Green Application Form(s)"	the application form(s) to be completed by the White Form eIPO Service Provider designated by the Company
"Group"	our Company and its subsidiaries and, in respect of the period before our Company became the holding company of such subsidiaries, the entities which carried on the business of the present Group at the relevant time
"HIBOR"	the Hong Kong Interbank Offered Rate
"HK\$" or "HK dollars"	Hong Kong dollars, the lawful currency of Hong Kong
"HKSCC"	Hong Kong Securities Clearing Company Limited
"HKSCC Nominees"	HKSCC Nominees Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of HKSCC

the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the PRC

"Hong Kong"

"Hong Kong Public Offer Shares"

the 187,000,000 new Shares (subject to reallocation as described in "Structure of the Global Offering") being offered initially by us for subscription at the Offer Price under the Hong Kong Public Offering

### "Hong Kong Public Offering"

the offer of Hong Kong Public Offer Shares for subscription by the public in Hong Kong for cash at the Offer Price, on and subject to the terms and conditions described in this prospectus and the Application Forms



	DEFINITIONS
"Hong Kong Share Registrar"	Computershare, the Hong Kong share registrar of our Company
"Hong Kong Underwriters"	the underwriters listed in "Underwriting—Hong Kong Underwriters," being the underwriters of the Hong Kong Public Offering
"Hong Kong Underwriting Agreement"	the underwriting agreement dated November 13, 2009 relating to the Hong Kong Public Offering and entered into by the Joint Global Coordinators, the Joint Bookrunners, the Joint Sponsors, the Hong Kong Underwriters, the Selling Shareholder, LVS and us, as further described in "Underwriting"
"IFRS"	International Financial Reporting Standards
"International Offering"	the offer of the International Offer Shares at the Offer Price outside the United States in accordance with Regulation S, and in the United States only to QIBs in reliance on Rule 144A or any other available exemption from registration under the U.S. Securities Act, as further described in "Structure of the Global Offering—The International Offering"
"International Offer Shares"	the 1,683,000,000 Shares being offered initially under the International Offering, comprising 1,083,000,000 new Shares offered by us and 600,000,000 Sale Shares offered by the Selling Shareholder pursuant to the International Offering, together, where relevant, with any Shares that may be sold by the Selling Shareholder pursuant to any exercise of the Over- allotment Option (subject to reallocation as described in "Structure of the Global Offering")
"International Placing Agreement"	the international placing agreement relating to the International Offering to be entered into on or about the Price Determination Date by, among others, the Joint Global Coordinators, the Joint Bookrunners, the International Underwriters, the Selling Shareholder, LVS and us, as further described in "Underwriting"
"International Underwriters"	our group of underwriters, led by the Joint Bookrunners, that is expected to enter into the International Placing Agreement to underwrite the International Offering
"ISRE 2410"	International Standard on Review Engagements 2410 "Review o Interim Financial Information Performed by the Independen Auditor of the Entity" issued by the International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board
"Joint Bookrunners" or "Lead Managers"	Goldman Sachs, Citi, Barclays Capital, BNP and UBS
" Joint Global Coordinators"	Goldman Sachs and Citi

"Joint Global Coordinators" Goldman Sachs and Citi

"Joint Sponsors" "Latest Practicable Date" 

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"LIBOR" and the second se "Listing" the listing of the Shares on the Main Board the listing committee of the Stock Exchange "Listing Committee"



	DEFINITIONS
"Listing Date"	the date on which dealings in the Shares first commence on the Main Board, which is expected to be on or around November 30, 2009
"Listing Rules"	the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange (as amended from time to time)
"LVS"	Las Vegas Sands Corp., a company incorporated in Nevada, U.S.A. in August 2004 and the common stock of which is listed on the New York Stock Exchange
"LVS Dutch"	LVS Dutch Intermediate Holding BV, an indirect, wholly owned subsidiary of LVS
"LVS Group"	LVS and its subsidiaries (excluding our Group)
"Macau" or "MSAR"	the Macau Special Administrative Region of the PRC
"Macau Government"	the local government of the MSAR, established on December 20, 1999 and the local administration before this date
"Main Board"	the stock exchange (excluding the option market) operated by the Stock Exchange which is independent of and operated in parallel with the Growth Enterprise Market of the Stock Exchange
"Melco Crown"	Melco Crown Jogos (Macau), S.A., a private company limited by shares ("sociedade anónima") incorporated on May 10, 2006 under the laws of Macau and one of the three Subconcessionaires
"Memorandum" or "Memorandum of Association"	our memorandum of association, adopted on November 8, 2009 and as amended from time to time, a summary of which is set out in "Summary of the Constitution of Our Company and Cayman Companies Law" in Appendix VI to this prospectus
"MGM Grand Paradise"	MGM Grand Paradise, S.A. (also known as MGM Grand Paradise Limited), a private company limited by shares ("sociedade anónima") incorporated on June 17, 2004 under the laws of Macau and one of the three Subconcessionaires
"MOP" or "pataca(s)"	Macau pataca, the lawful currency of Macau
"Non-Competition Deed"	the deed of non-compete undertakings dated November 8, 2009 entered into between our Company and LVS, as furthe described in "Relationship with Our Controlling Shareholders
"Offer Price"	the final offer price per Offer Share (exclusive of brokerage of 1.0% SEC transaction level of 0.004% and Stock Exchange

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"Offer Shares"

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1.0%, SFC transaction levy of 0.004% and Stock Exchange trading fee of 0.005%) of not more than HK\$13.88 and expected to be not less than HK\$10.38, such price to be agreed upon by our Company, the Selling Shareholder and the Joint Bookrunners (on behalf of the Underwriters) on or before the Price Determination Date

the Hong Kong Public Offer Shares and the International Offer Shares including, where relevant, any additional Shares sold by the Selling Shareholder pursuant to the exercise of the Overallotment Option

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	DEFINITIONS
"OSCO"	the Organised and Serious Crimes Ordinance (Chapter 455 of the Laws of Hong Kong) as amended, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time
"Over-allotment Option"	the option expected to be granted by the Selling Shareholder to the International Underwriters under the International Placing Agreement, exercisable by the Stabilizing Manager (on behalf of the International Underwriters), to require the Selling Shareholder to sell up to an aggregate of 187,000,000 additional Shares (representing in aggregate 10.0% of the number of Offer Shares initially being offered under the Global Offering) at the Offer Price to, among other things, cover over-allocations in the International Offering, as further described in "Structure of the Global Offering—The Global Offering—Over-allotment Option"
"Parcel 1"	a land parcel in Cotai totaling 291,479 square meters described under Registration No. 23225 by the Macau Property Registry, on which The Venetian Macao has been constructed
"Parcel 2"	a land parcel in Cotai totaling 53,700 square meters described under Registration No. 23223 by the Macau Property Registry, on which the Plaza Macao has been constructed
"Parcel 3"	a land parcel in Cotal totaling 60,479 square meters described under Registration No. 23224 by the Macau Property Registry, which is expected to contain an integrated resort that will be connected to the Plaza Macao and the expo center at The Venetian Macao, and may contain over 4,000 branded hotel rooms, gaming areas and other integrated resort amenities. These plans are based on general building plans submitted to the Land, Public Works and Transport Bureau of the MSAR on June 18, 2009, which we are continuing to refine and update during the course of its overall design and development
"Parcels 5 and 6"	land parcels in Cotai totaling 150,134 square meters, including 44,576 square meters designated as a tropical garden. On November 11, 2009, we received a final draft land concession contract for Parcels 5 and 6. The final draft land concession incorporates all the terms and conditions as agreed between us and the Macau Government. The Group intends to accept the draft land concession contract and pay the initial land premium payment before the Listing Date by following the standard MSAF land grant process
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Land parcels in Cotal totaling 110,200 square meters for which based on initial conceptual designs, which we will continue to refine and update during the course of its overall design and development. The size of the land parcel may be subject to "Plaza Macao" an integrated resort which includes (i) the Four Seasons Hotel; (ii) the Plaza Casino gaming area operated by VML; (iii) the



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	Paiza mansions, the Shoppes at Four Seasons, restaurants and a spa, each of which are operated by us; and (iv) a luxury apart- hotel tower, which is anticipated to be branded and serviced by Four Seasons; except where the context indicates otherwise		
"Price Determination Date"	the date, expected to be on or around Saturday, November 21, 2009 or such later date as may be agreed by our Company, the Selling Shareholder and the Joint Bookrunners (jointly on behalf of the Underwriters) on which/the Offer Price is determined, but in any event no later than Friday, November 27, 2009		
"QIBs"	qualified institutional buyers within the meaning of Rule 144A		
"Regulation S"	Regulation S under the U.S. Securities Act		
"Reorganization"	the reorganization of the group of companies now comprising our Group in preparation for the Listing, as described in "History and Reorganization" and "Statutory and General Information— Further Information About Our Group—Corporate Reorganization" in Appendix VII of this prospectus		
"RMB" or "Renminbi"	Renminbi, the lawful currency of China		
"ROVE(s)"	large sum transaction report(s) of certain large gaming transactions (equal to or exceeding HK\$/MOP500,000 or their equivalents in other currencies) which must be filed with the DICJ pursuant to the DICJ's anti-money laundering guideline ("Relatório de Operações de Valor Elevado")		
"Rule 144A"	Rule 144A under the U.S. Securities Act		
"Sale Shares"	600,000,000 Shares offered by the Selling Shareholder in th International Offering		
"Sands Macao"	the Sands Macao, which includes gaming areas, a hotel tower restaurants and a theater		
"Second Trademark Sub-License Agreement"	the trademark sub-license agreement dated November 8, 200 entered into between LVS IP Holdings, LLC and Las Vega Sands, LLC		
"Securities and Futures	The Securities and Futures Commission of Hong Kong		

Securities and Futures Commission" or "SFC"

"Selling Shareholder"

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### "Share Option Scheme"

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the Securities and Futures Ordinance of Hong Kong (Chapter 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong) as amended, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time

the share option scheme conditionally adopted by our Company on November 8, 2009, the principal terms of which are summarized in "Statutory and General Information-Share Option Scheme" in Appendix VII to this prospectus



