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#### SUBJECT TO COMPLETION DATED JULY 9, 2012

#### PRELIMINARY PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT TO PROSPECTUS DATED JUNE 20, 2011

## \$75,000,000

# **Beazer Homes USA, Inc.**

## **Common Stock**

We are selling shares of our common stock.

We have granted the underwriters an option for a period of 30 days from the date of this prospectus supplement to purchase up to additional shares of our common stock (equal to 15% of the common stock offered by us) at the public offering price less the underwriting discounts.

Our common stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol BZH. The closing price on the New York Stock Exchange on July 6, 2012 was \$3.39 per share.

Concurrently with this offering of common stock, pursuant to a separate prospectus supplement, we are offering 3,000,000 % tangible equity units (or 3,450,000 tangible equity units if the underwriters exercise their over-allotment option in full with respect to the tangible equity units offering). The completion of this offering is not contingent on the completion of the offering of the tangible equity units, and the completion of the offering of the tangible equity units is not contingent on the completion of this offering.

Investing in our common stock involves risks. See <u>Risk Factors</u> beginning on page S-10 of this prospectus supplement and any risk factors described in the documents we incorporate by reference.

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	Price to Public	Underwriting Discounts and c Commissions	Proceeds to Beazer Homes USA, Inc.
Per Share	\$	\$	\$
Total	\$	\$	\$
	Delivery of the shares, in book-entry form, will be made on o	or about July , 2012.	

Joint Book-Running Managers

Credit Suisse

Goldman, Sachs & Co.

Deutsche Bank Securities Co-Managers **UBS Investment Bank** 

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You should rely only on the information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus or in any free writing prospectus we have authorized for use in connection with this offering. We have not, and the underwriters have not, authorized anyone else to provide you with different or additional information. You should not rely upon any information or representation not contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus or any such free writing prospectus. We are not, and the underwriters are not, making an offer to sell these securities or soliciting an offer to buy these securities in any jurisdiction where the offer, sale or solicitation is not permitted. You should assume that the information contained in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and any such free writing prospectus is accurate only as of its date (or, with respect to any document that is incorporated by reference, the date of that document), even though this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus or any such free writing prospectus may be delivered or securities may be sold on a later date.

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#### ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT

This document is in two parts. The first part is this prospectus supplement, which describes the terms of this offering of common stock and also adds to and updates information contained in the accompanying prospectus as well as the documents incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. The second part, the accompanying prospectus, gives more general information about securities we may offer from time to time, some of which information does not apply to the common stock we are offering. To the extent any inconsistency or conflict exists between the information included in this prospectus supplement and the information included in the accompanying prospectus, the information included or incorporated in this prospectus supplement updates and supersedes the information in the accompanying prospectus. This prospectus supplement incorporates by reference important business and financial information about us that is not included in or delivered with this prospectus supplement.

In this prospectus supplement, we, us, our, the Company or Beazer Homes refer to Beazer Homes USA, Inc. and its subsidiaries, unless we so otherwise or the context indicates otherwise.

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#### SUMMARY

This summary highlights selected information about us contained elsewhere or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement. It may not contain all the information that may be important to you in deciding whether to invest in our common stock. You should carefully read this entire prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, together with the information to which we refer and the information incorporated by reference herein, including the financial data and related notes and the Risk Factors section, before making an investment decision.

#### Beazer Homes USA, Inc.

We are a geographically diversified homebuilder with active operations in 16 states. Our homes are designed to appeal to homeowners at various price points across various demographic segments and are generally offered for sale in advance of their construction. Our objective is to provide our customers with homes that incorporate exceptional value and quality while seeking to maximize our return on invested capital over time.

Our principal executive offices are located at 1000 Abernathy Road, Suite 260, Atlanta, Georgia 30328, telephone (770) 829-3700. We also provide information about our active communities through our Internet website located at http://www.beazer.com. Information on our website is not a part of and shall not be deemed incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement.

#### **Recent Developments**

#### Market and Company Update

Over the past four quarters, we have demonstrated significant improvement in new home orders, home closings and backlog. We believe these improvements have arisen both as a result of improving market conditions for new home sales, and due to the business improvement and operational strategies we have employed. In particular, we have placed significant emphasis on increasing sales per community per month and on broadening the base of communities contributing to sales. Over the past year, our trailing four quarter sales per community per month has increased from approximately 1.7 at June 30, 2011 to 2.2 at June 30, 2012. At the same time, the proportion of our communities generating fewer than 3 sales in a quarter has declined from 27% in the fiscal third quarter of 2011 to 10% in the third quarter of fiscal 2012.

There is much reported evidence of strengthening conditions in the housing market, from increases in new home sales, to increases in existing home sales to improvements in home prices in many markets. At the same time, new home sales activity remains at very low levels despite historic levels of housing affordability, low mortgage interest rates and improving job growth. Consistent with expectations of many market participants and analysts, we believe that national housing starts will likely increase markedly over the next several years. In particular we expect improvements in housing start activity to be robust in Florida, California, Texas, North Carolina and Arizona.

While pursuing our business improvement and operational strategies, we have employed a very cautious land acquisition strategy to ensure operational resources have been focused on existing community performance. Given the success of our efforts and the improvement in the overall housing market, we believe now is an appropriate time to pursue growth in new communities more aggressively. In particular, we believe we can generate attractive returns on incremental capital deployed into the markets most likely to grow significantly in the next several years, which will assist us in accelerating a return to profitability. Over the past year, we have taken steps to broaden and deepen our local management teams in these markets, and we have compiled a significant pipeline of prospective new community transactions in all of our markets.

While it is possible that we could return to profitability without additional equity financing, we believe strengthening the balance sheet with additional capital will allow us to better participate in the emerging housing recovery. As such, we intend to use the proceeds of this offering, together with the proceeds from the concurrent offering of tangible equity units, if completed, to fund an expansion in our new home community count and for general corporate purposes, including the repayment of outstanding indebtedness. Please see Use of Proceeds.

#### **Third Quarter Results**

For our third fiscal quarter ended June 30, 2012, we expect to report significant year-over-year increases in net new home orders, home closings and backlog from continuing operations, representing our fourth consecutive quarter with year-over-year increases in such metrics. The expected changes in net new home orders, closings and backlog for the third quarter of fiscal 2012 compared to the same period in fiscal 2011 for each of our operating regions is set forth below:

#### Unit Data by Segment

	Quarter Ended June 30, New Orders, net Closings					Backlog			
	2012	2011	Change	2012	2011	Change	2012	2011	Change
West	730	447	63%	455	273	67%	1,064	637	67%
East	486	466	4%	382	311	23%	891	837	6%
Southeast	339	302	12%	272	207	31%	466	346	35%
Total	1,555	1,215	28%	1,109	791	40%	2,421	1,820	33%

We expect to report revenue for the third fiscal quarter ended June 30, 2012 of between \$250 million and \$260 million. Further, we expect to report an unrestricted cash balance as of June 30, 2012 of between \$220 million and \$240 million.

We are currently in the process of finalizing our consolidated financial results for our third fiscal quarter ended June 30, 2012, and therefore, our actual results for the third quarter are not yet available. The preliminary financial and operating data for the presented above quarter ended June 30, 2012 are subject to change pending finalization, and actual results could differ as we finalize such results.

#### **Concurrent Offering of Tangible Equity Units**

Concurrently with this offering, pursuant to a separate prospectus supplement, we are offering 3,000,000 % tangible equity units in an underwritten public offering (3,450,000 if the underwriters exercise their option to purchase additional tangible equity units in full). Assuming no exercise of the underwriters option with respect to the tangible equity units offering, we estimate that the net proceeds of the tangible equity units offering, after deducting the underwriting discount and estimated expenses, will be approximately \$72.3 million, although there can be no assurance that the tangible equity units offering will be completed.

Completion of this offering is not contingent on the completion of the tangible equity units offering and the completion of the tangible equity units offering is not contingent on the completion of this offering.

#### **Other Potential Refinancing Opportunities**

Subject to both market conditions and the successful completion of this offering and the concurrent offering of tangible equity units, we expect to pursue additional refinancing transactions designed to strengthen the Company s

balance sheet by reducing interest expense, extending debt maturities and improving our financial flexibility. These refinancings could include the issuance of secured or unsecured debt to repay, redeem or discharge existing debt. In connection with these refinancings, we intend to redeem all of our 12.0% senior secured notes due 2017 and 6.875% senior notes due 2015. Further, we may engage in selective repurchases or other transactions to reduce amounts outstanding of our unsecured debt.

We believe these transactions, if consummated, will provide us with additional financial flexibility as we strive to accelerate our return to sustainable profitability. Whether we pursue a particular refinancing alternative is subject to market and other conditions, and we can make no assurances that we will be able to complete any refinancing transaction on terms that are acceptable to us or at all.

#### Secured Revolving Credit Agreement

While we believe we possess sufficient liquidity to participate in a housing recovery, we are mindful of potential short-term, or seasonal, requirements for enhanced liquidity that may arise. As such, we have negotiated a commitment letter with four financial institutions for a proposed \$150 million secured revolving credit agreement, which would replace our existing credit facility. This commitment letter remains subject to certain conditions, including the successful completion of this offering and the concurrent offering of tangible equity units.

The proposed revolving credit facility is subject to certain conditions, including the negotiation, execution and delivery of definitive documentation and there having not occurred any event that would have a material adverse effect on our business or financial condition. As such, we can make no assurances that we will be able to complete the proposed credit facility on terms that are acceptable to us or at all.

#### Impact of Transactions on Use of our NOLs; NOL Protections to Remain in Place

In recent years, we have generated significant net operating losses and unrealized tax losses (collectively, NOLs). These NOLs generally may be carried forward for a 20-year period to offset future taxable income and reduce our federal income tax liability. In addition, we believe we have significant built-in losses in our assets (i.e. an excess tax basis over fair market value) that may result in tax losses as such assets are sold. Built-in losses, if and when recognized, generally will result in tax losses that may then be deducted or carried forward.

