

LAS VEGAS SANDS CORP
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UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT

TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE

SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) **February 17, 2010**

LAS VEGAS SANDS CORP.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

NEVADA

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

001-32373

(Commission File Number)

27-0099920

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

3355 LAS VEGAS BOULEVARD SOUTH

LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

(Address of principal executive offices)

89109

(Zip Code)

(702) 414-1000

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

NOT APPLICABLE

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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ITEM 2.02 RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION.

The following information is being furnished under Item 2.02 — Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On February 17, 2010, Las Vegas Sands Corp. (the “Company”) issued a press release announcing its results of operations for the fourth quarter ended December 31, 2009. The press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this report and is incorporated by reference into this item.

Within the Company’s fourth quarter 2009 press release, the Company makes reference to certain non-GAAP financial measures including “adjusted net income (loss),” “adjusted earnings (loss) per diluted share,” “adjusted EBITDA” and “adjusted property EBITDAR,” which have directly comparable GAAP financial measures. The Company believes that these measures represent important internal measures of performance. Whenever such information is presented, the Company has complied with the provisions of the rules under Regulation G and Item 2.02 of Form 8-K. The specific reasons why the Company’s management believes that the presentation of the non-GAAP financial measures provides useful information to investors regarding the Company’s financial condition, results of operations and cash flows are as follows:

Adjusted net income (loss) and adjusted earnings (loss) per diluted share are presented as supplemental disclosures as management believes they are (1) each widely used measures of performance by industry analysts and investors and (2) a principal basis for valuation of gaming companies, as these non-GAAP measures are considered by many as an alternative measure on which to base expectations for future results. These measures also form the basis of certain internal management performance expectations. Accordingly, these non-GAAP measures are presented so that investors have the same financial data that management uses in evaluating performance with the belief that it will assist the investment community in properly assessing the underlying performance of the Company on a year-over-year and a quarter sequential basis.

Adjusted property EBITDAR and adjusted EBITDA are supplemental non-GAAP financial measures used by management, as well as industry analysts, to evaluate operations and operating performance. In particular, management utilizes adjusted property EBITDAR to compare the operating profitability of its casinos with those of its competitors, as well as for determining certain incentive compensation. In arriving at adjusted property EBITDAR, rental expense for the HVAC plant in Las Vegas and amortization of the leasehold interests in land are added to adjusted EBITDA because the Company believes this provides a better comparison of the Company’s operating profitability to that of its competitors. The Company is also presenting adjusted property EBITDAR because it is used by some investors as a way to measure a company’s ability to incur and service debt, make capital expenditures and meet working capital requirements. Gaming companies have historically reported EBITDAR as a supplemental performance measure to GAAP financial measures. In order to view the operations of their casinos on a more stand-alone basis, gaming companies, including Las Vegas Sands Corp., have historically excluded certain expenses that do not relate to the management of specific casino properties, such as pre-opening expense, development expense and corporate expense, from their EBITDAR calculations. When evaluating adjusted property EBITDAR, investors should consider, among other factors, (1) increasing or decreasing trends in adjusted property EBITDAR and (2) how adjusted property EBITDAR compares to levels of debt and interest expense. However, adjusted property EBITDAR should not be interpreted as an alternative to income (loss) from operations (as an indicator of operating performance) or to cash flows from operations (as a measure of liquidity), in each case, as determined in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. The Company has significant uses of cash flow, including capital expenditures, interest payments and debt principal repayments, which are not reflected in adjusted property EBITDAR. Not all companies calculate EBITDAR in the same manner. As a result, adjusted property EBITDAR as presented by Las Vegas Sands Corp. may not be directly comparable to similarly titled measures presented by other companies. Adjusted property EBITDAR consists of adjusted EBITDAR for a particular property, such as The Venetian and The Palazzo in Las Vegas and The Venetian Macao, the Sands Macao and the Four Seasons Hotel Macao and Plaza Casino in Macau. Accordingly, the measures are presented so that investors have the same financial data that management uses in evaluating performance with the belief that it will assist the investment community in properly assessing the underlying performance of the Company on a year-over-year and a quarter sequential basis.

ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

- (d) Exhibits.
- 99.1 Press Release, dated February 17, 2010.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report on Form 8-K to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Dated: February 17, 2010

LAS VEGAS SANDS CORP.

By: /s/ Kenneth J. Kay
Name: Kenneth J. Kay
Title: Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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