	DEFINITIONS		
Shared Services Agreement"	the shared services agreement dated November 8, 2009 entered into between LVS and our Company to regulate their relationship with respect to the provision of certain shared services		
"Share(s)"	ordinary shares in our Company with a nominal value US\$0.01 each		
"Shareholder(s)"	holder(s) of Shares		
"SJM"	Sociedade de Jogos de Macau, S.A., a private company limit by shares (" <i>sociedade anónima</i> "), incorporated on November 2 2001 under the laws of Macau and one of the the Concessionaires		
"Stabilizing Manager"	Goldman Sachs		
"Stock Borrowing Agreement"	the stock borrowing agreement expected to be entered into on about the Price Determination Date between the Stabilizi Manager and VVDI (II)		
"Stock Exchange"	The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited		
"Subconcession" or "Subconcession Contract"	the tripartite Subconcession Contract for the operation of casi games dated December 26, 2002 among Galaxy, the Mac Government and VML		
"Subconcessionaire(s)"	the holder(s) of a subconcession for the operation of cas games in the MSAR. As of the Latest Practicable Date, Subconcessionaires were VML (one of our subsidiaries), Me Crown and MGM Grand Paradise		
"subsidiary(ies)"	has the meaning ascribed to it under Section 2 of the Compar Ordinance		
"The Venetian Macao"	The Venetian Macao-Resort-Hotel <sup>®</sup> , an integrated resort wh includes casino and gaming areas, a hotel, MICE space, Grand Canal Shoppes <sup>™</sup> , over 50 different restaurants and f outlets, a 15,000-seat arena and other entertainment venues		
"Track Record Period"	the three financial years of our Company ended December 3 2006, 2007 and 2008 and the six months ended June 30, 2009		
"UBS"	UBS AG, Hong Kong Branch		
449 B 4	the Hong Kong Underwriters and the International Underwriter		

### "Underwriters"

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> the United States of America, including its territories and possessions and all areas subject to its jurisdiction

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	DEFINITIONS		
"US\$" or "U.S. dollars"	United States dollars, the lawful currency of the United States		
"U.S. Securities Act"	the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder		
"VCL"	our subsidiary, Venetian Cotai Limited, a private company limited by shares (" <i>sociedade anónima</i> ") incorporated on November 11, 2004 under the laws of Macau		
"Venetian Global"	Venetian Global Holdings Limited, an indirect, wholly owned subsidiary of LVS		
"VML"	our subsidiary, Venetian Macau, S.A. (also known as Venetian Macau Limited), a private company limited by shares ( <i>"sociedade anónima"</i> ) incorporated on June 21, 2002 under the laws of Macau, one of the three Subconcessionaires and the holder of the Subconcession		
"VVDIL"	our subsidiary, Venetian Venture Development Intermediate Limited, a company incorporated in the Cayman Islands on June 21, 2002 as an exempted company with limited liability		
"VVDI (I)"	Venetian Venture Development Intermediate I, an indirect, wholly owned subsidiary of LVS		
"VVDI (II)"	Venetian Venture Development Intermediate II, a company incorporated in the Cayman Islands on January 23, 2003 as an exempted company with limited liability and an indirect, wholly owned subsidiary of LVS and our immediate Controlling Shareholder		
"White Form elPO"	the application for Hong Kong Public Offer Shares to be issued in the applicant's own name by submitting applications online through the designated website of White Form eIPO at www.eipo.com.hk		
"White Form eIPO Service Provider	" Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited		
"World Sourcing"	World Sourcing Services Limited, an indirect, wholly owned subsidiary of LVS		
"Wynn Macau"	Wynn Resorts (Macau) S.A., a private company limited by shares (" <i>sociedade anónima</i> ") incorporated on October 17, 2001 under the laws of Macau and one of the three Concessionaires		

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### GLOSSARY OF TECHNICAL TERMS

### This glossary of technical terms contains terms used in this prospectus as they relate to our business. As such, these terms and their meanings may not always correspond to the standard industry meaning or usage of these terms.

"adjusted EBITDAR"

adjusted EBITDAR is profit before interest, income taxes, depreciation and amortization (net of amortization of show production costs), pre-opening expense, development expense, net foreign exchange losses or gains, loss or gain on disposal of property and equipment, corporate expense, land lease expense, share-based compensation, loss on modification of debt and fair value losses or gains on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss. With respect to adjusted EBITDAR for each of our properties, we make allocations of the shared support expenses based on revenue attributable to each property. Adjusted EBITDAR is used by management as the primary measure of operating performance of our Group's properties and to compare the operating performance of our Group's properties with that of its competitors. However, adjusted EBITDAR should not be considered in isolation; construed as an alternative to profit or operating profit; as an indicator of our IFRS operating performance, other combined operations or cash flow data; or as an alternative to cash flow as a measure of liquidity. Adjusted EBITDAR presented in this prospectus may not be comparable to other similarly titled measures of other companies. In addition, our adjusted EBITDAR presented in this prospectus may differ from adjusted EBITDAR presented by LVS for its Macau segment in its filings with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. For a quantitative reconciliation of adjusted EBITDAR to its most directly comparable IFRS measurement, operating profit for the years ended December 31, 2006, 2007 and 2008, for the six months ended June 30, 2008 and 2009 and for the three months ended September 30, 2008 and 2009, see "Financial Information-Summary of Results of Operations-Adjusted EBITDAR."

"ADR" or "average daily rate"

"cage"

"casino(s)"

the average daily rate per occupied room in a given time period, calculated as room revenue divided by the number of rooms sold

a secure room within a casino with a facility that allows patrons to exchange cash for chips required to participate in gaming activities, or to exchange chips for cash

a gaming facility that provides casino games consisting of table games operated in VIP areas or mass market areas, electronic games, slot machines and other casino games

"casino games"

"chip(s)"

"collaborator(s)"

casino games of chance or games of other forms

tokens issued by a casino to players in exchange for cash or credit, which may be used to place bets on gaming tables, in lieu of cash

individuals who work as agents for Gaming Promoters in their respective authorized operations



	GLOSSARY OF TECHNICAL TERMS
"drop"	for table games, the sum of markers exchanged for chips at the table, plus cash deposited in the table drop box. For sl machines, the amount of coins and bank notes in the drop bo plus any electronic money transfers made to the slot machin through the use of a cashless wagering system
"drop box"	a box or container that serves as a repository for coins, bal notes, chips and credit slips
"EBITDA"	earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization
"fills"	for table games, the refilling of a dealer's chip tray with chi delivered from the cage. For slot machines and electronic game the refilling of a machine's container with coins and bank notes
"gaming area(s)"	a gaming facility that provides casino games consisting of tal games operated in VIP areas or mass market areas, electron games, slot machines and other casino games but has not be designated as a casino by the Macau Government
"Gaming Promoter(s)"	individuals or corporations licensed by and registered with the Macau Government to promote games of fortune and chance patrons, through the arrangement of certain services, include extension of credit (regulated by Law No. 5/2004), transportation accommodation, dining and entertainment, whose activity regulated by Administrative Regulation No. 6/2002
"integrated resort(s)"	a resort which provides customers with a combination of ho accommodations, casinos or gaming areas, retail and din facilities, MICE space, entertainment venues and spas
"marker(s)"	evidence of indebtedness by a player to the casino or gam operator. A marker is usually a counter check
"MICE"	Meetings, Incentives, Conventions and Exhibitions, an acron commonly used to refer to tourism involving large groups brou together for an event or specific purpose
"mass market player(s)"	non-rolling chip players

"net-win"-

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"non-gaming revenue"

the gross gaming revenue from gaming activities, which is the difference between gaming wins and losses to the casino operator; for table games, net-win equals the drop amount plus credit slips (receipts for chips returned from a gaming table chip tray to the treasury, indicating income to the table) and less fills to the table. For slot machines, net-win equals the drop amount less fills to the slot machine and jackpot payouts

calculated as total property revenue less the portion of such revenue generated from casinos or gaming areas



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'non-negotiable chip(s)"	chips issued by a casino to VIP room Gaming Promoters for wagering in their respective VIP rooms	
'non-rolling chip play"	play by non-VIP players, non-premium players and by Paiza cash players	
"non-rolling chip volume"	total value of gaming chips originally purchased by the nor rolling chip player	
"non-rolling chip table games drop"	casino revenue measurement, table games drop of mostl VIP players or non-premium players, measured as the s markers issued, plus cash deposited in the table drop box	
"occupancy rate"	the number of hotel nights sold as a percentage of the number room nights available, calculated as the total number of room sold divided by the number of rooms available	
"Paiza cash"	a categorization for high limit cash players who typically pla without credit and are characterized by non-rolling chip play	
"pit boss(es)"	a supervisor whose primary duty is to monitor the floormen wh in turn, supervise table game dealers in a casino	
"premium player(s)"	rolling chip players who have a direct relationship with gamin operators and typically participate in gaming activities in casin or gaming areas without the use of Gaming Promoters	
"RevPAR" or "revenue per available room"	for the per available room, calculated as gross room reven for the period divided by total room nights (total rooms multipli by the number of days measured in the period), or by multiply the average daily rate (ADR) by the occupancy rate	
"rolling chip play"	play by VIP and premium players (excludes Paiza cash playe using non-negotiable chips	
"rolling chip volume"	casino revenue measurement, measured as the sum of all n negotiable chips wagered and lost by VIP and premium play (excludes Paiza cash players)	
"slot handle"	the total value of slot machine credits wagered resulting fr coins and bank notes in the drop box, plus the value of electronic money transfers made to the slot machine through	

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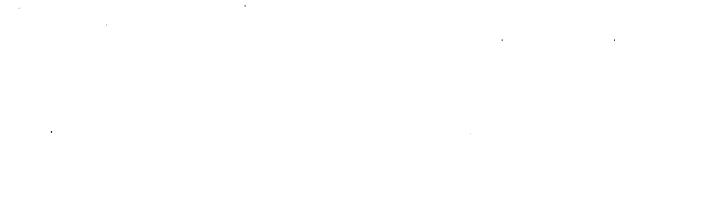
traditional gaming machines operated by a single player and electronic multiple-player gaming machines. In this prospectus, the number of slot machines is counted on the same basis used Receive while set the set to be the to be the by the DICJ, namely, the number of slot machines equals the a gagage agage interpreter of the ennumber of single-player electronic gaming machines plus the number of player-positions on multiple-player electronic gaming machines



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"slot machine operations"	gaming areas authorized by the Macau Government where slot machines are housed		
"table games"	typical casino games, including card games such as baccarat, blackjack and hi-lo (also known as "Sic bo") as well as craps and roulette		
"VIP player(s)"	rolling chip players who play almost exclusively in dedicated VIP rooms or designated casino or gaming areas and are sourced from Gaming Promoters		
"VIP room(s)"	rooms or designated areas within a casino or gaming area where VIP players and premium players gamble		
"visit(s)" or "visitation(s)"	with respect to visitation of our properties, the number of times a property is entered during a fixed time period. Estimates of the number of visits to our properties is based on information collected from digital cameras placed above every entrance in our properties which use video signal image processor detection and include repeat visitors to our properties on a given day		

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### FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This prospectus contains forward-looking statements. All statements other than statements of historical fact contained in this prospectus, including, without limitation, the discussions of our business strategies and expectations concerning future operations, margins, profitability, liquidity and capital resources, the future development of our industry and the future development of the general economy of our key markets and any statements preceded by, followed by or that include words and expressions such as "expect," "seek," "believe," "plan," "intend," "estimate," "project," "anticipate," "may," "will," "would" and "could" or similar words or statements, as they relate to our Group or our management, are intended to identify forward-looking statements.

