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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIESFiled 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 *
SCG HOTEL MANAGEMENT LLC2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
RIVIERA HOLDINGS CORP [RIV]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

591 W PUTNAM AVENUE,

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
12/08/2008____ Director ____X____ 10% Owner
____ Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)

4. 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

GREENWICH, CT 06830

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock, \$0.001 par value per share	12/08/2008		J	0 D	\$ 0 (2)	893,770 (3) (4) (5) (6) (7) (8)	I (3) (4) (5) (6) (7) (8)
Common Stock, \$0.001 par value per share	12/08/2008		J	0 D	\$ 0 (2)	1,016,970 (7)	I (7)

See
footnotes
(1) (2) (3) (4)
(5) (6) (7) (8)See
footnote (7)

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

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

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 10)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
SCG HOTEL MANAGEMENT LLC 591 W PUTNAM AVENUE GREENWICH, CT 06830	X
SOF-VII MANAGEMENT LLC 591 W PUTNAM AVENUE GREENWICH, CT 06830	X
STARWOOD CAPITAL GROUP GLOBAL LLC 591 W PUTNAM AVENUE GREENWICH, CT 06830	X
STERNLICHT BARRY S STARWOOD HOTELS & RESORTS WORLDWIDE 44 SOUTH BROADWAY WHITE PLAINS, NY 10601	X

Signatures

/s/ SOF-VII Management, L.L.C., By: Starwood Capital Group Global, L.L.C., Its general manager, By: Barry S. Sternlicht, Chief Executive Officer

12/10/2008

____Signature of Reporting Person

Date

/s/ SCG Hotel Management, L.L.C., By: Starwood Capital Group Global, L.L.C, Its general manager, By: Barry S. Sternlicht, Chief Executive Officer

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__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

/s/ Starwood Capital Group Global, LLC, By: Barry S. Sternlicht, Chief Executive Officer

12/10/2008

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

/s/ Barry S. Sternlicht

12/10/2008

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

- (1) This is a joint filing by SCG Hotel Management, L.L.C. ("Hotel Management"); SOF VII Management, L.L.C. ("SOF VII Management"); Starwood Capital Group Global, LLC ("SCGG") and Barry Sternlicht (collectively, the "Reporting Persons"). The Reporting Persons are filing this Form 4 in connection with a Form 4 filed on an even date herewith by the persons listed in "Remarks," below. (cont'd in fn 2)
- (2) (cont'd from fn 1) On December 8, 2008, Flag Luxury Riv, LLC ("FLR"), Rivacq LLC ("Rivacq"), and RH1, LLC ("RH1") entered into a Termination Agreement (the "Termination Agreement"), pursuant to which the parties agreed to terminate the Amended and Restated Joint Bidding Agreement, dated as of April 5, 2006 by and among FLR, RH1, High Desert Gaming LLC and Rivacq LLC, as amended by letter agreement dated April 16, 2007 ("Joint Bidding Agreement"). (cont'd in fn 3)
- (3) (cont'd from fn 2) After termination of the Joint Bidding Agreement, Rivacq may be deemed the direct beneficial owner of 893,770 shares of Common Stock, which represent approximately 7.15% of the outstanding shares of Common Stock as of November 4, 2008. Rivacq has sole voting and dispositive power over such Common Stock. (cont'd in fn 3)
- (4) (cont'd from fn 3) SOF U.S. Hotel Co-Invest Holdings, L.L.C. ("SOF Co-Invest"), as the sole member of Rivacq, may be deemed the indirect beneficial owner of the foregoing shares of Common Stock with shared voting and dispositive power over such Common Stock. Each of SOF VII U.S. Hotel Holdings, L.L.C. ("SOF VII") and I-1/I-2 U.S. Holdings, L.L.C. ("Hotel Fund"), as the sole members of SOF Co-Invest with 25% and 75% equity interests in SOF Co-Invest, respectively, may also be deemed the indirect beneficial owner of the foregoing shares of Common Stock with shared voting and dispositive power over such Common Stock. (cont'd in fn 5)
- (5) (cont'd from fn 4) Each of Starwood Global Opportunity Fund VII-A, L.P., Starwood Global Opportunity Fund VII-B, L.P., Starwood U.S. Opportunity Fund VII-D, L.P. and Starwood U.S. Opportunity Fund VII-D-2, L.P. (collectively, the "Opportunity Funds"), as the sole members of SOF VII, may also be deemed the indirect beneficial owner of the foregoing shares of Common Stock with shared voting and dispositive power over such Common Stock. Each of the Starwood Capital Hospitality Fund I-1, L.P. and Starwood Capital Hospitality Fund I-2, L.P. (together, the "Hospitality Funds"), as the sole members of Hotel Fund, may also be deemed the indirect beneficial owner of the foregoing shares of Common Stock with shared voting and dispositive power over such Common Stock. (cont'd in fn 6)
- (6) (cont'd from fn 5) SOF VII Management, as the general partner of each of the Opportunity Funds, may also be deemed the indirect beneficial owner of the foregoing shares of Common Stock with shared voting and dispositive power over such Common Stock. Hotel Management, as the general partner of each of the Hospitality Funds, may also be deemed the indirect beneficial owner of the foregoing shares of Common Stock with shared voting and dispositive power over such Common Stock. SCGG, as the managing member of SOF VII Management and Hotel Management, may also be deemed the indirect beneficial owner of the foregoing shares of Common Stock with shared voting and dispositive power over such Common Stock. (cont'd in fn 7)
- (7) (cont'd from fn 6) Barry S. Sternlicht, as the President and CEO of SCGG and CEO of SOF VII and Hotel Fund, may also be deemed the indirect beneficial owner of the foregoing shares of Common Stock with shared voting and dispositive power over such Common Stock. Mr. Sternlicht also directly holds 123,200 shares of Common Stock, which represent approximately 1.0% of the outstanding shares of Common Stock as of November 4, 2008, and which, together with the 893,770 shares of Common Stock that he may be deemed to own beneficially in his capacity as Chairman and CEO of SCGG and as an executive officer of certain affiliates as described above, constitute approximately 8.14% of the outstanding shares of Common Stock as of November 4, 2008. (cont'd in fn 8)
- (8) (cont'd from fn 7) Hotel Management is the designated filer. The Reporting Persons are filing this joint Form 4 because they may be regarded as part of a group. However, each Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares owned by other persons and disclaims membership in a group, and this filing shall not constitute an acknowledgement that the Reporting Persons are part of a group.

Remarks:

This Form 4 is being filed in connection with a Form 4 filed on an even date herewith by Rivacq LLC; SOF U.S. Hotel Co-Invest Holdings, L.L.C.; SOF VII U.S. Hotel Holdings, L.L.C.; I-1/I-2 U.S. Holdings, L.L.C.; Starwood Global Opportunity Fund VII-A, L.P.; Starwood Global Opportunity Fund VII-B, L.P.; Starwood U.S. Opportunity Fund VII-D, L.P.; Starwood U.S.

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Opportunity Fund VII-D-2, L.P.; Starwood Capital Hospitality Fund I-1, L.P.; and Starwood Capital Hospitality Fund I-2, L.P.

Exhibit: 99.1 Joint Filer Informa

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