At March 31, 2012, our cumulative NOLs and our estimated built-in losses gave rise to a total deferred tax asset of \$480.1 million, net of certain deferred tax liabilities. All but \$6.1 million of these deferred tax assets were reduced by a valuation allowance required under GAAP and therefore do not currently contribute to book value. Until we generate taxable income, these NOLs are likely to become larger. Under GAAP, as long as a future ownership change under Section 382 of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended, does not occur, we will be able to remove all or a portion of the valuation allowance associated with these deferred tax assets upon achievement of sustained profitability.

Because we cannot predict when or to what extent we will return to profitability we have previously taken significant steps to protect our ability to utilize these tax assets in future years. We carefully monitor potential Section 382 ownership shifts. Prior to any impact from the proposed transactions, our rolling equity shift was approximately 19%, with 12% due to expire in May of 2013. If both of the common stock and concurrent tangible equity unit transactions are completed as currently contemplated in this prospectus supplement, we estimate that the Section 382 ownership shift will increase to approximately 32%.

In 2011, in order to preserve the tax benefits of our deferred tax assets, our shareholders approved the following two protective mechanisms, which are designed to prevent an unintentional Section 382 ownership shift:

an amendment to our certificate of incorporation that generally operates to prevent or cancel a transfer of our common stock if the effect would be to (i) increase the ownership of our common stock by any person from less than 4.95% to 4.95% or more; or (ii) increase the percentage of our common stock owned by a person owning 4.95% or more of our common stock; and

a rights agreement that is intended to act as a deterrent to any person desiring to acquire 4.95% or more of our common stock. Our Board of Directors expects to continue to use these deferred tax protections for the forseeable future. For more information regarding our NOL protections, please see Description of Capital Stock.

	The Offering
Common Stock Offered by Us	shares
Underwriters Option to Purchase Additional Shares from Us	shares (equal to 15% of the common stock offered by us)
Common Stock to be Outstanding After this Offering	shares
Use of proceeds	We expect to receive net proceeds from this offering of approximately \$70.8 million (or approximately \$81.4 million if the underwriters exercise their option to purchase additional shares in full), after deducting underwriting discounts and estimated transaction expenses payable by us. In addition, we expect that the net proceeds from the concurrent tangible equity units offering will be approximately \$72.3 million (or approximately \$83.2 million if the underwriters exercise their over-allotment option in full), after deducting underwriting discounts and estimated transaction expenses payable by us, although we may, in our discretion, increase or decrease the size of the tangible equity units offering. In addition, there can be no assurance that the tangible equity unit offering will be completed or what the terms of the tangible equity units will be.
	We intend to use the net proceeds from this offering, together with the net proceeds from the concurrent offering of tangible equity units, if completed, as growth capital, including for potential land investments of approximately \$100 million in Florida, California, Texas, North Carolina and Arizona, and for general corporate purposes, including the repayment of outstanding indebtedness. Pending the application of the net proceeds, we may invest the proceeds in short-term, interest bearing instruments and other investment-grade securities. See Use of Proceeds.
Listing	Our shares of common stock are listed on the New York Stock Exchange, or the NYSE, under the symbol BZH.
Risk Factors	An investment in our common stock involves various risks, and prospective investors should carefully consider the matters discussed under the caption entitled Risk Factors beginning on page S-10 of this prospectus supplement as well as the risk factors described in our Form 10-K for the year ended September 30, 2011, which are incorporated by reference herein.

The number of shares of common stock to be outstanding after this offering is based on 101,116,819 shares outstanding as of July 6, 2012, and excludes (i) 2,198,789 shares of common stock equivalents underlying awards outstanding as of July 6, 2012 granted under our incentive compensation plans, (ii) 2,043,876 shares of common stock issuable upon conversion of our  $7^{1}/2\%$  Mandatory Convertible Subordinated Notes due 2013 and (iii) 784,858 shares of common stock issuable upon conversion of our tangible equity unit prepaid stock purchase contracts related to our 7.25% tangible equity units. The number of shares of common stock to be outstanding

after this offering also does not include any shares of common stock issuable upon settlement of any tangible equity unit prepaid stock purchase contracts related to the concurrent offering of tangible equity units.

Unless otherwise indicated, all information in this prospectus supplement assumes no exercise of the underwriters option to purchase an additional shares of our common stock from us.

#### Summary Historical Consolidated Financial and Operating Data

Our summary historical consolidated financial and operating data set forth below as of and for each of the three years ended September 30, 2009, 2010 and 2011 and the six months ended March 31, 2011 and 2012 are derived from our audited consolidated financial statements and our unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements, respectively. These historical results are not necessarily indicative of the results to be expected in the future. You should also read our historical financial statements and related notes in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2011 and our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended March 31, 2012, as well as the sections in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2011 and our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended March 31, 2012 entitled Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations, which are incorporated herein by reference.

		iscal Year Ended September 30,		Six Month March	n 31,
(\$ in millions)	2009	2010	2011	2011 (unaud	2012 lited)
Statement of Operations Data(1):				(	,
Total revenue	\$ 962	\$ 991	\$ 742	\$ 235	\$ 380
Gross profit	16	84	48	10	42
Operating loss	(239)	(113)	(132)	(73)	(34)
Net (loss) from continuing operations	(173)	(30)	(200)	(102)	(37)
Operating Statistics:					
Number of new orders, net of cancellations	4,016	4,405	3,927	1,706	2,236
Units in backlog at end of period(2)	1,148	772	1,450	1,396	1,975
Number of closings(3)	4,152	4,421	3,249	1,082	1,711
Average sales price per home closed (in thousands)	\$ 230.9	\$ 222.1	\$ 219.4	\$ 213.0	\$ 220.0
Balance Sheet Data (end of period):					
Cash, cash equivalents, and restricted cash	\$ 557	\$ 576	\$ 647	\$ 453	\$ 534
Inventory	1,318	1,204	1,204	1,269	1,206
Total assets	2,029	1,903	1,977	1,853	1,858
Total debt	1,509	1,212	1,489	1,287	1,434
Stockholders equity	197	397	198	296	218
Supplemental Financial Data:					
Cash provided by/(used in):					
Operating activities	\$ 94	\$ 70	\$ (179)	\$ (187)	\$ (80)
Investing activities	(80)	(6)	(260)	(38)	(13)
Financing activities	(91)	(34)	273	70	(20)
EBIT(4)	(57)	(38)	(80)	(51)	(13)
Adjusted EBITDA(4)	108	60	(28)	(24)	
Interest incurred(5)	133	127	131	65	65
EBIT/interest incurred(4)(5)	(0.4)x	(0.3)x	(0.6)x	(0.8)x	(0.2)x
Adjusted EBITDA/interest incurred(4)(5)	0.8x	0.5x	(0.2)x	(0.4)x	0.0x
Ratio of earnings to fixed charges(6)					

<sup>(1)</sup> Statement of operations data is from continuing operations. Gross profit includes inventory impairments and lot options abandonments of \$93.6 million, \$50 million, \$32.5 million, \$18.5 million and \$4.7 million for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2009, 2010 and 2011 and for the six months ended March 31, 2011 and 2012, respectively. Gross profit also includes warranty recoveries of \$8.5 million, \$4.9 million and \$1.4 million for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2009, 2010 and 2011 and \$1.4 million for the six months ended March 31, 2011 and 2012, respectively. Operating loss also includes goodwill

impairments of \$16.1 million for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2009. Loss from continuing operations includes a gain (loss) on extinguishment of debt of \$144.5 million, \$43.9 million, \$(2.9) million, \$(3.0) million and \$(2.7) million for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2009, 2010 and 2011 and for the six months ended March 31, 2011 and 2012, respectively. The aforementioned charges were primarily related to the deterioration of the homebuilding environment over the past few years.

- (2) A home is included in backlog after a sales contract is executed and prior to the transfer of title to the purchaser. Because the closings of pending sales contracts are subject to contingencies, it is possible that homes in backlog will not result in closings.
- (3) A home is included in closings when title is transferred to the buyer. Revenue and cost of sales for a house are generally recognized at the date of closing.
- (4) We have provided EBIT and Adjusted EBITDA information in this prospectus supplement because we believe they provide investors with additional information to measure our operational performance and evaluate our ability to service our indebtedness. EBIT (earnings before interest and taxes) equals net income (loss) before (a) previously capitalized interest amortized to home construction and land sales expenses and interest expense and (b) income taxes. Adjusted EBITDA (earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, amortization, and impairments) is calculated by adding non-cash charges, including depreciation, amortization, and inventory impairment and abandonment charges, goodwill impairments and joint venture impairment charges for the period to EBIT. EBIT and Adjusted EBITDA are not GAAP financial measures. EBIT and Adjusted EBITDA should not be considered alternatives to net income determined in accordance with GAAP as an indicator of operating performance, nor as an alternative to cash flows from operating activities determined in accordance with GAAP as a measure of liquidity. Because some analysts and companies may not calculate EBIT and Adjusted EBITDA in the same manner as us, the EBIT and Adjusted EBITDA information presented herein may not be comparable to similar presentations by others. EBIT and Adjusted EBITDA have limitations as analytical tools, and you should not consider them in isolation, or as a substitute for analysis of our results as reported under U.S. GAAP. Some of the limitations are:

EBIT and Adjusted EBITDA do not reflect our cash expenditures, or future requirements for capital expenditures or contractual commitments;

EBIT and Adjusted EBITDA do not reflect changes in, or cash requirements for, our working capital needs;

EBIT and Adjusted EBITDA do not reflect the significant interest expense, or the cash requirements necessary to service interest or principal payments on our debt;

EBIT and Adjusted EBITDA do not reflect our tax expense or the cash requirements to pay our taxes; and

although depreciation and amortization are non-cash charges, the assets being depreciated and amortized will often have to be replaced in the future, Adjusted EBITDA does not reflect any cash requirements for such replacements.