These statements are based on numerous assumptions regarding our present and future business strategy and the environment in which we will operate in the future. These forward-looking statements reflecting our current views with respect to future events are not a guarantee of future performance and are subject to certain known and unknown risks, uncertainties and assumptions, including the risk factors described in this prospectus, which may cause our actual results, performance or achievements to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by these forward-looking statements. These factors include, among others, the risks associated with:

- recent disruptions in the global capital markets and our ability to obtain sufficient funding for our current and future developments in Cotai;
- our leverage, debt service and ability to maintain compliance with financial covenants in our debt agreements (including sensitivity to fluctuations in interest rates and other capital markets trends);
- general economic and business conditions which may impact levels of disposable income, consumer spending, pricing of hotel rooms and retail and mall sales;
- the uncertainty of tourist behavior related to spending and vacationing at integrated resorts in Macau;
- our dependence upon properties in Macau for all of our cash flow;
- the expected annualized savings and enhanced operating leverage to be generated from our business operational efficiency initiatives may not be fully realized;
- disruptions or reductions in travel due to regional conflicts and any future terrorist incidents;
- our ability to maintain VML's Subconcession;
- receipt of governmental approvals for our proposed developments in Macau and any other jurisdictions where we may operate in the future;
- government regulation of the gaming industry, including loss of VML's Subconcession or the granting of additional concessions or subconcessions to competitors, gaming license regulation and regulation of gaming on the Internet;
- our insurance coverage, including the risk that we have not obtained sufficient coverage against acts of terrorism or will only be able to obtain additional coverage at significantly increased rates;
- new taxes or changes to existing tax rates;
- increased competition and additional construction in Macau, including recent and upcoming increases in hotel rooms, MICE space and retail space;
- inherent risks associated with new developments, construction and ventures, including our Cotai Strip development;
- pandemics or outbreaks of infectious diseases, such as swine flu, severe acute respiratory syndrome or avian flu, in our market areas;
- the outcome of any on-going and future litigation, such as the current ferry litigation;



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- the timing of completion of infrastructure projects in Macau;
- the popularity of Macau as a convention and trade show destination;
- fluctuations in the demand for suites and hotel rooms, occupancy rates and average daily rates in Macau;
- the impact of the suspensions of certain of our development projects and our ability to meet certain development deadlines in Macau;
- regulatory policies in mainland China or other countries in which our customers reside, including visa restrictions limiting the number of visits or the length of stay for visitors from mainland China to Macau and restrictions on foreign currency exchange or importation of currency; and
- the legalization of gaming in other jurisdictions.

Subject to the requirements of applicable laws, rules and regulations, we do not have any and undertake no obligation to update or otherwise revise the forward-looking statements in this prospectus, whether as a result of new information, future events or developments, or otherwise. As a result of these and other risks, uncertainties and assumptions, the forward-looking events and circumstances discussed in this prospectus might not occur in the way we expect, or at all. Accordingly, you should not place undue reliance on any forward-looking information. All forward-looking statements contained in this prospectus are qualified by reference to the cautionary statements set out in this section.

In this prospectus, statements of or references to our intentions or any of our Directors are made as of the date of this prospectus. Any such intentions may change in light of future developments.





You should carefully consider all of the information in this prospectus, including the risks and uncertainties described below and the other information included in this prospectus, including our financial statements and the related notes, prior to investing in our Shares. You should pay particular attention to the fact that we conduct our operations in Macau and are governed by a legal and regulatory environment which in some respects may differ from that which prevails in other countries. Our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows could be materially and adversely affected by any of these risks. The trading price of our Shares could decrease due to any of these risks, and you may lose all or part of your investment.

### **Risks Relating to Our On-going Operations**

Our existing debt has substantial near term maturities and we may not be able to refinance such debt.

On May 25, 2006, our indirect subsidiaries, VML US Finance LLC (the "Borrower") and VML, as guarantor, entered into a credit agreement (the "Macau Credit Facility") to finance certain of our development projects. The Macau Credit Facility consists of three tranches:

Tranche	Description of Loans Included in the Tranche	Aggregate Outstanding Amount as of June 30, 2009	Scheduled Quarterly Principal Payments
(1) "Term B Loans"	(i) the delayed draw term B loans due 2012 (the "Delayed Draw Term B Loans")	US\$698.3 million	US\$1.75 million per quarter commencing June 2009 the remainder of the loans will be payable in four equal quarterly installments beginning on September 30, 2011 with the fourth and final payment on May 25, 2012
	(ii) the funded term B loans due 2013 (the "Funded Term B Loans")	US\$1,795.5 million	US\$4.5 million per quarter commencing June 2009 the remainder of the loans will be payable in four equal quarterly installments beginning on September 30, 2012 with the fourth and final payment on May 23, 2013
(2) "Local Term Loans"	the funded local currency term loans due 2011	US\$94.3 million	US\$6.25 million per quarter commencing June 2009
(3) "Revolving Loans"	the revolving loans due 2011	US\$570.3 million	Not applicable

In addition, in October 2009, we began making scheduled principal payments equal to approximately US\$8.8 million per quarter under our HK\$1,770.6 million (approximately US\$228.5 million) credit facility to finance the purchase of 14 ferries (the "Ferry Financing Facility"). See "Financial Information—Description of Material Indebtedness."

The total aggregate balance of the Macau Credit Facility and the Ferry Financing Facility as of June 30, 2009 and as of the Latest Practicable Date was US\$3,386.8 million and US\$3,365.5 million, respectively. If financial conditions do not improve and we are unable to generate sufficient cash to service or repay these and our other debt obligations in addition to funding our working capital and our planned development projects, we may have to seek refinancing for such indebtedness. Options for refinancing may be unavailable, or available on different or less favorable terms than we have historically received.

We have pledged a substantial portion of our fixed assets to secure the Macau Credit Facility and the Ferry Financing Facility. These pledged assets represent substantially all of our revenues and

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profits. We pledged buildings; building, land and leasehold improvements; furniture, fixtures and equipment; and construction in progress with total net book values of US\$1,453.6 million, US\$1,419.6 million, US\$340.8 million and US\$335.0 million, respectively, as of June 30, 2009, to secure the obligations under the Macau Credit Facility; and 14 ferries with a total net book value of US\$239.5 million as of June 30, 2009, to secure the obligations under the Macau Credit Facility are owned by certain Group companies, principally VML and VCL, whose primary business operations are gaming and other related activities; and hotel, restaurants, shopping mall and conference and convention services, respectively.

As a result of the pledge of the assets outlined above, our ability to provide additional collateral for any refinancing is limited. Our inability to refinance our debt obligations as they become due may require us to divert a significant portion of our cash flow from operations to the payment of principal and interest on our indebtedness, which would reduce the funds available for our operations and future development projects.

In the absence of sufficient operating results and refinancing options, we could face substantial liquidity problems and may be required to dispose of material assets or operations to meet our debt and other obligations. We may not be able to consummate these dispositions at fair market value or at all. Furthermore, any proceeds that we could realize from any dispositions may not be adequate to meet our debt obligations then due. If we are unable to generate sufficient cash flow and are otherwise unable to obtain funds necessary to meet required payments of principal, premium, if any, or interest on our existing indebtedness, we could be in default under the terms of the agreements governing such indebtedness. In the event of such default, the creditors of such indebtedness could elect to declare all the funds borrowed thereunder to be immediately due and payable, together with accrued and unpaid interest, and institute foreclosure proceedings against our assets, which could force us into bankruptcy or liquidation.

Recent disruptions in the financial markets could adversely affect our ability to refinance existing obligations or raise additional financing. Should general economic and capital market conditions not improve, should we be unable to obtain sufficient funding such that completion of our suspended projects is not feasible, or should management decide to abandon certain projects, all or a portion of our investment to date on our suspended projects could be lost.

Widely documented disruptions in the global financial markets have resulted in a tightening of credit markets worldwide, including in the Asia Pacific region. Liquidity in the global and regional credit markets has been severely contracted by these market disruptions, making it difficult and costly to refinance existing obligations or raise additional financing. The effects of these disruptions are widespread and difficult to quantify, and it is impossible to predict when the global and regional credit markets will improve or when the credit contraction will stop. In particular, our ability to fund our suspended projects is dependent upon the completion of additional financings. As of June 30, 2009, our net current liabilities amounted to US\$1,282.0 million (HK\$9,935.2 million) of which US\$1,233.8 million (HK\$9,562.2 million) were payables to related companies that will be repaid by or extinguished upon completion of the Global Offering. Given the state of the current credit environment, it may be difficult to obtain additional financing on acceptable terms or at all, which would prevent us from completing our suspended development projects and have an adverse effect on our results of operations and business plans. As of the Latest Practicable Date, we have received aggregate commitments for project financing in the amount of US\$1.45 billion from commercial banks and other financial institutions, including from affiliates of all the Joint Bookrunners, towards the targeted US\$1.75 billion of total project financing that we are seeking in relation to the recommencement of the development and construction of Parcels 5 and 6. The final extension of the proposed project facilities is subject to certain conditions being satisfied prior to funding. See "Financial Information-Recent Developments-Project Financing Commitments for Parcels 5 and 6" and "-Our existing debt has substantial near term maturities and we may not be able to refinance such debt." In large part due to the general weakening of the global economy and increased financial instability of many borrowers, some of our lenders suffered losses relating to their lending and other financial dealings. In particular,

Lehman Commercial Paper Inc., a lender under the Macau Credit Facility, contacted us last year and informed us of its inability to fund any future requested drawdowns of Revolving Loans, including the undrawn amount of US\$6.6 million of its total US\$15.4 million Revolving Loans commitment under the Macau Credit Facility. If additional lenders under our credit facilities become insolvent, we may also experience difficulty borrowing under the revolving portions of our existing credit facilities in the future. Our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows could be materially and adversely affected if we are unable to make drawdowns under these facilities because of a lender default.

If general economic conditions do not improve, we are unable to obtain sufficient funding to complete our suspended projects in a feasible manner, or if management decides to abandon certain projects, all or a portion of our investment to date on our suspended projects could be lost and would result in an impairment charge. See "Business—Our Development Projects." The occurrence of any of the above events could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

# Certain events relating to our Controlling Shareholders may trigger an event of default under our Macau Credit Facility.

Our Macau Credit Facility sets forth several events relating to our Controlling Shareholder, LVS, and Mr. Sheldon Adelson's ownership in LVS, which would constitute an event of default. Specifically, the following events could constitute an event of default under our Macau Credit Facility:

- any involuntary bankruptcy proceeding filed against LVS or entry of a decree or order for the appointment of a receiver, liquidator, sequestrator, trustee, custodian, conservator or other similar officer;
- any voluntary bankruptcy proceeding filed by LVS or upon 30 days after LVS is unable, fails generally to, or admits in writing that it is unable to, pay its debts as such debts become due;
- if LVS contests in writing the validity or enforceability of the sponsor agreement executed simultaneously with the Macau Credit Facility in which, among other things, LVS agrees to ensure that it and each of its subsidiaries comply with all obligations and requirements under the Subconcession Contract and the related land concession contracts;
- if LVS breaches any of its material obligations under the sponsor agreement, see "Financial Information—Description of Material Indebtedness—Macau Credit Facility" for a detailed discussion of the sponsor agreement; or
- a change of control that occurs when: (a) LVS ceases to directly or indirectly own at least 50.1% of our Shares, subject to the usufruct agreement and mandatory minority shareholder requirements in Macau; (b) Mr. Sheldon Adelson and his affiliates or related parties cease to beneficially own at least 35.0% of the voting securities of LVS; (c) any person or group of related persons beneficially own a greater percentage of the voting securities of LVS than Mr. Sheldon Adelson and/or his affiliates and related parties; or (d) a change of control occurs under instruments of indebtedness of LVS, Las Vegas Sands, LLC or Venetian Casino Resorts,
- LLC in excess of US\$75.0 million.

