

RIVIERA HOLDINGS CORP
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,
Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section
30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting
Person *
Â DE SHAW LAMINAR
PORTFOLIOS LLC

(Last) (First) (Middle)

39TH FLOOR, TOWER
45,Â 120 WEST FORTY-FIFTH
STREET

(Street)

NEW YORK,Â NYÂ 10036

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Date of Event Requiring
Statement
(Month/Day/Year)
03/31/2006

3. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol
RIVIERA HOLDINGS CORP [RIV]

4. Relationship of Reporting
Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____X____ 10% Owner
____ Officer ____X____ Other
(give title below) (specify below)
See Footnotes 1 and 2.

5. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group
Filing(Check Applicable Line)
____ Form filed by One Reporting
Person
__X__ Form filed by More than One
Reporting Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security
(Instr. 4)

2. Amount of Securities
Beneficially Owned
(Instr. 4)

3. Ownership
Form:
Direct (D)
or Indirect
(I)
(Instr. 5)

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial
Ownership
(Instr. 5)

Common Stock

1,269,900

D (1) (2) Â

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially
owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security
(Instr. 4)

2. Date Exercisable and
Expiration Date
(Month/Day/Year)

3. Title and Amount of
Securities Underlying
Derivative Security

4. Conversion
or Exercise

5. Ownership
Form of

6. Nature of Indirect
Beneficial Ownership
(Instr. 5)

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Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Price of Derivative Security	Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
DE SHAW LAMINAR PORTFOLIOS LLC 39TH FLOOR, TOWER 45 120 WEST FORTY-FIFTH STREET NEW YORK, NY 10036	Â	Â X	Â	See Footnotes 1 and 2.
SHAW D E & CO L P /NY/ 39TH FLOOR, TOWER 45 120 WEST FORTY-FIFTH STREET NEW YORK, NY 10036	Â	Â X	Â	See Footnotes 1 and 2.
D E SHAW & CO LLC 39TH FLOOR, TOWER 45 120 WEST FORTY-FIFTH STREET NEW YORK, NY 10036	Â	Â X	Â	See Footnotes 1 and 2.
SHAW DAVID E 39TH FLOOR, TOWER 45 120 WEST FORTY-FIFTH STREET NEW YORK, NY 10036	Â	Â X	Â	See Footnotes 1 and 2.
D. E. Shaw Valence Portfolios, L.L.C. 39TH FLOOR, TOWER 45 120 WEST FORTY-FIFTH STREET NEW YORK, NY 10036	Â	Â X	Â	See Footnotes 1 and 2.
D. E. Shaw Investment Management, L.L.C. 39TH FLOOR, TOWER 45 120 WEST FORTY-FIFTH STREET NEW YORK, NY 10036	Â	Â X	Â	See Footnotes 1 and 2.

Signatures

D. E. Shaw Laminar Portfolios, L.L.C., By: D. E. Shaw & Co., L.L.C., as managing member, By: /s/ Julius Gaudio, Managing Director	04/04/2006
____Signature of Reporting Person	Date
D. E. Shaw & Co., L.P., By: /s/ Julius Gaudio, Managing Director	04/04/2006
____Signature of Reporting Person	Date
D. E. Shaw & Co., L.L.C., By: /s/ Julius Gaudio, Managing Director	04/04/2006
____Signature of Reporting Person	Date
David E. Shaw, By: /s/ Julius Gaudio, Attorney-in-Fact for David E. Shaw	04/04/2006

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__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

D. E. Shaw Valence Portfolios, L.L.C., By: D. E. Shaw & Co., L.P., as managing member, By:
/s/ Julius Gaudio, Managing Director

04/04/2006

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

D. E. Shaw Investment Management, L.L.C., By: D. E. Shaw & Co., L.P., as managing
member, By: /s/ Julius Gaudio, Managing Director

04/04/2006

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(b)(v).

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(1) The shares of common stock, par value \$0.001 per share (the "Common Stock"), of the Issuer to which this form relates are held or managed directly as follows: (i) D. E. Shaw Laminar Portfolios, L.L.C. ("Laminar") holds 1,244,500 shares; (ii) D. E. Shaw Valence Portfolios, L.L.C. ("Valence") holds 25,200 shares; and (iii) 200 shares are under the management of D. E. Shaw Investment Management, L.L.C. ("DESIM"), which has dispositive control over, but no voting rights with respect to, the shares. D. E. Shaw & Co., L.P. ("DESCO LP") (as investment adviser to Laminar, as managing member of and investment adviser to Valence, and as managing member of DESIM), D. E. Shaw & Co., L.L.C. ("DESCO LLC") (as managing member of Laminar), and... (Continues in Fn 2)

(2) Mr. David E. Shaw ("David E. Shaw") (as president and sole shareholder of D. E. Shaw & Co., Inc., which is the general partner of DESCO LP, and as president and sole shareholder of D. E. Shaw & Co. II, Inc., which is the managing member of DESCO LLC) may be deemed to be collectively the beneficial owners of more than 10% of the Common Stock of the Issuer for purposes of Rule 16a-1(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. In accordance with instruction 4(b)(iv), the number of shares of Common Stock that may be deemed to be beneficially owned by DESCO LP or DESCO LLC is reported herein. Each of DESCO LP, DESCO LLC, and David E. Shaw disclaims any beneficial ownership of any of the securities listed in this Form 3, except to the extent of any pecuniary interest therein.

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