Because of these limitations, EBIT and Adjusted EBITDA should not be considered as measures of discretionary cash available to us to invest in the growth of our business. We compensate for these limitations by relying primarily on our U.S. GAAP results and using EBIT and Adjusted EBITDA only supplementally. We further believe that our presentation of these U.S. GAAP and non-GAAP financial measurements provide information that is useful to analysts and investors because they are important indicators of the strength of our operations and the performance of our core business.

The magnitude and volatility of non-cash inventory impairment and abandonment charges, goodwill impairments and joint venture impairment charges for the Company, and for other home builders, have been significant in recent periods and as such have made financial analysis of our industry more difficult. Adjusted EBITDA, and other similar presentations by analysts and other companies, is frequently used to assist investors in understanding and comparing the operating characteristics of home building activities by

eliminating many of the differences in companies respective capitalization, tax position and level of impairments. Management believes this non-GAAP measure aids investors understanding of the cash implications of our operating performance and our ability to service our debt obligations as they currently exist and as additional indebtedness may be incurred in the future. The measure is also useful internally, helping management compare operating results and as a measure of the level of cash which may be available for discretionary spending.

A reconciliation of Adjusted EBITDA and EBIT to net loss, the most directly comparable GAAP measure, is provided below for each period presented (*in millions*):

	Year Ended September 30,			Six Months Ended March 31,	
	2009	2010	2011	2011	2012
Net loss	\$ (189)	\$ (34)	\$ (205)	\$ (103)	\$ (39)
(Benefit) provision for income taxes	(9)	(133)	3	(3)	(37)
Interest amortized to home construction and land sales expenses and capitalized interest					
impaired	58	55	48	17	25
Interest expense not qualified for capitalization	83	74	74	38	38
EBIT	(57)	(38)	(80)	(51)	(13)
Depreciation and amortization and stock compensation amortization	31	25	18	9	8
Inventory impairments and option contract abandonments*	104	49	33	17	5
Goodwill impairments	16				
Joint venture impairment and abandonment charges	14	24	1	1	
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 108	\$ 60	\$ (28)	\$ (24)	\$

\* Inventory impairments and abandonments above exclude impairment of capitalized interest which is included in interest expense in the reconciliation of net loss to EBIT and Adjusted EBITDA.

(5) Interest incurred is expensed or, if qualified, capitalized to inventory and subsequently amortized to cost of sales as homes sales are closed.

(6) Earnings consist of (i) income (loss) before income taxes, (ii) amortization of previously capitalized interest and (iii) fixed charges, exclusive of capitalized interest cost. Fixed charges consist of (i) interest incurred, (ii) amortization of deferred loan costs and debt discount and (iii) that portion of operating lease rental expense (33%) deemed to be representative of interest. Earnings for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2009, 2010 and 2011 and for the six months ended March 31, 2011 and 2012 were insufficient to cover fixed charges by \$37 million, \$16 million, \$71 million, \$49 million and \$9 million, respectively.

#### **RISK FACTORS**

An investment in our common stock involves material risks. You should carefully consider the risks discussed below and those incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement, as well as the other information contained in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, before deciding to invest in our common stock. You should also consider the risks, uncertainties and assumptions discussed under the caption Risk Factors included in our most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K which is incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement, as updated by our subsequent filings under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. The occurrence of any of these risks might cause you to lose all or part of your investment in the offered securities. See also Forward-Looking Statements.

#### **Risks Related to Ownership of our Common Stock**

#### Our stock price is volatile and could further decline.

The securities markets in general and our common stock in particular have experienced significant price and volume volatility over the past two years. The market price and volume of our common stock may continue to experience significant fluctuations due not only to general stock market conditions but also to a change in sentiment in the market regarding the home building industry, or our operations or business prospects. In addition to the other risk factors discussed in this section, the price and volume volatility of our common stock may be affected by:

operating results that vary from the expectations of securities analysts and investors;

factors influencing home purchases, such as availability of home mortgage loans and interest rates, credit criteria applicable to prospective borrowers, ability to sell existing residences, and homebuyer sentiment in general;

the operating and securities price performance of companies that investors consider comparable to us;

announcements of strategic developments, acquisitions and other material events by us or our competitors; and

changes in global financial markets and global economies and general market conditions, such as interest rates, commodity and equity prices and the value of financial assets.

These risks could be further magnified by the large number of shares sold in this offering and the size of the tangible equity unit offering. To the extent that the price of our common stock remains low or declines, our ability to raise funds through the issuance of equity or otherwise use our common stock as consideration will be reduced. This, in turn, may adversely impact our ability to reduce our financial leverage, as measured by the ratio of debt to total capital. As of March 31, 2012, our financial leverage was 87%. Continued high levels of leverage or further increases may adversely affect our credit ratings and make it more difficult for us to access additional capital. These factors may limit our ability to implement our operating and growth plans.

# Future sales of our common stock, preferred stock or securities convertible into common stock or preferred stock in the public market could adversely affect the trading price of our common stock and our ability to raise funds in new stock offerings.

Sales of substantial numbers of additional shares of common stock, preferred stock or securities convertible into common stock or preferred stock, or the perception that such sales could occur, may have a harmful effect on prevailing market prices for our common stock and our ability to raise additional capital in the financial markets at a time and price favorable to us. We may issue equity securities in the future for a number of reasons, including to finance our operations and business strategy, to adjust our ratio of debt to equity, to satisfy our obligations upon exercise of outstanding options or for other reasons, including upon settlement of the purchase

contracts presently outstanding or to be issued in the concurrent tangible equity units offering. We cannot predict the effect that future sales of our common stock or preferred stock would have on the market price of our common stock.

#### We do not intend to pay cash dividends on our common stock in the foreseeable future.

We do not anticipate paying cash dividends on our common stock in the foreseeable future. Any payment of cash dividends will depend upon our financial condition, results of operations, capital requirements, earnings and other factors deemed relevant by our board of directors. Effective November 2, 2007, our board of directors suspended payment of quarterly dividends. The board concluded that suspending dividends, which will allow us to conserve approximately \$16 million of cash annually, was a prudent effort in light of the continued deterioration in the housing market. In addition, the indentures under which our senior notes were issued contain certain restrictive covenants, including limitations on payment of dividends. At March 31, 2012, under the most restrictive covenants of each indenture, none of our retained earnings was available for cash dividends. Hence, there were no dividends paid in the first nine months of fiscal 2012 or in fiscal 2011. The agreements governing our current and future indebtedness may not permit us to pay dividends on our common stock in the foreseeable future.

## Provisions in our certificate of incorporation and bylaws, the agreements governing our indebtedness, our rights plan and Delaware law may discourage a takeover attempt even if doing so might be beneficial to our stockholders.

Provisions contained in our restated certificate of incorporation and bylaws could impose impediments to the ability of a third party to acquire us even if a change of control would be beneficial to you. Provisions of our certificate of incorporation and bylaws impose various procedural and other requirements, which could make it more difficult for stockholders to effect certain corporate actions. For example, our certificate of incorporation authorizes our board of directors to determine the rights, preferences, privileges and restrictions of unissued series of preferred stock, without any vote or action by our stockholders. Thus, our board of directors can authorize and issue shares of preferred stock with voting or conversion rights that could adversely affect the voting or other rights of holders of our common stock. In addition, provisions of our rights agreement could have certain anti-takeover effects because the rights provided to holders of our Common Stock under the rights agreement will cause substantial dilution to a person or group that acquires our Common Stock or engages in other specified events without the rights under the agreement having been redeemed or in the event of an exchange of the rights for Common Stock as permitted under the agreement. We are also subject to provisions of Delaware law that prohibit us from engaging in any business combination with any interested stockholder, meaning, generally, that a stockholder who beneficially owns more than 15% of our stock cannot acquire us for a period of three years from the date this person became an interested stockholder unless various conditions are met, such as approval of the transaction by our board of directors. These provisions may have the effect of delaying or deterring a change of control of our Company, and could limit the price that certain investors might be willing to pay in the future for shares of our common stock. See

# The tax benefits of our net operating loss carryforwards and any future recognized built-in losses in our assets will be substantially limited if we experience an ownership change as defined in Section 382 of the Internal Revenue Code, and as a result of this offering and the concurrent tangible equity unit offering, we have moved closer to experiencing an ownership change under Section 382.

Based on recent impairments and our current financial performance, over the past few years we have generated and are currently carrying forward certain net operating losses and could possibly generate additional net operating losses in future years. In addition, we believe we have significant built-in losses in our assets (*i.e.* an excess tax basis over current fair market value) that may result in tax losses as such assets are sold. Net operating losses generally may be carried forward for a 20-year period to offset future taxable income and reduce

our federal income tax liability. Built-in losses, if and when recognized, generally will result in tax losses that may then be deducted or carried forward. However, if we experience an ownership change under Section 382 of the Internal Revenue Code, our ability to realize these tax benefits may be significantly limited.

Section 382 contains rules that limit the ability of a company that undergoes an ownership change, which is generally defined as any change in ownership of more than 50% of its common stock over a three-year period, to utilize its net operating loss carryforwards and certain built-in losses or deductions, as of the ownership change date, that are recognized during the five-year period after the ownership change. These rules generally operate by focusing on changes in the ownership among shareholders owning, directly or indirectly, 5% or more of the company s common stock (including changes involving a shareholder becoming a 5% shareholder) or any change in ownership arising from a new issuance of stock or share repurchases by the company.