As of June 30, 2009, Mr. Sheldon Adelson and his affiliates or related parties' ownership interest in LVS amounted to 52.1%. If not cured or waived, the above events could trigger a cross default in the Ferry Financing Facility and result in the acceleration of those and other outstanding debt obligations and the enforcement of security and guarantees given in respect of such obligations. As a result, the occurrence of any of the above events could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

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Our current substantial debt or the incurrence of additional debt to finance our planned development projects could impair our financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

We have substantial debt service obligations and expect to incur additional debt to finance our planned development projects. As of June 30, 2009, we had approximately US\$3.5 billion (HK\$27.5 billion) of debt outstanding. This substantial indebtedness could have important consequences for us. For example, it could:

- make it more difficult for us to satisfy our debt obligations as they become due;
- increase our vulnerability to general adverse economic and industry conditions;
- impair our ability to obtain additional financing in the future for working capital needs, capital expenditures, development projects, acquisitions or general corporate purposes;
- require us to dedicate a significant portion of our cash flow from operations to the payment of principal and interest on our debt, which would reduce the funds available for our working capital needs and capital expenditures;
- limit our flexibility in planning for, or reacting to, changes in our business and the industry in which we operate;
- require us to comply with financial and other covenants that impose significant restrictions on our existing and future businesses and operations;
- · place us at a competitive disadvantage compared to our competitors that have less debt; and
- subject us to higher interest expense in the event of increases in interest rates as a significant
  portion of our debt is and will continue to be at variable rates of interest.

In addition, as a significant portion of our existing assets have been pledged to secure the Macau Credit Facility and the Ferry Financing Facility, our ability to provide additional collateral for any refinancing is limited. Any of the above could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

### The terms of our credit agreements may restrict our current and future operations, particularly our ability to finance additional growth or take actions that may otherwise be in our best interests.

Our current credit agreements contain, and any future credit agreements or other debt instruments likely will contain, a number of restrictive covenants that impose significant operating and financial restrictions on us, including restrictions on our ability to:

- incur additional debt, including providing guarantees or other forms of credit support;
- incur liens securing indebtedness or other obligations;
- · dispose of business, property or assets;
- make certain acquisitions;
- pay dividends or make distributions and other restricted payments, such as purchasing equity interests, repurchasing junior indebtedness or making investments in third parties;
- enter into sale and leaseback transactions;
- engage in any new businesses that are not related to our existing operations;
- issue preferred stock; and
- enter into certain transactions with our Shareholders and our affiliates.



In addition, our credit agreements contain financial covenants requiring that we satisfy certain financial tests and ratios, including maintaining or satisfying a:

- maximum consolidated leverage ratio;
- minimum consolidated interest coverage ratio; and
- maximum annual capital expenditure test.

Our failure to comply with any of these covenants or to meet our payment obligations could result in an event of default which, if not cured or waived, could trigger a cross default and result in the acceleration of those and other outstanding debt obligations and the enforcement of security and guarantees given in respect of them. We may not have sufficient working capital or liquidity to satisfy our debt obligations in the event of an acceleration of all or a portion of our outstanding obligations, which could force us into bankruptcy or liquidation.

## Our business is particularly sensitive to reductions in discretionary consumer spending resulting from downturns in the economy or other factors.

Demand for integrated resorts, trade shows and conventions and for the type of luxury amenities we offer is particularly sensitive to downturns in the global and regional economy and a corresponding decrease in discretionary consumer spending, including on leisure activities. Changes in discretionary consumer preferences could be driven by factors such as perceived or actual general economic conditions; the current global economic crisis; high energy, fuel and other commodity costs; the cost of travel; the potential for bank failures; a weakening job market; an actual or perceived decrease in disposable consumer income and wealth; fears of recession and changes in consumer confidence in the economy. These factors could reduce consumer demand for the luxury amenities and leisure activities we offer, impose practical limits on pricing and adversely affect our results of operations.

The general global and regional economic slowdown as well as other factors have resulted in a recent decline in the number of visitors to, and gaming revenue in, Macau. According to Macau Government statistics, visitor arrivals to Macau increased by 11.8% in 2008 as compared to visitor arrivals in 2007; however, for the six months ended June 30, 2009, visitation decreased by 11.4% compared to the corresponding period in 2008. Moreover, Macau's total gaming revenue decreased 12.5% in the six months ended June 30, 2009 as compared to the corresponding period in 2008. If these recent trends continue or deteriorate further, our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows will be materially and adversely affected.

Our business is sensitive to the willingness or ability of our customers to travel. Acts of terrorism, regional political events, or outbreaks of epidemics or fears concerning such outbreaks could cause severe disruptions in travel and reduce the number of visitors to our facilities.

As most of our customers travel to reach our properties, the strength and profitability of our business depends on the willingness and ability of our customers to travel. Only a small amount of our business is generated by local residents. Acts of terrorism or regional political events could have a negative impact on international travel and leisure expenditures, including for lodging, gaming and tourism. We cannot predict the extent to which disruptions in air, ferry or other forms of travel as a result of any acts of terrorism, regional political events, outbreak of hostilities or escalation of war would adversely affect our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows. Furthermore, outbreaks, could discourage potential customers from traveling and patronizing our integrated resorts. See also "—An outbreak of highly infectious diseases, or fears concerning such an outbreak, could adversely affect the number of visitors to our facilities and disrupt our operations, resulting in a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of performed performing such an outbreak of highly infectious diseases, or fears concerning such an outbreak of highly infectious diseases, or fears concerning such an outbreak of highly infectious diseases, or fears concerning such an outbreak of highly infectious diseases, or fears concerning such an outbreak, could adversely affect the number of visitors to our facilities and disrupt our operations, resulting in a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and



cash flows." Any extended period of disruption or decline in travel by air, ferry or land could significantly harm our operations.

Moreover, our VIP players, premium players and mass market players typically come from nearby destinations in Asia, including mainland China, Hong Kong, Taiwan, South Korea and Japan. According to Macau Government statistics, 81.2% of visitors to Macau during 2008 came from mainland China or Hong Kong. We and our competitors have made and intend to continue to make large investments in the construction of new hotels and integrated resorts based, among other things, on projections regarding the number of visitors to Macau, particularly visitors from mainland China. On July 10, 2008, the Zhuhai General Station of Exit and Entry Frontier Inspection of the PRC announced that residents of Guangdong Province in mainland China are only allowed to apply for a visa once every two months, instead of once every month. In addition, residents of mainland China visiting Hong Kong may no longer visit Macau on the same visa, but instead must obtain a separate visa for each entry into Macau. It is unclear whether these measures will continue to be in effect, or become more restrictive, in the future. These measures have the effect of reducing the number of visitors to Macau from mainland China, our primary feeder market. Any reduction in visitors to Macau, as a result of these measures or otherwise, could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

### We are dependent upon a single market for all of our current cash flows.

Given that our operations are currently conducted at a limited number of properties in Macau and that our planned future developments are all in Macau, we will continue to be entirely dependent upon properties in Macau for all of our cash flows. The risks to which we will have a greater degree of exposure include the following, among other risks:

- economic, political and competitive conditions in Macau;
- · travel restrictions to Macau imposed by mainland China or other countries in Asia;
- inaccessibility to Macau due to inclement weather, road construction or closure of primary access routes such as by sea, air or highway;
- decline in air or ferry passenger traffic to Macau due to higher ticket costs or fears concerning air or ferry travel;
- changes in Macau governmental laws and regulations, including gaming laws and regulations and interpretations thereof;
- liberalization in gaming laws and regulations in other regional economies that would compete with the Macau market;
- natural and other disasters, including the risk of typhoons in the South China region or outbreaks of infectious diseases; and
- a significant decline in the number of visitors to Macau.

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Any of the above events could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

The Macau Government can terminate VML's Subconcession under certain circumstances without compensation to VML, which would have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

In June 2002, the Macau Government granted one of three concessions to operate casinos and gaming areas in Macau to Galaxy. In December 2002, VML entered into a tripartite Subconcession Contract with Galaxy and the Macau Government. The Subconcession Contract contains various general covenants, obligations and other provisions as to which determination of compliance is subjective. In many of these instances, the Subconcession Contract does not provide a specific cure period within which a breach of any provision of the Subconcession Contract may be cured and,



instead, we would rely on consultations and negotiations with the Macau Government to give us an opportunity to remedy any such default. Accordingly, we will be dependent on our continuing communications and good faith negotiations with the Macau Government to ensure that we are performing our obligations in compliance with the Subconcession Contract. Pursuant to VML's Subconcession, the Macau Government has the right, after consultation with Galaxy, to unilaterally terminate VML's Subconcession in the event of serious non-compliance by VML with applicable Macau laws or VML's basic obligations under the Subconcession Contract. Upon termination of VML's Subconcession, all of VML's casino premises and gaming-related equipment would be automatically transferred to the Macau Government without compensation to VML and we would cease to generate any revenues from these operations. For the six months ended June 30, 2009, we derived approximately 87.8% of our total net revenues from VML's gaming operations. We cannot assure you that VML will perform all of its obligations under the Subconcession Contract in a way that satisfies the requirements of the Macau Government. For a more detailed description of these terms, see "The Subconcession."

VML's Subconcession Contract also allows the Macau Government to request various changes in the plans and specifications of our Macau properties and to make various other decisions and determinations that will be binding on us. For example, the Macau Government has the right to require that we increase the share capital of our Macau subsidiaries or that we provide certain deposits or other guarantees of performance in any amount determined by the Macau Government to be necessary. Our ability to raise additional financing is subject to the requirement to first obtain the approval of the Macau gaming and governmental authorities before raising additional debt or equity. As a result, we cannot assure you that we will be able to comply with these requirements or any other requirements of the Macau Government or with the other requirements and obligations imposed by VML's Subconcession.

Furthermore, under the Subconcession Contract, VML is obligated to comply with any laws and regulations that the Macau Government might promulgate in the future. We cannot assure you that VML will be able to comply with these laws and regulations or that these laws and regulations would not adversely affect our ability to construct or operate our Macau properties. If any disagreement arises between VML and the Macau Government regarding the interpretation of, or our compliance with, a provision of the Subconcession Contract, we will be relying on the consultation process with the applicable Macau governmental agency described above. During any consultation, we will be obligated to comply with the terms of the Subconcession Contract, as interpreted by the Macau Government.

