

RIVIERA HOLDINGS CORP  
Form S-8 POS  
March 30, 2012

**As filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 30, 2012.**

**Registration No. 333-55732**

**UNITED STATES**

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**POST-EFFECTIVE AMENDMENT NO. 1**

**TO**

**FORM S-8**

**REGISTRATION STATEMENT**

**UNDER**

**THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933**

Riviera Holdings Corporation

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

|                                   |                        |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|
| Nevada                            | 88-0296885             |
| (State or other jurisdiction      | (I.R.S. Employer       |
| of incorporation or organization) | Identification Number) |

**2901 Las Vegas Boulevard South**

**Las Vegas, Nevada 89109**

(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

**Restricted Stock Program**

**Riviera Holdings Corporation**

**Deferred Compensation Plan**

(Full title of the plan)

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**Tullio Marchionne**

**2901 Las Vegas Boulevard South**

**Las Vegas, Nevada 89109**

**(702) 734-5110**

(Name, address, and telephone number,  
including area code, of agent for service)

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of “large accelerated filer,” “accelerated filer” and “smaller reporting company” in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer  Accelerated filer  Non-accelerated filer  Smaller reporting company   
(Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

### **Deregistration of Unsold Securities**

On February 15, 2001, the Registrant filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “Commission”) a registration statement on Form S-8, Registration No. 333-55732 (the “Registration Statement”), for the sale of 200,000 shares of the common stock, par value \$0.001 per share (the “Common Stock”), of the Registrant under the Registrant's Restricted Stock Program and \$10,000,000 of deferred compensation plan obligations under the Riviera Holdings Corporation Deferred Compensation Plan.

On April 1, 2011 (the “Substantial Consummation Date”), the Registrant emerged from reorganization proceedings under the provisions of Chapter 11 of the United States Bankruptcy Code. Pursuant to the Registrant 's Second Amended Joint Plan of Reorganization, all existing shares of the Company's equity securities, including the Common Stock, outstanding prior to the Substantial Consummation Date, were cancelled on the Substantial Consummation Date. Concurrently, the Registrant terminated all equity-based compensation plans.

As a result, the Registrant terminated all offerings of its securities pursuant to its existing registration statements, including the Registration Statement. Accordingly, pursuant to an undertaking made by the Company in the Registration Statement to remove from registration, by means of a post-effective amendment, any securities of the Company which remain unsold at the termination of the offering subject to the Registration Statement, the Company hereby removes from registration all securities registered under the Registration Statement that remain unsold.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the Registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 to the Registration Statement on Form S-8 to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Las Vegas, State of Nevada, on March 29, 2012.

RIVIERA HOLDINGS CORPORATION

By: /s/ Andy Choy  
Andy Choy

President and Chief Executive Officer

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 to the Registration Statement on Form S-8 has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

| Signature                                | Title   | Date           |
|--|---|----------------|
| /s/ Andy Choy<br>Andy Choy               | President and Chief Executive<br>Officer, Director<br>(Principal Executive Officer) | March 29, 2012 |
| /s/ Larry King<br>Larry King             | Chief Financial Officer<br>(Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)             | March 29, 2012 |
| /s/ Derek J. Stevens<br>Derek J. Stevens | Director  | March 29, 2012 |
| /s/ Marcos Alvarado<br>Marcos Alvarado   | Director  | March 29, 2012 |