As a result of this offering and the concurrent tangible equity unit offering, we have moved closer to experiencing an ownership change for purposes of Section 382. Prior to any impact from this offering and the concurrent tangible equity unit offering, our rolling equity shift was approximately 19%, with 12% due to expire in May of 2013. If both this offering and the concurrent tangible equity unit offering are completed, we estimate that the Section 382 ownership shift will increase to approximately 32%. If future issuances of stock or share repurchases by us were to result in an ownership change for purposes of Section 382, our ability to use certain of our net operating loss carryforwards and recognize certain built-in losses or deductions would be limited by Section 382. Based on the resulting limitation, a significant portion of our net operating loss carryforwards and any future recognized built-in losses or deductions could expire before we would be able to use them. Our inability to utilize our net operating loss carryforwards and any future recognized built-in losses or deductions could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

# Non-U.S. Holders who own, or in certain cases have owned, directly or constructively, more than 5% of our common stock ownership threshold will generally be subject to U.S. federal income tax on gain realized on the disposition of such stock.

Because we have significant U.S. real estate holdings, we believe that we may currently be or become a United States real property holding corporation (USRPHC) for U.S. federal income tax purposes. As a result, a non-U.S. Holder (as defined in Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations Non-U.S. Holders) will generally be subject to U.S. federal income tax on gain realized on a sale or other disposition of our common stock if such non-U.S. Holder has owned, actually or constructively, more than 5% of our common stock at any time during the shorter of (a) the five-year period ending on the date of disposition and (b) the non-U.S. Holder s holding period in such stock. Non-U.S. Holders who may own, or may have owned, directly or constructively, more than 5% of our common stock should consult their own U.S. income tax advisors concerning the consequences of disposing of such stock.

#### FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

We have made statements in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and in the documents incorporated by reference herein that are not historical in nature and constitute forward-looking statements. These statements generally are accompanied by words such as intend, anticipate, believe, estimate, project, target, plan, expect, will, should, would or similar statements. You are cautioned not to on forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date thereof. Such statements are based on current expectations and assumptions, are inherently uncertain, are subject to risks and should be viewed with caution. Actual results could differ materially from those expressed or implied in the forward-looking statements. Important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those suggested by the forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to:

the final outcome of various putative class action lawsuits, multi-party suits and similar proceedings as well as the results of any other litigation or government proceedings and fulfillment of the obligations in the deferred prosecution agreement and consent orders with governmental authorities and other settlement agreements;

additional asset impairment charges or writedowns;

economic changes nationally or in local markets, including changes in consumer confidence, declines in employment levels, volatility of mortgage interest rates and inflation;

the effect of changes in lending guidelines and regulations;

a slower economic rebound than anticipated, coupled with persistently high unemployment and additional foreclosures;

continued or increased downturn in the homebuilding industry;

estimates related to homes to be delivered in the future (backlog) are imprecise as they are subject to various cancellation risks which cannot be fully controlled;

continued or increased disruption in the availability of mortgage financing or number of foreclosures in the market;

our cost of and ability to access capital and otherwise meet our ongoing liquidity needs including the impact of any downgrades of our credit ratings or reductions in our tangible net worth or liquidity levels;

potential inability to comply with covenants in our debt agreements or satisfy such obligations through repayment or refinancing;

increased competition or delays in reacting to changing consumer preference in home design;

shortages of or increased prices for labor, land or raw materials used in housing production;

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factors affecting margins such as decreased land values underlying land option agreements, increased land development costs on communities under development or delays or difficulties in implementing initiatives to reduce production and overhead cost structure;

the performance of our joint ventures and our joint venture partners;

the impact of construction defect and home warranty claims including those related to possible installation of drywall imported from China;

the cost and availability of insurance and surety bonds;

delays in land development or home construction resulting from adverse weather conditions;

potential delays or increased costs in obtaining necessary permits as a result of changes to, or complying with, laws, regulations, or governmental policies and possible penalties for failure to comply with such laws, regulations and governmental policies;

potential exposure related to additional repurchase claims on mortgages and loans originated by Beazer Mortgage Corporation;

estimates related to the potential recoverability of our deferred tax assets;

effects of changes in accounting policies, standards, guidelines or principles;

terrorist acts, acts of war and other factors over which the Company has little or no control; and

those matters listed in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended September 30, 2011. It is not possible to foresee or identify all such factors. We undertake no obligation to revise or update any forward-looking statement or disclose any facts, events or circumstances that occur after the date hereof that may affect the accuracy of any forward-looking statement.

#### **USE OF PROCEEDS**

We expect to receive net proceeds from this offering of approximately \$70.8 million (or approximately \$81.4 million if the underwriters exercise their option to purchase additional shares in full), after deducting underwriting discounts and estimated transaction expenses payable by us. In addition, we expect that the net proceeds from the concurrent tangible equity units offering will be approximately \$72.3 million (or approximately \$83.2 million if the underwriters exercise their over-allotment option in full), after deducting underwriting discounts and estimated transaction expenses payable by us, although we may, in our discretion, increase or decrease the size of the tangible equity units offering. In addition, there can be no assurance that the offering of tangible equity units will be completed or what the terms of the tangible equity units will be.

We intend to use the net proceeds from this offering, together with the net proceeds from the concurrent offering of tangible equity units, if completed, as growth capital, including for potential land investments of approximately \$100 million in Florida, California, Texas, North Carolina and Arizona, and for general corporate purposes, including the repayment of outstanding indebtedness. Pending the application of the net proceeds, we may invest the proceeds in short-term, interest bearing instruments and other investment-grade securities.

#### CAPITALIZATION

The following table sets forth our cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash and our capitalization as of March 31, 2012 on an actual basis. This information has not been adjusted to give effect to the sale of the common stock offered hereby, the use of proceeds therefrom as described under Use of Proceeds or to give further effect to the tangible equity units offering and the use of proceeds therefrom as described under Use of Proceeds. This table should be read in conjunction with our historical financial statements and related notes in our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2012, as well as the section therein entitled Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations, which are incorporated herein by reference.

	March 31, 2012 n thousands)
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 257,028
Restricted cash	277,395
Total cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash	\$ 534,423
Debt:	
Revolving credit facility	\$
Cash-secured facilities	247,368
Senior notes	
6 <sup>7</sup> /8% Senior notes due 2015	172,454
8 <sup>1</sup> /8% Senior notes due 2016	172,879
12% Senior secured notes due 2017	250,000
9 <sup>1</sup> /8% Senior notes due 2018	300,000
9 <sup>1</sup> /8% Senior notes due 2019	250,000
Senior amortizing notes due 2013	467
Subordinated notes	
7 <sup>1</sup> /2% Mandatory convertible subordinated notes due 2013	9,402
Junior subordinated notes	50,570
Other secured notes payable	1,755
Unamortized debt discounts	(21,313)
Total debt, net	\$ 1,433,582
Stockholders equity:	
Common stock, authorized shares, 180,000,000 at \$.001 par value; 101,196,954 outstanding shares	\$ 101
Paid-in capital	683,920
Accumulated deficit	(465,655)
Total stockholders equity	\$ 218,366
Total capitalization	\$ 1,651,948

#### DILUTION

If you purchase our shares in this offering, your interest will be diluted to the extent of the difference between the public offering price per share and the net tangible book value per share of our common stock after this offering. We calculate net tangible book value per share by dividing the net tangible book value, tangible assets less total liabilities, by the number of outstanding shares of our common stock.

Our net tangible book value (unaudited) at March 31, 2012, was \$218.4 million or \$2.16 per share, based on 101,196,954 shares of our common stock outstanding as of March 31, 2012. After giving effect to the sale of an assumed 22,123,894 shares of common stock by us at an assumed public offering price of \$3.39 per share, which was the last reported sale price of our common stock on the NYSE on July 6, 2012, after deducting underwriting discounts and commissions and estimated offering expenses payable by us, our as adjusted net tangible book value (unaudited) at March 31, 2012, would have been approximately \$289.1 million, or \$2.34 per share. This represents an immediate increase in the net tangible book value of \$0.18 per share to existing stockholders and an immediate dilution of \$1.05 per share to investors in this offering. The following table illustrates this per share dilution:

Assumed public offering price per share		\$ 3.39
Net tangible book value per share as of March 31, 2012 (unaudited)	2.16	
Increase in net tangible book value per share after this offering	0.18	
As adjusted net tangible book value per share		2.34
Dilution per share to new investors		\$1.05

The number of shares of common stock outstanding excludes (i) 2,290,863 shares of common stock equivalents underlying awards outstanding as of March 31, 2012; (ii) 2,043,876 shares of common stock issuable upon conversion of our 71/2% Mandatory Convertible Subordinated Notes due 2013; and (iii) 784,858 shares of common stock issuable upon conversion of our tangible equity unit prepaid stock purchase contracts related to our 7.25% tangible equity units.

The assumed number of shares sold by us set forth above is based upon the \$75 million offering amount set forth on the cover page of this prospectus.

#### PRICE RANGE OF COMMON STOCK; DIVIDEND POLICY

Our common stock is listed on the NYSE under the symbol BZH. The following table sets forth the high and low sales prices for transactions involving our common stock during each fiscal quarter indicated, as reported on the NYSE. No dividends were declared on our common stock during such quarters.

	High	Low
Fiscal 2012		
First Quarter	\$ 2.59	\$ 1.35
Second Quarter	3.98	2.46
Third Quarter	3.33	2.26
Fourth Quarter (through July 6, 2012)	3.46	3.21
Fiscal 2011		
First Quarter	\$ 5.67	\$ 3.88
Second Quarter	6.23	4.13
Third Quarter	4.79	2.99
Fourth Quarter	3.68	1.48
Fiscal 2010		
First Quarter	\$ 6.06	\$ 3.90
Second Quarter	5.44	3.83
Third Quarter	7.08	3.61
Fourth Quarter	4.69	3.10

On July 6, 2012, the last reported sale price of our common stock on the NYSE was \$3.39 per share. As of July 6, 2012, our common stock was held of record by approximately 235 holders.