Currently, there is no precedent concerning how the Macau Government will treat the termination of a concession or subconcession upon the occurrence of any of the circumstances mentioned above. The loss of VML's Subconcession would prohibit us from conducting gaming operations in Macau, which would have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

We will stop generating any revenues from our Macau gaming operations if we cannot secure an extension of VML's Subconcession in 2022 or if the Macau Government exercises its redemption right.

VML's Subconcession Contract expires on June 26, 2022. Unless VML's Subconcession is extended, or legislation with regard to reversion of casino premises is amended, all of VML's casino premises and gaming-related equipment will be automatically transferred to the Macau Government on that date without compensation to us, and we will cease to generate any revenues from such gaming operations. Beginning on December 26, 2017, the Macau Government may redeem the Subconcession Contract by providing us at least one year's prior notice. In the event the Macau Government exercises this redemption right, VML is entitled to fair compensation or indemnity. The amount of such compensation or indemnity will be determined based on the amount of gaming and non-gaming revenue generated by The Venetian Macao, excluding the convention and exhibition facilities, during the taxable year prior to the redemption, before deducting interest, depreciation and



amortization, multiplied by the number of remaining years before expiration of VML's Subconcession. We cannot assure you that we will be able to renew or extend VML's Subconcession Contract on terms favorable to us or at all. We also cannot assure you that if VML's Subconcession is redeemed, the compensation paid to VML will be adequate to compensate for the loss of future revenues.

As a result of LVS's majority ownership in us, certain Nevada, Singapore and Pennsylvania gaming laws apply to our planned and on-going gaming activities and associations in Macau. If our operations, activities or associations do not comply with Nevada, Singapore and Pennsylvania gaming laws or laws of other jurisdictions in which LVS operates or may operate in the future, LVS may be compelled to curtail or sever its relationship with us, which would have a material adverse effect on us.

LVS, our Controlling Shareholder, is subject to the laws, rules and regulations of the State of Nevada, U.S.A., and the laws of other jurisdictions in which LVS operates pertaining to gaming activities. Under the Nevada gaming laws, the foreign gaming operations of a Nevada gaming company must also be compliant with such laws. Hence, the Nevada gaming laws impose on LVS, as our Controlling Shareholder, oversight responsibilities over our gaming activities and associations, including with respect to our business partners, in Macau. Because LVS needs to retain control over these areas of regulation, it may have to act in its own best interest, even at the expense of our Company, in order to ensure that it is in compliance with its obligations under these regulations. LVS will also be subject to disciplinary action by the Nevada Gaming Commission if we:

- · knowingly violate any laws applicable to our Macau gaming operation;
- fail to conduct our Macau gaming operations in accordance with the standards of honesty and integrity required with respect to LVS's Nevada gaming operations;
- engage in any activity or enter into any association that is unsuitable for LVS because it poses an unreasonable threat to the control of gaming in Nevada, reflects or tends to reflect discredit or disrepute upon the State of Nevada or gaming in Nevada, or is contrary to the gaming policies of Nevada;
- engage in any activity or enter into any association that interferes with the ability of the State of Nevada to collect gaming taxes and fees; or
- employ, contract with or associate with any person in our Macau gaming operations who has been denied a license or a finding of suitability in Nevada on the ground of personal unsuitability, or who has been found guilty of cheating at gambling.

In addition, if the State Gaming Control Board of Nevada determines that one of our actual or intended activities or associations in our Macau gaming operations fails to comply with one or more of the foregoing, LVS may be required to file an application with the Nevada Gaming Commission for a finding of suitability of such activity or association. If the Nevada Gaming Commission determines that our activities or associations in Macau are unsuitable or prohibited, LVS may be required to terminate such activity or association, or will be prohibited from undertaking such activity or association. LVS may also need to curtail or sever its relationship with us, including, but not limited to, divestment of its holdings in us, termination of the Shared Services Agreement, termination of the licenses to use certain trademarks, including the "Venetian" and "Sands" trademarks, which have significant brand recognition, and the resignation of those members of our Board that also hold positions in LVS. See "Connected Transactions." In particular, if we are no longer able to rely upon the experience of key members of our Board, or if we are unable to utilize the "Venetian" and "Sands" brands, our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows will be materially and adversely affected.

LVS also has operations in Pennsylvania, is developing the Marina Bay Sands integrated resort in the Republic of Singapore, and in the future, may have operations in other jurisdictions. Accordingly, LVS will be subject to the gaming laws and regulations of these jurisdictions, including laws and regulations that relate to our operations. If any of our actions are deemed to be in violation of these gaming laws and regulations where LVS has, or may in the future have, operations



(even if compliant with the laws of the Cayman Islands, Macau and Hong Kong), LVS may be deemed to be in violation of such gaming laws and regulations. For example, to the best of our knowledge, the gaming regulations of both Singapore and Pennsylvania have a general requirement that a licensee establish its suitability and good character, honesty and integrity, including the avoidance of unsuitable associations. Although neither jurisdiction has a foreign gaming provision in its gaming regulations, either jurisdiction may likely determine it within its power to examine any association of a licensee (including us) that might be considered unsuitable. If any of our activities and associations were determined to be unsuitable under the laws of either Singapore or Pennsylvania, LVS may be required to curtail or sever its relationship with us. Should LVS decide to sever its ties with us in order to avoid liability as a result of our violation of these gaming laws and regulations, we will be materially and "adversely affected.

## LVS, our Controlling Shareholder, is subject to certain U.S. federal and state laws, which may impose on us greater administrative burdens and costs than we would otherwise have.

LVS, our Controlling Shareholder, is a reporting company pursuant to the U.S. Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "1934 Act"), and is subject to the U.S. federal securities laws and regulations. In addition, LVS is subject to other laws applicable to U.S. companies, such as the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (the "FCPA") and the anti-money laundering laws of the Bank Secrecy Act of 1970, as amended, 31 U.S.C. §5311 et seq., and the regulations of the United States Department of the Treasury, 31 CFR §103.11 et seq. (the "U.S. Anti-Money Laundering Laws"), among others. LVS is also listed on the New York Stock Exchange (the "NYSE") and must comply with the NYSE's Listed Company Manual rules, including imposing certain on-going reporting obligations relating to its interest in us. LVS's on-going compliance obligations with respect to any of the above may impose on us greater administrative burdens and costs that we would not otherwise have as a result of measures we need to take to monitor such compliance.

# Our insurance coverage may not be adequate to cover all possible losses that our properties could suffer. In addition, our insurance costs may increase and we may not be able to obtain the same insurance coverage in the future.

Although we have all-risk property insurance for our operating properties covering damage caused by a casualty loss (such as fire, natural disasters or certain acts of terrorism), each policy has certain exclusions. In addition, our property insurance coverage is in an amount that may be less than the expected full replacement cost of rebuilding the facilities if there were a total loss. Our level of insurance coverage may be inadequate to cover all possible losses in the event of a major casualty. In addition, certain casualty events, such as labor strikes, nuclear events, loss of income due to cancellation of room reservations or conventions due to fear of terrorism, or damage resulting from deterioration or corrosion, insects or animals and pollution, might not be covered under our policies. Therefore, certain acts and events could expose us to substantial uninsured losses. In addition to the damage caused to our properties by a casualty loss, we may suffer business disruption as a result of these events or be subject to claims by third parties who were injured or harmed. While we carry general liability insurance and limited business interruption insurance, this insurance may not continue to be available on commercially

reasonable terms and, in any event, may not be adequate to cover all losses.

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We also have builder's risk insurance for our development projects. Builder's risk insurance provides coverage for projects during their construction for damage caused by a casualty loss. In general, our builder's risk coverage is subject to the same exclusions, risks and deficiencies as those described above for our all-risk property coverage. Our level of builder's risk insurance coverage may not be adequate to cover all losses in the event of a major casualty event. Moreover, in the future, the cost of coverage may become so high that we may be unable to obtain the insurance policies we deem necessary for the construction and operation of our projects on commercially reasonable terms, or at all, or we may need to reduce our policy limits or agree to further exclusions from our coverage.

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In addition, although we currently have insurance coverage for occurrences of terrorist acts with respect to our properties and for certain losses that could result from these acts, our terrorism coverage is subject to the same risks and deficiencies as those described above for our all-risk property coverage. The lack of sufficient insurance coverage for these types of acts could expose us to substantial losses in the event that any damages occur, directly or indirectly, as a result of terrorist attacks or otherwise, which could have a significant negative impact on our operations.

We renew our insurance policies (other than our builder's risk insurance) on an annual basis. The cost of coverage may become so high that we may need to further reduce our policy limits or increase deductibles to the minimum levels permitted under our loan agreements, or agree to certain exclusions from our coverage. There is also limited available insurance in Macau and our Macau insurance companies may need to secure reinsurance in order to adequately insure our properties and development projects. Among other factors, it is possible that regional political tensions, security concerns, other catastrophic events or any change in legislation governing insurance coverage for acts of terrorism could materially and adversely affect available insurance coverage and result in increased premiums on available coverage (which may cause us to elect to reduce our policy limits), additional exclusions from coverage or higher deductibles. Among other potential future adverse changes, we may elect not to, or may be unable to, obtain any coverage for losses due to acts of terrorism.

Our credit agreements, the Subconcession Contract and other material agreements require us to maintain a certain minimum level of insurance, a portion of which we have to procure from insurance companies based in Macau. Failure to satisfy these requirements could result in an event of default under these credit agreements, the Subconcession Contract or material agreements and have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

### We may not be able to monetize some of our non-core real estate assets.

Part of our business strategy relies upon our ability to successfully sell and grant rights of use over certain of our non-core real estate assets once developed, including, but not limited to, retail malls and apart-hotels, and to use the proceeds of such operations and/or sales to refinance, or repay, part of our construction loans incurred to develop these assets, as well as to fund existing and future development. Our ability to monetize our non-core real estate assets will be subject to market conditions, applicable legislation and the approval by the Macau Government's Chief Executive of the transfer of certain of our rights under our land concessions to a third-party purchaser. If we are unable to profitably monetize our non-core real estate assets, we may have to seek alternative sources of capital to refinance part of our construction loans. These alternative sources of capital may not be available on commercially reasonable terms or at all. Our failure to obtain such capital could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

# The expiration of our exemptions from complementary tax and property tax could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

Complementary tax refers to Macau's corporate income tax on profits from gaming operations. As of June 30, 2009, the Macau complementary tax rate was up to 12.0% of profits. Pursuant to the

Dispatch of Chief Executive No. 250/2004, dated September 30, 2004, and No. 167/2008, dated May 21, 2008, since 2004, we have been exempted from paying complementary tax on profits generated by the operation of casino games and games of chance in Macau. We will continue to benefit from this tax exemption through the end of fiscal year 2013. We cannot assure you that this tax exemption will be extended beyond the expiration date. This tax exemption does not apply to our non-gaming activities. If our exemption is not extended, we will be subject to complementary tax on our profits generated by the operation of casino games and games of chance in Macau, which, based on our net income for the year ended December 31, 2008, could amount to an expense of approximately US\$46.4 million. This could have a material adverse affect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.



Pursuant to Article 9 of the Property Tax Regulations, newly built commercial buildings are granted property tax exemptions for the first four and six years in Macau and its outlying islands, respectively, upon issuance of an occupancy permit for properties. The Sands Macao is exempt from property tax until April 2010 while The Venetian Macao and the Plaza Macao are entitled to an automatic statutory exemption from property tax for a period of six years once the necessary registration procedures are completed. Upon expiration of the respective exemptions from property tax, we would be subject to an effective property tax rate of 16.8% of our actual rental income from the respective properties, which could have a material adverse affect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

## We may have financial and other obligations to foreign workers managed by our construction contractors under government labor quotas.

The Macau Government has granted us a quota to permit us to hire foreign workers. Our quota is used, in part, by our contractors for the construction of our Cotal Strip projects. We remain ultimately liable for all employer obligations relating to these employees, including for payment of wages and taxes and compliance with labor and workers' compensation laws. We cannot assure you that our contractors will fulfill their obligations to employees hired under the labor quotas. Until we make final payments to our contractors, we have certain offset rights to collect amounts they may owe us, including amounts owed under the indemnities relating to employer obligations. After we have made the final payments, it may be more difficult for us to enforce any unpaid indemnity obligations.

## Theoretical win rates for our casino operations depend on a variety of factors, some beyond our control.

The gaming industry is characterized by an element of chance. Accordingly, we employ theoretical win rates to help estimate what a certain type of player, on average, will win or lose in the long run. In addition to the element of chance, theoretical win rates are also affected by the spread of table limits and factors that are beyond our control such as a player's skill and experience, the mix of games played, the financial resources of players, the volume of bets played and the amount of time players spend on gambling. As a result of the variability in these factors, the actual win rates at our casinos and gaming areas may differ from the theoretical win rates anticipated and could result in the winnings of our gaming patrons exceeding those of our Company. The variability in these factors, alone or in combination, has the potential to negatively impact our actual win rates, which may materially and adversely affect our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

### We face the risk of fraud or cheating.

Players in our casinos or gaming areas may attempt or commit fraud or cheat in order to increase winnings. Acts of fraud or cheating could involve the use of counterfeit chips or other tactics, possibly in collusion with our employees. Internal acts of cheating could also be conducted by employees through collusion with dealers, surveillance staff, floor managers or other casino or gaming area staff. Failure to discover such acts or schemes in a timely manner could result in losses in our gaming operations. In addition, negative publicity related to such schemes could have an adverse effect on our

reputation, thereby materially and adversely affecting our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

We may not be able to prevent the occurrence of money laundering activities at our casinos or gaming areas in spite of our anti-money laundering policies and compliance with applicable anti-money laundering laws.

The gaming industry is prone to potential money laundering and Macau's free port, offshore financial services and free movements of capital create an environment whereby Macau's casinos or



gaming areas could be exploited for money laundering purposes. We cannot assure you that our historical, current or future anti-money laundering measures have been or will be effective in preventing or detecting all money laundering activities. If we or any of our employees or Gaming Promoters are found or suspected to be involved in money laundering activities or other illegal activities, in certain circumstances, the Macau Government could terminate VML's Subconcession. Any incidents of money laundering, accusations of money laundering or regulatory investigations into possible money laundering activities involving us, our employees, our Gaming Promoters or our players could have a material adverse effect on our reputation, business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

### We depend on the continued services of key management personnel and we may not be able to attract and retain professional staff necessary for our existing and future properties in Macau.

Our ability to maintain our competitive position is dependent to a large degree on the services of our senior management team. Certain of these members of our senior management, including our chief executive officer, have recently joined us. The loss of the services of one or more of these members of our senior management team could hinder our ability to effectively manage our business and implement our growth and development strategies. There is significant competition in Macau for experienced senior management personnel and competition for these individuals is likely to increase as Macau's gaming industry expands. We cannot assure you that any of our executive officers will remain with us. In addition, employees who are not residents of Macau must obtain work permits either on an individual basis or within a quota system from the Macau Government. Furthermore, members of our senior management team must apply for and undergo a suitability review process administered by the Macau gaming authorities. If the Macau gaming authorities were to find a member of our senior management team unsuitable for licensing, we would have to sever all relationships with that person. In addition, the Macau gaming authorities may require us to terminate the employment of any person who refuses to file appropriate applications. We currently do not have life insurance policies on any of the members of the senior management team. The death or loss of the services of any of our senior management personnel or our inability to attract and retain additional senior management personnel when needed could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

In addition, under a new Macau law that will take effect in April 2010, employers may be held criminally liable if they knowingly hire illegal workers. This new law may affect our ability to hire or retain managers.

Our success also depends in large part upon our ability to attract, retain, train, manage and motivate skilled employees. There is also significant competition in Macau for employees with the skills required to work at our properties and competition for these individuals is likely to increase as we open our remaining Cotai Strip projects and as other competitors expand their operations. In addition, the Macau Government requires us to only hire Macau residents as dealers in our casinos or gaming areas. We cannot assure you that a sufficient number of skilled employees will continue to be available, or that we will be successful in training, retaining and motivating current or future employees. If we are unable to attract, retain and train skilled employees, our ability to adequately manage and staff our existing and planned casino or gaming areas and integrated resort properties could be impaired, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

Our primary source of cash is and will be dividends from our subsidiaries, which are subject to limitations on their ability to pay dividends.

We are a holding company with limited business operations of our own. Our main assets consist of our direct and indirect shareholdings in our operating subsidiaries through which we conduct most of our business operations. Accordingly, our primary sources of cash are dividends and distributions with respect to our ownership interests in our subsidiaries that are derived from the earnings and cash flows generated by our operating properties. Our subsidiaries might not generate sufficient earnings and cash flows to pay dividends or distributions in the future. Our subsidiaries' payments to us will be contingent upon their earnings and upon other business considerations. In addition, our subsidiaries'



credit agreements and other agreements limit or prohibit certain payments of dividends or other distributions to us. We expect that future credit agreements for the financing of our other developments will contain similar restrictions. On October 5, 2009, VML applied to the Macau Government to secure a special arrangement for payment of complementary tax on dividends distributed to its shareholders similar to those arrangements made between the Macau Government and other Concessionaires or Subconcessionaires. If we are unable to obtain such special arrangement, any dividends and other distributions that we receive from VML may become subject to complementary tax at a rate of up to 12.0%, which could have a material and adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations, cash flows and our ability to pay dividends on our Shares. See "Financial Information—Dividend Policy."

# We are controlled by LVS, our Controlling Shareholder, whose interest in our business may be different from yours.

Following the completion of the Global Offering, the Capitalization Issue and the mandatory and automatic exchange of the Bonds for Shares and assuming the Over-allotment Option is not exercised, LVS, through various intermediate companies, will control approximately 70.3% (assuming the Offer Price is HK\$10.38) and 71.5% (assuming the Offer Price is HK\$13.88), respectively, of our outstanding Shares. Accordingly, LVS is our Controlling Shareholder under the Listing Rules and has the ability to exercise control over our business policies and affairs, such as the composition of our Board of Directors and any action requiring the approval of our Shareholders, including the adoption of amendments to our Articles of Association and the approval of a merger or sale of substantially all of our assets. In addition, LVS, through various intermediate companies, has the ability to control the selection of our senior management through its control of the Board. The concentration of ownership may also delay, defer or even prevent a change in control of our Company and may make some transactions more difficult or impossible without the support of LVS. The interests of LVS may conflict with the interests of other Shareholders, and LVS, as a Controlling Shareholder, may take actions, through its concentration of ownership, that are not in the best interests of other Shareholders. Additionally, a majority of LVS's outstanding common stock is currently held by LVS's chairman and chief executive officer, Mr. Sheldon Adelson, his family members and trusts for the benefit of Mr. Adelson and/or his family members, whose interests may conflict with ours and those of our other Shareholders. For additional information regarding the share ownership of, and our relationship with our Controlling Shareholders, see "Relationship with Our Controlling Shareholders."

### LVS operates and may develop additional integrated resorts or casinos outside of mainland China, Macau, Hong Kong and Taiwan that may compete with our properties. LVS may also compete with us when the undertakings in the Non-Competition Deed are terminated.

LVS operates integrated resorts or casinos in Las Vegas, Nevada and Bethlehem, Pennsylvania in the United States and is currently constructing Marina Bay Sands, an integrated resort in the Republic of Singapore. Pursuant to the Non-Competition Deed that we entered into with LVS, which limits the markets in which each of us may operate on a geographical basis, we are restricted from having any interest or involvement in gaming businesses outside of mainland China, Macau, Hong Kong and Taiwan and their respective territorial seas (collectively, the "Restricted Zone"), unless we receive LVS's prior written consent. Moreover, the Non-Competition Deed does not impact LVS's ability to continue to develop and operate new gaming projects, or engage in existing gaming operations, located outside of the Restricted Zone which, along with LVS's current operations, may provide incentives or marketing promotions that attract regional or global customers who may otherwise have patronized our properties. าก พระบาทรับสารา พระสารสาร กับประสาร พระสมัยชาวาร ถูกขาวประสาร สุราวาทสารธารการ ระบาทสาราบการ การาชั่ง การาช่ง Under the Non-Competition Deed, LVS and its associates (other than our Group) is restricted from having any interest or involvement in gaming businesses in the Restricted Zone unless it receives our prior written consent. However, such restriction will terminate on the earlier of the date on which (i) LVS ceases to be our Controlling Shareholder and (ii) the date on which our Shares cease to be listed on the Stock Exchange. Once such restriction is terminated, LVS may also compete with us in the



Restricted Zone. For details of the Non-Competition Deed, see "Relationship with Our Controlling Shareholders-Non-Competition Deed."

Potential competition from LVS's other integrated resorts and operations, particularly those in Asia, could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows. We cannot assure you that LVS will not make strategic and other decisions that materially and adversely affect our business.

### Our Group may lose its right to use certain critical trademarks if the Second Trademark Sub-License Agreement is terminated.

Pursuant to the Second Trademark Sub-License Agreement, Las Vegas Sands, LLC granted to our Group a license to use the trademarks and the service marks set forth in "Statutory and General Information" in Appendix VII to this prospectus (i) in the Restricted Zone for the development, operation and marketing of casinos, hotels, integrated resorts and associated facilities located in mainland China, Macau, Hong Kong and Taiwan and (ii) in the rest of the world, for the marketing of business in such four territories. In order to be more aligned with the initial term of VML's Subconcession that expires on June 26, 2022, the Second Trademark Sub-License Agreement shall remain in effect for an initial term of slightly over twelve and a half years commencing from the Listing Date and ending on December 31, 2022. However the Second Trademark Sub-License Agreement will terminate automatically, without any notice to the licensee, in the event that LVS is no longer our Controlling Shareholder, or in the event of any sale of all or substantially all of our assets, to any person or legal entity which is not a subsidiary or affiliate of LVS, our Company or the licensor. In such event, we will not be able to continue using any of the subject trademarks, including the "Sands" and "Venetian" trademarks, and would have to rebrand our businesses.