We do not anticipate paying cash dividends on our common stock in the foreseeable future. Any payment of cash dividends will depend upon our financial condition, results of operations, capital requirements, earnings and other factors deemed relevant by our board of directors. Effective November 2, 2007, our board of directors suspended payment of quarterly dividends. In addition, the indentures under which our senior notes were issued contain certain restrictive covenants, including limitations on payment of dividends. At March 31, 2012, under the most restrictive covenants of each indenture, none of our retained earnings was available for cash dividends. Hence, there were no dividends paid in the first six months of fiscal 2012 or in fiscal 2011. The agreements governing our current and future indebtedness may not permit us to pay dividends on our common stock in the foreseeable future.

#### MATERIAL U.S. FEDERAL INCOME TAX CONSIDERATIONS

The following is a summary of the material U.S. federal income tax consequences regarding the ownership and disposition of our common stock purchased in this offering. This summary applies to you only if you hold such common stock as a capital asset within the meaning of Section 1221 of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, which we refer to as the Code (generally, property held for investment). This summary is based upon the Code , regulations promulgated under the Code, and administrative rulings and judicial decisions related thereto. Changes in the laws may alter the tax treatment of the ownership and disposition of our common stock, possibly with retroactive effect.

This summary is general in nature and is not a complete analysis of all of the potential U.S. federal income tax consequences relating to the ownership and disposition of our common stock, nor does it address the effects of any state or local taxes, estate or gift taxes, or the tax consequences in jurisdictions other than the United States. In addition, it does not address all tax consequences that may be relevant to you in your particular circumstances, nor does it apply to you if you are a holder with a special status, including, without limitation:

a broker, dealer or trader in securities or currencies;

a bank, mutual fund, life insurance company or other financial institution;

a tax-exempt organization;

a qualified retirement plan or individual retirement account;

a person that holds our common stock as part of a straddle, hedge, constructive sale, risk reduction, or other integrated transaction for tax purposes;

a partnership, S corporation or other pass-through entity;

an investor in a partnership, S corporation or other pass-through entity;

U.S. expatriates;

persons that own, or are deemed to own, more than five percent (5%) of our outstanding common stock;

persons who hold or receive our common stock pursuant to the exercise of any employee stock option or otherwise as compensation;

a U.S. Holder (as defined below) whose functional currency for tax purposes is not the U.S. dollar;

a person liable for alternative minimum tax; or

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a passive foreign investment company, a controlled foreign corporation, or a corporation that accumulates earnings to avoid U.S. federal income tax.

If a partnership (including for this purpose any entity treated as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes) holds our common stock, the tax treatment of a partner will generally depend upon the status of the partner and upon the activities of the partnership. A partner of a partnership that owns or may acquire our common stock should consult the partner s tax advisor regarding the specific tax consequences of the acquisition and ownership of our common stock.

# YOU SHOULD CONSULT YOUR OWN ADVISOR REGARDING THE TAX CONSEQUENCES OF THE OWNERSHIP AND DISPOSITION OF OUR COMMON STOCK IN LIGHT OF YOUR PARTICULAR CIRCUMSTANCES.

#### **U.S. Holders**

The following discussion applies to you if you are a U.S. Holder. For purposes of this discussion, a U.S. Holder means a beneficial owner of a share of our common stock that is, for U.S. federal income tax purposes:

an individual citizen or resident of the United States;

a corporation (or any other entity treated as a corporation) created or organized in or under the laws of the United States or any political subdivision thereof;

an estate the income of which is subject to U.S. federal income taxation regardless of its source; or

a trust (1) that validly elects to be treated as a U.S. person for U.S. federal income tax purposes, or (2) the administration over which a U.S. court can exercise primary supervision and all of the substantial decisions of which one or more U.S. persons have the authority to control.

#### Distributions

We do not expect to make cash distributions on our common stock in the foreseeable future. The gross amount of distributions, if any, paid by us on our common stock, other than certain pro rata distributions of shares of common stock, generally would be treated as dividend income to the extent paid out of current or accumulated earnings and profits. A distribution on our stock in excess of current and accumulated earnings and profits will be treated as a tax-free return of capital to the extent of the U.S. Holder s adjusted basis in such stock, and any additional excess will be capital gain. See *Gain on Sale or Other Disposition of Common Stock*, immediately below.

Dividends received by non-corporate U.S. Holders in tax years beginning prior to 2013 will be eligible to be taxed at reduced rates if the U.S. Holders meet certain holding period and other applicable requirements. Dividends received by corporate U.S. Holders will be eligible for the dividends-received deduction if the U.S. Holders meet certain holding period and other applicable requirements.

#### Gain on Sale or Other Disposition of Common Stock

If you sell or otherwise dispose of our common stock (or are deemed to have sold or disposed of our common stock) in a taxable disposition:

you will recognize gain or loss equal to the difference (if any) between the amount realized on such sale or other taxable disposition and your adjusted tax basis in such common stock; and

any gain or loss will be capital gain or loss and will be long-term capital gain or loss if your holding period for the common stock sold is more than one year at the time of such sale or other taxable disposition or short term gain or loss if your holding period for the common stock sold is one year or less at the time of such sale or other taxable disposition.

Long-term capital gains of noncorporate taxpayers, including individuals, are generally subject to U.S. federal income tax at reduced rates. Short-term capital gains are taxed at ordinary income rates. The deductibility of capital losses is subject to limitations.

#### Additional tax on investment income

Legislation enacted in 2010 imposes a 3.8% tax on certain types of investment income, including capital gains, dividends and interest. The tax applies to non-corporate U.S. Holders meeting certain income thresholds for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2012. Prospective U.S. Holders should consult their own tax advisors regarding this additional tax.

#### Non-U.S. Holders

The following summary applies to you if you are a non-U.S. Holder of our common stock. A non-U.S. Holder is a beneficial owner of a share of our common stock that is not a U.S. Holder and not a partnership (or other entity treated as a partnership) for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

#### Distributions

We do not expect to make cash distributions on our common stock in the foreseeable future. The gross amount of distributions, if any, paid by us on our common stock other than certain pro rata distributions of shares of common stock, generally would be treated as dividend income to the extent paid out of current or accumulated earnings and profits. A distribution on our stock in excess of current and accumulated earnings and profits will be treated as a tax-free return of capital to the extent of the non-U.S. Holder s adjusted basis in such stock, and any additional excess will generally be subject to U.S. federal income tax in the manner described in *Gain on Sale or Other Disposition of Common Stock*, immediately below. The portion of any distribution to a Non-U.S. Holder that is treated as a dividend will generally be subject to U.S. federal withholding tax at a 30% rate or such lower rate as may be specified by an applicable income tax treaty. However, dividends that are effectively connected with the conduct of a trade or business by the non-U.S. Holder within the United States and, if required by an applicable income tax treaty, are attributable to a permanent establishment maintained by the non-U.S. Holder in the United States, are not subject to U.S. federal income tax on a net income basis in the same manner as if the non-U.S. Holder were a United States person as defined under the Code, unless an applicable income tax treaty provides otherwise. Any such effectively connected dividends received by a foreign corporation may be subject to an additional branch profits tax at a 30% rate or such lower rate as may be specified by an applicable income tax treaty.

To claim the benefit of an applicable treaty rate or to claim exemption from withholding because the income is effectively connected with the conduct of a trade or business in the United States, a non-U.S. Holder must provide a properly executed Internal Revenue Service Form W-8BEN for treaty benefits or Form W-8ECI for effectively connected income, or such successor forms as the Internal Revenue Service designates, prior to the payment of dividends. Special certification and other requirements apply to certain non-U.S. Holders that are pass-through entities rather than corporations or individuals.

A non-U.S. Holder of our common stock eligible for a reduced rate of U.S. withholding tax pursuant to an income tax treaty may obtain a refund of any excess amounts withheld by filing an appropriate and timely claim for refund with the Internal Revenue Service.

#### Gain on Sale or Other Disposition of Common Stock

Subject to the discussion below under Future Withholding Tax on Certain Dividends and Sales Proceeds, any gain realized on the disposition of our common stock will generally not be subject to U.S. federal income tax unless:

the gain is effectively connected with a trade or business of the non-U.S. Holder in the United States (and, if required by an applicable income tax treaty, is attributable to a U.S. permanent establishment of the non-U.S. Holder);

the non-U.S. Holder is a nonresident alien individual who is present in the United States for 183 days or more in the taxable year of that disposition, and certain other conditions are met; or

we are or have been a United States real property holding corporation, or USRPHC, for U.S. federal income tax purposes (i.e., a domestic corporation if the fair market value of its United States real property interests equals or exceeds 50% of the fair market value its trade or business and real property assets).

A non-U.S. Holder described in the first bullet point immediately above will be subject to tax on the net gain derived from the sale as if the non-U.S. Holder were a United States person as defined under the Code, unless an applicable income tax treaty provides otherwise. An individual non-U.S. Holder described in the second bullet point immediately above will be subject to a flat 30% tax on the gain derived from the sale (or such lower rate specified by an applicable income tax treaty), which may be offset by United States source capital losses, even though the individual is not considered a resident of the United States. If a non-U.S. Holder that is a foreign corporation falls under the first bullet point immediately above, it will be subject to tax on its net gain in the same manner as if it were a United States person as defined under the Code and, in addition, may be subject to the branch profits tax equal to 30% of its effectively connected earnings and profits or at such lower rate as may be specified by an applicable income tax treaty.

With respect to the third bullet point above, because we have significant U.S. real estate holdings, we believe that we may currently be or become a USRPHC. As a result, certain non-U.S. Holders may be subject to U.S. federal income tax on gain realized on a sale or other disposition of the common stock. However, so long as our common stock is regularly traded on an established securities market, within the meaning of applicable Treasury Regulations, a non-U.S. Holder will not recognize taxable gain on a sale of our common stock under the third bullet point above unless the non-U.S. Holder actually or constructively owns more than 5% of our common stock at any time during the five-year period ending on the date of disposition or, if shorter, the non-U.S. Holder sholding period for the common stock.