## As a stand-alone public company, we may not have full access to the resources of LVS and may experience increased costs resulting from our separation from LVS.

Historically, LVS has provided us with corporate and shared services, such as executive oversight, risk management, information technology, marketing, construction management, accounting, audit, legal, investor relations, human resources, tax, treasury, procurement and other services. Following the completion of the Global Offering, LVS will provide only certain limited services such as procurement; construction and operation services; procurement of insurance coverage; information technology services; third party intellectual property; transportation services and administrative services pursuant to the Shared Services Agreement. See "Connected Transactions." The terms and conditions of any third-party service agreements that we enter into in relation to such services may not be comparable to those that we previously received from LVS as we may no longer be able to take advantage of LVS's size and purchasing power in procuring goods, services and technology. As a result, we may be unable to obtain goods and services on prices and terms as favorable as those we obtained prior to our separation from LVS, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

## We may be unable to maintain effective internal controls, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

We have an internal control system in place and will continue to develop our internal controls and risk management procedures and policies following the completion of the Global Offering. Because of its inherent limitations, any system of controls, however well designed and operated, can only provide reasonable, and not absolute, assurance that the objectives of the system are met. As such, we may be affected by risks arising in relation to our internal controls and risk management, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.



Moreover, given the dynamic nature of the gaming industry, even if we are able to address existing deficiencies, we cannot assure you that there will not be new deficiencies in our internal control policies and procedures. Any such deficiency, if material or significant, could adversely affect our management's ability to monitor, evaluate and manage our business and operations, or lead to substantial business or operational risk or inaccurate financial reporting, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

### An outbreak of highly infectious diseases, or fears concerning such an outbreak, could adversely affect the number of visitors to our facilities and disrupt our operations, resulting in a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

In 2003, mainland China, Hong Kong, Taiwan, the Republic of Singapore and certain other regions experienced an outbreak of a highly contagious form of atypical pneumonia known as severe acute respiratory syndrome ("SARS"). As a result of the outbreak, there was a decrease in travel to and from, and economic activity in, affected regions, including Macau. In addition, there have been fears concerning the spread of an "avian flu" in Asia. Furthermore, Macau confirmed its first swine flu case in June 2009 at the Macau International Airport, and the Macau Government's Chief Executive warned that the number of infections might rise. Potential future outbreaks of SARS, swine flu, avian flu or other highly infectious diseases, or fears concerning such an outbreak, may adversely affect the number of visitors to our operating properties and properties we are currently developing. An outbreak might disrupt our ability to adequately staff our business and could disrupt our operations. If any of our customers or employees are suspected of contracting certain highly contagious diseases, we may be required to quarantine these customers or employees or close the affected areas of our facilities and temporarily suspend part or all of our operations at affected facilities. Any new outbreak of such highly infectious diseases could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

# The food and beverage businesses in our properties could be disrupted if we or our retailers fail to obtain, or experience material delays in obtaining, the necessary licenses.

Pursuant to Macau Government regulations, all food and beverage businesses must obtain a food and beverage license from the Macau Government Tourist Office or from the Macau Civil and Municipal Affairs Bureau. Before one of these departments issues us or our food and beverage retailers a license, we or our retailers, as the case may be, must first meet specific licensing conditions. As of September 30, 2009, there were 39 food and beverage outlets in The Venetian Macao which were pending approval for licensing by either the Macau Government Tourist Office or the Macau Civic and Municipal Affairs Bureau. With respect to these 39 outlets, we have entered into agreements to assign the responsibility for obtaining licenses back to seven of these retailers and are in the process of assigning such responsibility back to eight of these retailers. We cannot guarantee that we or our retailers will not encounter serious delays or other difficulties in fulfilling the conditions for obtaining a license, or that we or our retailers will be able to adapt to new rules and regulations that may come into effect from time to time with respect to the food and beverage industry. There may also be delays on the part of the relevant regulatory bodies in reviewing our applications and granting such licenses.

Although our retailers are legally and contractually bound to obtain the necessary licenses to operate their respective food and beverage businesses, certain of these retailers made the decision to commence operation without a license. Our Group undertook the responsibility to obtain such licenses on behalf, of these retailers as part of the complex process of opening. The Venetian Macao. Consequently our Macau legal advisor, Leonel Alves Law Firm, is of the opinion that there may be indirect adverse consequences to our Group as a result of taking on this obligation. In the past, as a result of failure to obtain the necessary governmental licenses for these retailers, we have been assessed, and may in the future be assessed, a fine of MOP30,000 per retailer. In the event that we or our retailers fail to obtain, or encounter significant delays in obtaining, the necessary governmental licenses for any of the food and beverage outlets in our properties, we may be forced to shut down these outlets, which would disrupt the food and beverage business in our properties. Moreover, if these



retailers' outlets are shut down due to our inability to obtain food and beverage licenses for their outlets, we may also be subject to claims by these retailers for business interruption or other damages.

## From time to time, we may be involved in legal and other proceedings arising out of our operations.

We may be involved in disputes with various parties involved in the construction and operation of our properties, including contractual disputes with contractors, suppliers, construction workers and retailers or property damage or personal liability claims. Regardless of the outcome, these disputes may lead to legal or other proceedings and may result in substantial costs, delays in our development schedule, and the diversion of resources and management's attention. In addition, litigation is often necessary to enforce intellectual property rights which can be expensive and difficult in Macau due to the early stage of the development of intellectual property laws. We may also have disagreements with regulatory bodies in the course of our operations, which may subject us to administrative proceedings and unfavorable decisions that result in penalties and/or delay the development of our integrated resorts. In such cases, our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows could be materially and adversely affected. For information on our current legal and arbitration proceedings with Norte Oeste Expresso Ltd., Ngo Kee (Macau) Limited, Prema Birkdale Horticulture (Macau) Ltd, Chun Wo—San Meng Fai JV and relating to the registration of the expression "Cotal Strip," see "Business—Legal Proceedings."

### Our operations are subject to hazards which could cause personal injury, loss of life or damage to property.

The construction of large-scale properties such as our integrated resort projects can be dangerous and standard industry safety precautions may not be adequate to prevent serious personal injuries or loss of life, damage to property or delays. We have in the past experienced accidents in our construction and ferry operations. If accidents occur during the construction of our projects, we may be subject to delays, including delays imposed by regulators, liabilities and possible losses, which may not be covered by insurance, and our business and reputation may be materially and adversely affect ed. If our ferry operations are involved in accidents which result in serious injury or loss of life, these events could result in a material adverse effect on our business, prospects and reputation. Such events could also deter passengers from traveling on our ferries, which could result in a reduction of the number of visitors to our properties.

### **Risks Relating to Gaming Promoters**

### We may be exposed to credit risk as a result of extending credit to certain of our premium players and our Gaming Promoters.

Under Macau law, we are permitted to extend credit to our players. We may extend credit to those players whose level of play and financial resources, in the opinion of management, warrant an extension of credit. This credit is typically unsecured. Although we currently extend credit to players on a very limited basis, we may decide to extend more credit or extend credit to a broader range of customers in the future, thereby increasing our exposure to credit risk. Many of our players come from jurisdictions other than Macau, and those jurisdictions may not enforce gaming debts to the same degree as Macau, or at all. As such, we may be unable to collect gaming receivables from our credit players. Moreover, the gaming tax in Macau is calculated as a percentage of gross gaming revenue, but does not provide for deductions in subsequent periods for credit losses resulting from casino winnings in prior periods. As a result, we must still pay taxes on our winnings even if we are unable to collect on the related gaming receivables in a subsequent period. Our inability to collect large gaming receivables may have a material and adverse impact on our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

In addition, we are exposed to credit risk because we grant gaming credit to our Gaming Promoters. Generally, we maintain the right to offset commissions payable to our Gaming Promoters



against credit extended to them. However, we cannot assure you that the accrued or other commissions payable to our Gaming Promoters will be sufficient to offset the credit extended to these Gaming Promoters. As of December 31, 2006, 2007 and 2008 and as of June 30, 2009, the balance of VML's advances to its Gaming Promoters was US\$2.6 million, US\$0.4 million, US\$95.7 million and US\$102.7 million (HK\$796.0 million), respectively. If we accrue large receivables from our Gaming Promoters against which we are unable to offset commissions payable, our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows could be materially and adversely affected.

# We are dependent upon Gaming Promoters for a significant portion of our gaming revenues in Macau.

A substantial portion of our total revenue is derived from our rolling chip volume. For the year ended December 31, 2008 and the six months ended June 30, 2009, our rolling chip play accounted for approximately 56.9% and 54.2% of our gross gaming revenue, respectively. Although we seek to establish direct relationships with high-limit players, we will remain significantly reliant on Gaming Promoters in the market. Gaming Promoters, who promote gaming and draw VIP players to our casinos or gaming areas, constitute a significant portion of our rolling chip volume. As of June 30, 2009, we had entered into agreements with 29 Gaming Promoters. With the rise in gaming in Macau, the competition for relationships with Gaming Promoters has increased. While we are undertaking initiatives to strengthen our relationships with our current Gaming Promoters and recruit new Gaming Promoters, we cannot assure you that we will be able to maintain or grow our relationships with Gaming Promoters, our ability to grow our gaming revenues will be hampered and we may need to seek alternative ways to develop relationships with VIP players. Furthermore, the loss of one or more key Gaming Promoters could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

### If we are unable to ensure high standards of probity and integrity of our Gaming Promoters with whom we are associated, our reputation may suffer or we may be subject to sanctions, including the loss of VML's Subconcession.

The suitability of the Gaming Promoters with whom we deal is important to our ability to continue to operate in compliance with VML's Subconcession. We cannot assure you that the Gaming Promoters with whom we are associated will always meet the standards and requirements established by regulators in all relevant jurisdictions in which we or LVS operate. The background checks VML performs with respect to our Gaming Promoters or their directors and key employees are limited to the information that we can obtain under the applicable laws and procedures of each relevant jurisdiction. See "Business-Gaming Promoters." In recent years, we have encountered instances of misconduct by Gaming Promoters and have terminated relationships or declined to execute agreements with Gaming Promoters due to concerns over one or more of the following: repeated untimely filing of ROVEs, identification of a major player of a Gaming Promoter as a politically exposed person through database searches, unresolvable concerns regarding suspected side betting transactions between a Gaming Promoter and one of its players or suspected abuse of our complimentary privileges. If a Gaming Promoter falls below our standards, we may suffer reputational harm, as well as worsening relationships with, and possibly sanctions from, gaming regulators with authority over our operations. Moreover, under Macau gaming laws, we are jointly and severally liable for any misconduct by our Gaming Promoters which may occur in our casinos or gaming areas, regardless of whether we have knowledge of or are involved in such misconduct. 1997 - 1997 - 1997 - 1997 - 1997 - 1997 - 1997 - 1997 - 1997 - 1997 - 1997 - 1997 - 1997 - 1997 - 1997 - 1997 -· · .

As a Subconcessionaire, VML has an obligation under Macau gaming laws and the DICJ Instructions to supervise the activities of our Gaming Promoters and their directors, employees and collaborators conducted within our casinos or gaming areas, to ensure they comply with applicable laws and regulations, and to inform the Macau Judiciary Police and the DICJ of any suspicious activities carried out by our Gaming Promoters. If this obligation is breached, the Macau Government may, in its discretion, take enforcement action against each or both of us and the Gaming Promoter. If a fine is imposed as a result of the misconduct of a Gaming Promoter, any direct Shareholder holding



over 10.0% of our share capital will be jointly and severally liable for the payment of such fines. If we are implicated in any material misconduct by a Gaming Promoter, we may, among other things, be deemed to have committed an administrative infringement, which is punishable by a fine. Serious breaches or repeated misconduct by our Gaming Promoters could ultimately result in the termination of VML's Subconcession. Despite our efforts to supervise and regulate the operations and activities of our Gaming Promoters, we cannot assure you that the activities of our Gaming Promoters or their business associates or players will comply with applicable laws and regulations, such as usury or anti-money laundering laws or regulations, foreign exchange controls or sanctions imposed by the Office of Foreign Assets Controls of the U.S. Department of the Treasury. Any incidents of non-compliance or allegations, investigations or negative publicity relating to incidents of non-compliance with anti-money laundering or other laws and regulations involving us or our casinos or gaming areas, employees, Gaming Promoters, or players, whether or not validated, could harm our reputation or otherwise have a material and adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

### **Risks Relating to Our Cotal Strip Development**

We are constructing the portions of our Cotal Strip development on Parcels 5, 6, 7 and 8 for which we have not yet been granted land concessions. If we do not obtain these land concessions, we could forfeit all or a substantial part of our investment in these parcels to date, and would not be able to build or operate the planned facilities on these parcels.

Land concessions in Macau generally have 25-year terms, with automatic extensions of 10 years at the holder's option thereafter in accordance with Macau law. There are common rates based on land use, which are generally applied to determine the cost of these land concessions. We have commenced construction or pre-construction on Parcels 5, 6, 7 and 8 of our Cotai Strip development based on permits and approvals issued by the Macau Government but have not yet formalized the land concession contracts with the Macau Government for these parcels. We have obtained a final draft of the land concession contract for Parcels 5 and 6 from the Macau Government, and upon successfully obtaining such concession, will subsequently negotiate to obtain the land concession for Parcels 7 and 8. If we do not obtain land concessions for any of Parcels 5, 6, 7 and 8, we will not be able to complete, open and operate the planned projects on such parcels and we may have to forfeit all or a substantial part of our capitalized construction costs related to our developments on any or all of these parcels, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows. As of June 30, 2009, our total capitalized construction costs relating to planned developments on Parcels 5, 6, 7 and 8 billion (HK\$14.2 billion).

### We are required to build and open our developments on Parcel 3 of our Cotal Strip development by April 17, 2013. Unless we meet this deadline or obtain an extension, we may lose our right to the land concession or any properties developed under the land concession for Parcel 3.

The Macau Government recently granted us an extension of the development deadline under the land concession for Parcel 3. Under the terms of the land concession, we must complete development of Parcel 3 by April 17, 2013. Should we determine that we are unable to complete development of Parcel 3 by such deadline, we intend to apply for an additional extension from the Macau Government. We have commenced pre-construction on Parcel 3 and intend to commence construction of Parcel 3, after necessary government approvals are obtained, regional and global economic conditions improve, conceptual designs are further refined, future demand warrants and additional financing is obtained. We do not intend to restart construction of Phases I and II of Parcels 5 and 6 until supplemental financing is secured, and currently estimate that it will take approximately 18 months to complete construction of Phase I and another six months thereafter to complete the internal fit-out of the additional Sheraton hotel tower in Phase II. The remaining retail facilities in Phase II of Parcels 5 and 6 are expected to be completed within 24 months after the additional Sheraton hotel tower is completed. If we are unable to complete the development of Parcel 3 by the deadline and we are unable to secure an additional extension from the Macau Government, the Macau Government has the right to unilaterally terminate our land concession for Parcel 3 and we could lose our investment in, and right to operate, any properties developed under the land concession for Parcel 3 without compensation to us. Such event could result in a substantial or total loss of our US\$35.6 million (HK\$275.9 million) in



capitalized construction costs for Parcel 3 as of June 30, 2009 and have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows. See "---Risks Relating to Our On-going Operations-Recent disruptions in the financial markets could adversely affect our ability to refinance existing obligations or raise additional financing. Should general economic and capital market conditions not improve, should we be unable to obtain sufficient funding such that completion of our suspended projects is not feasible, or should management decide to abandon certain projects, all or a portion of our investment to date on our suspended projects could be lost."

### Our strategy of building a critical mass of integrated resorts at our Cotai Strip development to make Macau a world-class destination may fail.

We have incurred, and will continue to incur, significant capital expenditures associated with the development of new integrated resorts in our Cotai Strip development as part of our strategy of building critical mass at our Cotai Strip development. In addition to the construction of The Venetian Macao and the Plaza Macao, we have also made significant investments in transportation infrastructure in Cotai, such as our CotaiJet<sup>™</sup> ferries and CotaiShuttle<sup>™</sup> bus service in order to facilitate access to our Cotai Strip properties. As of June 30, 2009, we had invested approximately US\$5.7 billion (HK\$44.2 billion) to develop integrated resorts and supporting infrastructure for our Cotal Strip properties. Our strategy for developing our integrated resorts is based on our belief that these developments will increase the appeal of Macau as a resort destination and increase the scope and scale of visitation to Macau. These beliefs may be invalidated and our vision may not be realized. We may not be able to successfully implement our plans to develop additional integrated resorts or to promote and develop our Cotai Strip properties as major resort destinations. If our efforts in developing and promoting our Cotal Strip development are not successful in attracting the level of patronage that we are forecasting, we may be unable to maintain or grow our market share in the future or otherwise compete effectively. Our failure to successfully implement our current plans for the development of these integrated resorts could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

As part of our strategy, we have also entered into agreements with hotel management companies such as Four Seasons Hotels Limited, Four Seasons Hotels and Resorts Asia Pacific Pte Ltd and FS Macau Lda. (collectively, "Four Seasons") to operate the Four Seasons Hotel; and Sheraton International Inc. and Sheraton Overseas Management Co. ("Starwood"), and Shangri-La International Hotel Management Limited ("Shangri-La") to operate certain proposed hotel developments on Parcels 5 and 6 of our Cotai Strip development. We selected these partners primarily based on evaluations of their brand recognition and ability to attract brand-loyal customers to their properties. Should these hotel management brands fail to attract a diversified customer base and critical mass of additional customers to our hotel properties, the level of patronage of our related integrated resort facilities could vary significantly from our original estimates and therefore materially and adversely affect our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

### We face significant risks associated with our on-going and planned development projects, which could prevent or delay the opening of such projects or otherwise adversely affect the operations of these planned facilities.

Our on-going and planned development projects entail significant risks. Construction activity requires us to retain qualified contractors and subcontractors, who may not be available when needed or available on acceptable terms. Development projects of this size and scope are subject to cost overruns and delays caused by events outside of our control or, in certain cases, our contractors' or subcontractors' control, such as shortages of materials or skilled labor, disputes with or defaults by contractors and subcontractors, unforeseen engineering, environmental and/or geological problems, workestoppages, affres, eweather interference such as typhoons and other natural disasters, unanticipated cost increases, changes in applicable laws and regulations or in the interpretation and enforcement of laws and regulations relating to construction, zoning or land rights, and unavailability of construction equipment. Any of these construction, equipment or staffing problems or difficulties in obtaining any of the requisite licenses, permits, allocations and authorizations from governmental or



regulatory authorities could increase costs; delay, jeopardize or prevent the construction or opening of our projects, or otherwise affect the design and features of our projects. If we are unable to successfully manage our development projects, it could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

We have not entered into a fixed-price or guaranteed maximum price contract with a single construction manager or general contractor for the construction of any of our projects. As a result, we rely heavily on our in-house design, development and construction team to manage construction costs and coordinate the work of the various trade contractors. The lack of any fixed-price contract with a construction manager or general contractor will put more of the risk of cost-overruns and changes in construction costs, including, without limitation, construction materials and labor costs, on us. If we are unable to effectively manage these costs, we may not be able to open or complete these projects, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

As of June 30, 2009, we had capitalized construction costs of approximately US\$1.7 billion (HK\$13.2 billion) on the development of Parcels 5 and 6 and, if supplemental financing is secured, we expect to spend an additional US\$2.2 billion to complete Phases I and II. The anticipated costs and completion dates for our projects are based on budgets, designs, engineering plans, development and construction documents, and schedule estimates that we have prepared with the assistance of architects and other design and development consultants. These design, development and construction documents are subject to change as they are finalized and as actual construction work is performed. We regularly expect revisions to our estimated project costs as we firm up our design plans and hire architects, engineers, contractors and sub-contractors for our projects. A failure to complete our projects on budget or on schedule may adversely affect our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

## We may experience difficulty or delay in restarting our suspended Cotai Strip project on Parcels 5 and 6.

We have suspended the development of Phase I and Phase II of our Cotai Strip project on Parcels 5 and 6 while we pursue supplemental financing and plan to commence construction of Phase III at a future date as demand and market conditions warrant. We may need to rehire our previous contractors or hire new contractors, subcontractors, engineers or workers to complete construction of Parcels 5 and 6. We are also currently negotiating amendments to our management agreements with Starwood to revise the construction and opening obligations and deadlines. See also "—Our revised development plan may give certain of our hotel management companies for our Cotai Strip projects the right to terminate their agreements with us." The passage of time may also extend the ramp up time and cost necessary to remobilize and recommence construction efforts. If the costs of restarting the construction of this project becomes higher than expected or budgeted, it could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

On November 11, 2009, we received a final draft of the land concession contract for Parcels 5 and 6. The final draft land concession incorporates all the terms and conditions as agreed between us and the Macau Government. Both the acceptance of the land concession and the payment of initial land premium, amounting to MOP700.0 million, must be completed within 20 days of receipt of the final draft land concession. Upon formal acceptance and payment of the initial land premium by the Company, the land concession contract will be published in the Macau Official Gazette following the standard MSAR land grant process and become legal, valid and binding. Pursuant to the final draft land concession, we must complete development of Parcels 5 and 6 within 48 months of publication of the land concession in the Macau Official Gazette. If we are unable to restart construction or should the Macau Government terminate our land concession to Parcels 5 and 6 due to our failure to complete our proposed development, we would forfeit all of our investments in Parcels 5 and 6 to date. As of June 30, 2009, our total capitalized construction costs relating to planned developments on Parcels 5 and 6 amounted to US\$1.7 billion (HK\$13.2 billion).