#### Information reporting and backup withholding

Dividend payments made with respect to shares of our common stock and proceeds from the sale, exchange or other disposition of shares of our common stock may be subject to information reporting requirements, and to possible U.S. backup withholding (currently at a rate of 28%).

In general, backup withholding will apply with respect to reportable payments made to a U.S. Holder unless (i) the U.S. Holder is a corporation or other exempt recipient and, if required, demonstrates such exemption, or (ii) the U.S. Holder furnishes the payor with a taxpayer identification number on IRS Form W-9 in the manner required, certifies under penalty of perjury that such U.S. Holder is not currently subject to backup withholding and otherwise complies with the backup withholding requirements.

We must report annually to the IRS and to each non-U.S. Holder the amount of distributions on our common stock paid to such holder and the amount, if any, of tax withheld with respect to those distributions. These information reporting requirements will apply in certain circumstances even if no withholding is required, such as where the distributions are effectively connected with the holder s conduct of a U.S. trade or business or withholding is reduced or eliminated by an applicable income tax treaty. This information also may be made available under a specific treaty or agreement with the tax authorities in the country in which the non-U.S. Holder resides or is established. Backup withholding, however, generally will not apply to distributions to a non-U.S. Holder of our common stock provided the non-U.S. Holder furnishes to us or our paying agent the required certification as to its non-U.S. status, such as by providing a valid IRS Form W-8BEN or IRS Form W-8ECI, or certain other requirements are met. Notwithstanding the foregoing, backup withholding may apply if either we or our paying agent has actual knowledge, or reason to know, that the holder is a U.S. person that is not an exempt recipient.

The payment of proceeds of a sale of common stock effected by or through a U.S. office of a broker is subject to both backup withholding and information reporting unless the non-U.S. Holder provides the payor with such holder s name and address and certifies its non-U.S. status on IRS Form W-8BEN (or other applicable form) or otherwise establishes an exemption from such withholding. In general, backup withholding and information reporting will not apply to the payment of the proceeds of a sale of common stock by or through a foreign office of a broker. If, however, such broker has certain relationships to the United States, backup withholding will not apply but such payments nonetheless will be subject to information reporting, unless such

broker has documentary evidence in its records that the holder is a non-U.S. Holder and certain other conditions are met or the holder otherwise establishes an exemption.

Backup withholding is not an additional tax. Rather, the amount of any backup withholding imposed on a payment to a holder will be allowed as a refund or a credit against such holder s U.S. federal income tax liability, provided that the required information is timely furnished to the IRS.

#### Future withholding tax on certain dividends and sales proceeds

Legislation enacted in 2010 generally will impose a 30% withholding tax on any dividends paid on, or gross proceeds from the sale or other disposition of, our common stock paid to a foreign financial institution or to a non-financial foreign entity unless (i) the foreign financial institution agrees to verify, report and disclose its U.S. accountholders and meets certain other specified requirements; (ii) the non-financial foreign entity that is the beneficial owner of the payment certifies that it does not have any substantial United States owners or provides the name, address and taxpayer identification number of each substantial United States owner and such entity meets certain other specified requirements; or (iii) the foreign financial institution or non-financial foreign entity otherwise qualifies for an exemption from these rules.

Although these rules currently apply to applicable payments made after December 31, 2012, the IRS has issued Proposed Treasury Regulations providing that the withholding provisions described above will generally apply to payments of dividends made on or after January 1, 2014 and to payments of gross proceeds from a sale or other disposition of common stock on or after January 1, 2015. The Proposed Treasury Regulations described above will not be effective until they are issued in their final form, and as of the date of this prospectus supplement, it is not possible to determine whether the proposed regulations will be finalized in their current form or at all. Prospective investors should consult their tax advisors regarding these withholding provisions.

If payment of this withholding tax is made, holders of our common stock that are otherwise eligible for an exemption from, or reduction of, U.S. federal withholding taxes with respect to such dividends or proceeds will be required to seek a credit or refund from the IRS to obtain the benefit of such exemption or reduction. Holders should consult their own tax advisors regarding the potential consequences to them of this withholding tax.

#### CONCURRENT TANGIBLE EQUITY UNIT OFFERING

Concurrently with this offering, we are offering 3,000,000 tangible equity units (or a total of 3,450,000 tangible equity units if the underwriters therefor exercise their over-allotment option to purchase additional tangible equity units in full) pursuant to a separate prospectus supplement. We expect to raise approximately \$150.0 million in aggregate gross proceeds from this offering and the tangible equity unit offering (or approximately \$172.5 million if the underwriters exercise each of their options to purchase additional shares in full).

We cannot assure you that we will complete the tangible equity units offering. Completion of this offering is not contingent on the completion of the tangible equity units offering, and completion of the tangible equity units offering is not contingent on the completion of this offering.

The following description is a summary of the material provisions of the tangible equity units we are offering in the tangible equity units offering and the purchase contract agreement and indenture that will govern the tangible equity units. It does not purport to be complete. This summary is subject to and is qualified by reference to all the provisions of the purchase contract agreement and indenture, including the definitions of some terms used in such documents.

Each tangible equity unit is comprised of a prepaid stock purchase contract and a senior amortizing note due July 15, 2015 issued by Beazer Homes, which has an initial principal amount of \$ per amortizing note and a scheduled final installment payment date of July 15, 2015. Unless settled earlier, on July 15, 2015, each purchase contract will automatically settle and we will deliver a number of shares of our common stock based on the applicable market value, which is the average of the daily closing prices of the common stock on each of the 20 consecutive trading days ending on, and including, the third trading day immediately preceding July 15, 2015, as follows (subject to adjustment):

if the applicable market value equals or exceeds \$ per share, the purchase contract holder will receive shares;

if the applicable market value is greater than \$ per share but less than \$ per share, the purchase contract holder will receive a number of shares having a value, based on the applicable market value, equal to \$25.00; and

if the applicable market value is less than or equal to \$ per share, the purchase contract holder will receive shares. At any time prior to the third trading day immediately preceding July 15, 2015, the purchase contract holder may settle its purchase contract early, and we will deliver shares of our common stock. In addition, if a fundamental change (as defined in the purchase contract agreement) occurs and the purchase contract holder elects to settle its purchase contracts early in connection with such fundamental change, such holder will receive a number of shares of our common stock based on the fundamental change early settlement rate. We may elect to settle all outstanding purchase contracts prior to the July 15, 2015 settlement date at the early mandatory settlement rate, upon a date fixed by us upon not less than five business days notice. The aggregate number of shares of our common stock that will be delivered upon settlement of the stock purchase contracts will be between shares and shares. Except for cash in lieu of fractional shares, the purchase contract holders will not receive any cash distributions under the purchase contracts.

The amortizing notes will pay the holders equal quarterly installments of \$ (or, in the case of the installment payment due on October 15, 2012, \$ ) per amortizing note, which in the aggregate will be equivalent to a % cash payment per year with respect to each \$25.00 stated amount of stock purchase units. The amortizing notes will be our unsecured senior obligations and will rank equally with all of our other unsecured senior indebtedness. If we elect to settle the purchase contracts early, the purchase contract holders will have the right to require us to repurchase such holders amortizing notes, except in certain circumstances.

Each tangible equity unit may be separated into its constituent purchase contract and amortizing note after the initial issuance date of the tangible equity units, and the separate components may be combined to create a tangible equity unit.

This description and the other information in this prospectus supplement regarding the tangible equity units offering is included in this prospectus supplement solely for informational purposes. Nothing in this prospectus supplement should be construed as an offer to sell, or the solicitation of an offer to buy, the tangible equity units.

#### UNDERWRITING

Under the terms and subject to the conditions contained in an underwriting agreement dated 2012, we have agreed to sell to the several underwriters named below, for whom Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC and Goldman, Sachs & Co. are acting as representatives, the following respective numbers of shares of our common stock:

	Number
Underwriter	of Shares
Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC	
Goldman, Sachs & Co.	
Deutsche Bank Securities Inc.	
UBS Securities LLC	
KKR Capital Markets LLC	
Moelis & Company LLC	
Total	

The underwriting agreement provides that the underwriters are obligated to purchase all the shares of our common stock in the offering if any are purchased, other than those shares covered by the option to purchase additional shares described below. The underwriting agreement also provides that if an underwriter defaults, the purchase commitments of non-defaulting underwriters may be increased or the offering may be terminated.

We have granted to the underwriters a 30-day option to purchase on a pro rata basis up to additional shares (equal to 15% of the common stock offered by us) at the initial public offering price less the underwriting discounts and commissions.

The underwriters propose to offer the shares of common stock initially at the public offering price on the cover page of this prospectus supplement and to selling group members at that price less a selling concession of \$ per share. The underwriters and selling group members may allow a discount of \$ per share on sales to other broker/dealers. After the initial public offering, the representatives may change the public offering price and concession and discount to broker/dealers. The offering of the shares by the underwriters is subject to receipt and acceptance and subject to the underwriters right to reject any order in whole or in part.

The following table summarizes the underwriting discounts and commissions we will pay:

		Per Share		То	otal	
		Without With		Without With Without		ıt With
		Option	Option	Option	Option	
Underwriting Discounts and Commissions paid by us		\$	\$	\$	\$	

We estimate that our out of pocket expenses for this offering will be approximately \$500,000.

We and our officers and directors have agreed that, for a period of 90 days from the date of this prospectus supplement, we and they will not, without the prior written consent of the representatives, dispose of or hedge any shares or any securities convertible into or exchangeable for our common stock, subject to customary exceptions. The representatives in their sole discretion may release any of the securities subject to these lock-up agreements at any time without notice.

We have agreed to indemnify the several underwriters, and their respective controlling persons, against liabilities under the Securities Act, or contribute to payments that the underwriters may be required to make in that respect.

The shares of our common stock are listed on The New York Stock Exchange under the symbol BZH.

In connection with the offering the underwriters may engage in stabilizing transactions, short sale transactions, syndicate covering transactions and penalty bids.

Stabilizing transactions permit bids to purchase the underlying security so long as the stabilizing bids do not exceed a specified maximum.

Short sales involve sales by the underwriters of share in excess of the number of shares the underwriters are obligated to purchase, which creates a syndicate short position. The short position may be either a covered short position or a naked short position. A covered short position is a short position that is not greater than the amount of additional shares for which the underwriters option to purchase additional shares may be exercised. In a naked short position, the number of shares involved is greater than the number of shares in the option to purchase additional shares. The underwriters may close out any covered short position by either exercising their option to purchase additional shares and/or purchasing shares in the open market.

Syndicate covering transactions involve purchases of the common stock in the open market after the distribution has been completed in order to cover syndicate short positions. In determining the source of shares to close out the short position, the underwriters will consider, among other things, the price of shares available for purchase in the open market as compared to the price at which they may purchase shares through the option to purchase additional shares. If the underwriters sell more shares than could be covered by the option to purchase additional shares, an aked short position, the position can only be closed out by buying shares in the open market. A naked short position is more likely to be created if the underwriters are concerned that there could be downward pressure on the price of the shares in the open market after pricing that could adversely affect investors who purchase in the offering.

Penalty bids permit the representatives to reclaim a selling concession from a syndicate member when the common stock originally sold by the syndicate member is purchased in a stabilizing or syndicate covering transaction to cover syndicate short positions. These stabilizing transactions, syndicate covering transactions and penalty bids may have the effect of raising or maintaining the market price of our common stock or preventing or retarding a decline in the market price of our common stock. As a result the price of our common stock may be higher than the price that might otherwise exist in the open market. These transactions may be effected on The New York Stock Exchange or otherwise and, if commenced, may be discontinued at any time.

A prospectus in electronic format may be made available on the web sites maintained by one or more of the underwriters, or selling group members, if any, participating in this offering and one or more of the underwriters participating in this offering may distribute prospectuses electronically. The representatives may agree to allocate a number of shares to underwriters and selling group members for sale to their online brokerage account holders. Internet distributions will be allocated by the underwriters and selling group members that will make internet distributions on the same basis as other allocations.

The underwriters and their respective affiliates are full service financial institutions engaged in various activities, which may include sales and trading, commercial and investment banking, advisory, investment management, investment research, principal investment, hedging, market making, brokerage and other financial and non-financial activities and services. The underwriters have performed commercial banking, investment banking and advisory services for us from time to time for which they have received customary fees and reimbursement of expenses. Certain of the underwriters and their respective affiliates have provided, and may in the future provide, a variety of these services to the Company and to persons and entities with relationships with the Company, for which they received or will receive customary fees and expenses in the form of cash and/or securities. In the ordinary course of their various business activities, the underwriters and their respective affiliates, officers, directors and employees may purchase, sell or hold a broad array of investments and actively trade securities, derivatives, loans, commodities, currencies, credit default swaps and other financial instruments for their own account and for the accounts of their customers, and such investment and trading activities may

involve or relate to assets, securities and/or instruments of the issuer (directly, as collateral securing other obligations or otherwise) and/or persons and entities with relationships with the issuer. The underwriters and their respective affiliates may also communicate independent investment recommendations, market color or trading ideas and/or publish or express independent research views in respect of such assets, securities or instruments and may at any time hold, or recommend to clients that they should acquire, long and/or short positions in such assets, securities and instruments. In addition, affiliates of certain of the underwriters have entered into a commitment letter with the Company for a proposed \$150 million secured revolving credit facility, and affiliates of certain underwriters have acted and will continue to act as a placement agent in connection with the offering of common equity shares of an affiliate of the Company.

The underwriters in this offering are also underwriters in the tangible equity unit offering.

#### Notice to Prospective Investors in the European Economic Area

In relation to each member state of the European Economic Area that has implemented the Prospectus Directive (each, a relevant member state), with effect from and including the date on which the Prospectus Directive is implemented in that relevant member state (the relevant implementation date), an offer of shares of our common stock described in this prospectus supplement may not be made to the public in that relevant member state prior to the publication of a prospectus in relation to the shares that has been approved by the competent authority in that relevant member state or, where appropriate, approved in another relevant member state and notified to the competent authority in that relevant member state, all in accordance with the Prospectus Directive, except that, with effect from and including the relevant implementation date, an offer of securities may be offered to the public in that relevant member state at any time:

to any legal entity that is authorized or regulated to operate in the financial markets or, if not so authorized or regulated, whose corporate purpose is solely to invest in securities;

to any legal entity that has two or more of (1) an average of at least 250 employees during the last financial year; (2) a total balance sheet of more than 43,000,000 and (3) an annual net turnover of more than 50,000,000, as shown in its last annual or consolidated accounts;

to fewer than 150 natural or legal persons (other than qualified investors as defined below) subject to obtaining the prior consent of the representatives for any such offer; or

in any other circumstances that do not require the publication of a prospectus pursuant to Article 3 of the Prospectus Directive. Each purchaser of shares of our common stock described in this prospectus supplement located within a relevant member state will be deemed to have represented, acknowledged and agreed that it is a qualified investor within the meaning of Article 2(1)(e) of the Prospectus Directive.

For purposes of this provision, the expression an offer to the public in any relevant member state means the communication in any form and by any means of sufficient information on the terms of the offer and the securities to be offered so as to enable an investor to decide to purchase or subscribe the securities, as the expression may be varied in that member state by any measure implementing the Prospectus Directive in that member state, and the expression Prospectus Directive means Directive 2003/71/EC and includes any relevant implementing measure in each relevant member state.

The sellers of the shares of our common stock have not authorized and do not authorize the making of any offer of shares of our common stock through any financial intermediary on their behalf, other than offers made by the underwriters with a view to the final placement of the common stock as contemplated in this prospectus supplement. Accordingly, no purchaser of the common stock, other than the underwriters, is authorized to make any further offer of the common stock on behalf of the sellers or the underwriters.

#### Notice to Prospective Investors in the United Kingdom

This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus are only being distributed to, and are only directed at, persons in the United Kingdom that are qualified investors within the meaning of Article 2(1)(e) of

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the Prospectus Directive that are also (i) investment professionals falling within Article 19(5) of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Financial Promotion) Order 2005 (the Order ) or (ii) high net worth entities, and other persons to whom it may lawfully be communicated, falling within Article 49(2)(a) to (d) of the Order (each such person being referred to as a relevant person ). This prospectus supplement and its contents are confidential and should not be distributed, published or reproduced (in whole or in part) or disclosed by recipients to any other persons in the United Kingdom. Any person in the United Kingdom that is not a relevant person should not act or rely on this document or any of its contents.

#### Notice to Prospective Investors in France

Neither this prospectus supplement nor any other offering material relating to the common stock described in this prospectus supplement has been submitted to the clearance procedures of the *Autorité des Marchés Financiers* or of the competent authority of another member state of the European Economic Area and notified to the *Autorité des Marchés Financiers*. The shares of our common stock have not been offered or sold and will not be offered or sold, directly or indirectly, to the public in France. Neither this prospectus supplement nor any other offering material relating to the common stock has been or will be:

released, issued, distributed or caused to be released, issued or distributed to the public in France; or

used in connection with any offer for subscription or sale of the common stock to the public in France. Such offers, sales and distributions will be made in France only:

to qualified investors (*investisseurs qualifiés*) and/or to a restricted circle of investors (*cercle restreint d investisseurs*), in each case investing for their own account, all as defined in, and in accordance with articles L.411-2, D.411-1, D.411-2, D.734-1, D.744-1, D.754-1 and D.764-1 of the French *Code monétaire et financier*;

to investment services providers authorized to engage in portfolio management on behalf of third parties; or

in a transaction that, in accordance with article L.411-2-II-1°-or-2°-or 3° of the French *Code monétaire et financier* and article 211-2 of the General Regulations (*Règlement Général*) of the *Autorité des Marchés Financiers*, does not constitute a public offer (*appel public à l épargne*).

The common stock may be resold directly or indirectly, only in compliance with articles L.411-1, L.411-2, L.412-1 and L.621-8 through L.621-8-3 of the French *Code monétaire et financier*.

#### Notice to Prospective Investors in Hong Kong

The common stock may not be offered or sold in Hong Kong by means of any document other than (i) in circumstances which do not constitute an offer to the public within the meaning of the Companies Ordinance (Cap. 32, Laws of Hong Kong), or (ii) to professional investors within the meaning of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap. 571, Laws of Hong Kong) and any rules made thereunder, or (iii) in other circumstances which do not result in the document being a prospectus within the meaning of the Companies Ordinance (Cap. 32, Laws of Hong Kong) and no advertisement, invitation or document relating to the common stock may be issued or may be in the possession of any person for the purpose of issue (in each case whether in Hong Kong or elsewhere), which is directed at, or the contents of which are likely to be accessed or read by, the public in Hong Kong (except if permitted to do so under the laws of Hong Kong) other than with respect to common stock which is or are intended to be disposed of only to persons outside Hong Kong or only to professional investors within the meaning of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap. 571, Laws of Hong Kong) and any rules made thereunder.

#### Notice to Prospective Investors in Japan

The common stock offered in this prospectus supplement has not been registered under the Securities and Exchange Law of Japan. The common stock has not been offered or sold and will not be offered or sold, directly

or indirectly, in Japan or to or for the account of any resident of Japan, except (i) pursuant to an exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities and Exchange Law and (ii) in compliance with any other applicable requirements of Japanese law.

#### Notice to Prospective Investors in Singapore

This prospectus supplement has not been registered as a prospectus with the Monetary Authority of Singapore. Accordingly, this prospectus supplement and any other document or material in connection with the offer or sale, or invitation for subscription or purchase, of the common stock may not be circulated or distributed, nor may the common stock be offered or sold, or be made the subject of an invitation for subscription or purchase, whether directly or indirectly, to persons in Singapore other than (i) to an institutional investor under Section 274 of the Securities and Futures Act, Chapter 289 of Singapore (the SFA), (ii) to a relevant person pursuant to Section 275(1), or any person pursuant to Section 275(1A), and in accordance with the conditions specified in Section 275 of the SFA or (iii) otherwise pursuant to, and in accordance with the splicable provision of the SFA, in each case subject to compliance with conditions set forth in the SFA.

Where the common stock are subscribed or purchased under Section 275 of the SFA by a relevant person which is:

a corporation (which is not an accredited investor (as defined in Section 4A of the SFA)) the sole business of which is to hold investments and the entire share capital of which is owned by one or more individuals, each of whom is an accredited investor; or

a trust (where the trustee is not an accredited investor) whose sole purpose is to hold investments and each beneficiary of the trust is an individual who is an accredited investor,

shares, debentures and units of shares and debentures of that corporation or the beneficiaries rights and interest (howsoever described) in that trust shall not be transferred within six months after that corporation or that trust has acquired the common stock pursuant to an offer made under Section 275 of the SFA except:

to an institutional investor (for corporations, under Section 274 of the SFA) or to a relevant person defined in Section 275(2) of the SFA, or to any person pursuant to an offer that is made on terms that such shares, debentures and units of shares and debentures of that corporation or such rights and interest in that trust are acquired at a consideration of not less than S\$200,000 (or its equivalent in a foreign currency) for each transaction, whether such amount is to be paid for in cash or by exchange of securities or other assets, and further for corporations, in accordance with the conditions specified in Section 275 of the SFA;

where no consideration is or will be given for the transfer; or

# where the transfer is by operation of law. Notice to Prospective Investors in Switzerland

This prospectus supplement does not constitute an issue prospectus pursuant to Article 652a or Article 1156 of the Swiss Code of Obligations (CO) and the shares will not be listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange. Therefore, the Prospectus may not comply with the disclosure standards of the CO and/or the listing rules (including any prospectus schemes) of the SIX Swiss Exchange. Accordingly, the shares may not be offered to the public in or from Switzerland, but only to a selected and limited circle of investors, which do not subscribe to the shares with a view to distribution.

#### WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

This prospectus supplement contains summaries and other information that we believe are accurate as of the date hereof with respect to specific terms of specific documents, but we refer to the actual documents for complete information with respect to those documents. Statements contained in this prospectus supplement as to the contents of any contract or other document referred to in this prospectus supplement do not purport to be complete. Where reference is made to the particular provisions of a contract or other document, the provisions are qualified in all respects by reference to all of the provisions of the contract or other document. Industry and company data are approximate and reflect rounding in certain cases.

We file annual, quarterly and current reports, proxy statements and other information with the Securities and Exchange Commission, or the SEC. You may obtain these materials from us at no cost by writing or telephoning us at Beazer Homes USA, Inc., Attn: Secretary, 1000 Abernathy Road, Suite 260, Atlanta, Georgia 30328, Telephone: (770) 829-3700 or at our website at www.beazer.com. Except for the documents described below, information on our website is not incorporated by reference into this prospectus. In addition, the SEC maintains a web site, http://www.sec.gov, which contains reports, proxy and information statements and other information regarding registrants, including the Company, that file electronically with the SEC.

In addition, our common stock is traded as BZH on the NYSE. Because our common stock is listed on the NYSE, reports and other information concerning us can also be inspected at the office of the New York Stock Exchange, Inc., 20 Broad Street, New York, New York 10005.

We are incorporating by reference specified documents that we file with the SEC, which means:

incorporated documents are considered part of this prospectus supplement;

we are disclosing important information to you by referring you to those documents; and

information we file later with the SEC will automatically update and supersede information contained in this prospectus supplement. We incorporate by reference the documents listed below, which we filed with the SEC under the Exchange Act:

our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended September 30, 2011, filed on November 15, 2011;

our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the quarters ended December 31, 2011 and March 31, 2012, filed on February 2, 2012 and May 2, 2012, respectively;

our Current Reports on Form 8-K, filed on November 22, 2011, February 8, 2012, February 13, 2012, February 28, 2012, March 13, 2012 and May 10, 2012;

the portions of our definitive proxy statement, filed on December 22, 2011, that are incorporated by reference into Part III of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended September 30, 2011;

the description of our capital stock contained in our Registration Statements on Form 8-A, filed on January 28, 1994 and August 7, 2009, including any amendment or report filed for the purpose of updating those descriptions; and

all documents subsequently filed by us pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 and 15(d) of the Exchange Act after the date of this prospectus supplement and prior to the termination of this offering, unless otherwise stated therein, and except to the extent any such document is furnished as opposed to filed with the SEC, shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and to be part hereof from the date of filing of such documents.

We will provide without charge to each person, including any beneficial owner, to whom a copy of this prospectus supplement has been delivered, upon written or oral request, a copy of any or all of the documents

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referred to above that have been or may be incorporated in this prospectus supplement by reference. Requests for copies should be directed to our Corporate Secretary, Beazer Homes USA, Inc., 1000 Abernathy Road, Suite 260, Atlanta, Georgia 30328, telephone (770) 829-3700.

#### LEGAL MATTERS

Certain legal matters in connection with this offering, including the validity of the issuance of common stock offered by this prospectus supplement, will be passed upon by King & Spalding LLP, Atlanta, Georgia. Certain legal matters in connection with this offering will be passed upon for the underwriters by Latham & Watkins LLP, Los Angeles, California.

#### EXPERTS

The consolidated financial statements incorporated in this prospectus supplement by reference from the Company s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended September 30, 2011, and the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting have been audited by Deloitte & Touche LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, as stated in their reports, which are incorporated herein by reference. Such financial statements have been so incorporated in reliance upon the reports of such firm given upon their authority as experts in accounting and auditing.

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# **BEAZER HOMES USA, INC.**

# \$750,000,000

**Senior Debt Securities** 

**Subordinated Debt Securities** 

**Common Stock** 

**Preferred Stock** 

**Depositary Shares** 

Warrants

Rights

**Stock Purchase Contracts** 

**Stock Purchase Units** 

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# **Guarantees of Debt Securities**

Beazer Homes USA, Inc. may offer, from time to time, up to \$750,000,000 in aggregate initial offering price of senior debt securities, subordinated debt securities, common stock, preferred stock, depositary shares, warrants, rights, stock purchase contracts, stock purchase units or units. In addition, certain of our subsidiaries may guarantee any debt securities we offer.

This prospectus describes some of the general terms that may apply to these securities. We will provide the specific terms of any securities to be offered in a supplement to this prospectus. Any prospectus supplement may also add, update or change information contained in this prospectus. You should read this prospectus and any supplement carefully before you invest.

Our common stock is quoted on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol BZH.

We may offer and sell these securities to or through one or more underwriters, dealers and agents, or directly to purchasers, on a continuous or delayed basis. The prospectus supplement for each offering of securities will describe in detail the plan of distribution.

This prospectus may not be used to sell securities unless accompanied by a prospectus supplement.

These securities are speculative and involve a high degree of risk. You should carefully read the information under the heading <u>Risk Factors</u> on page 4 of this prospectus and the risk factors contained in any applicable prospectus supplement before making a decision to purchase our securities.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or determined if this prospectus is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

The date of this prospectus is June 20, 2011.

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We have not authorized anyone else to provide you with additional or different information. We may only use this prospectus to sell securities if it is accompanied by a prospectus supplement. We are only offering these securities in states where the offer is permitted. You should not assume that the information in this prospectus or the applicable prospectus supplement is accurate as of any date other than the dates on the front of these documents.

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#### FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This prospectus (including the documents incorporated by reference herein) includes forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements represent our expectations or beliefs concerning future events, and it is possible that the results described in this prospectus (including the documents incorporated by reference herein) will not be achieved. These forward-looking statements can generally be identified by the use of statements that include words such as estimate, project, believe, expect, anticipate, intend, plan, foresee, likely, will, goal similar words or phrases. All forward-looking statements are based upon information available to us on the date of this prospectus.

These forward-looking statements are subject to risks, uncertainties and other factors, many of which are outside of our control, that could cause actual results to differ materially from the results discussed in the forward-looking statements, including, among other things, the risks discussed in the section captioned Risk Factors above and in the information included in our annual report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2010 in the section therein and in our quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended March 31, 2011 captioned Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations incorporated herein by reference. These factors are not intended to be an all-encompassing list of risks and uncertainties that may affect the operations, performance, development and results of our business, but instead are the risks that we currently perceive as potentially being material. Such factors may include:

the final outcome of various putative class action lawsuits, multi-party suits and similar proceedings as well as the results of any other litigation or government proceedings and fulfillment of the obligations in the Deferred Prosecution Agreement and consent orders with governmental authorities and other settlement agreements;

additional asset impairment charges or writedowns;

economic changes nationally or in local markets, including changes in consumer confidence, declines in employment levels, volatility of mortgage interest rates and inflation;

the effect of changes in lending guidelines and regulations and the uncertain availability of mortgage financing;

a slower economic rebound than anticipated, coupled with persistently high unemployment and additional foreclosures;

continued or increased downturn in the homebuilding industry;

estimates related to homes to be delivered in the future (backlog) are imprecise as they are subject to various cancellation risks which cannot be fully controlled;

our cost of and ability to access capital and otherwise meet our ongoing liquidity needs including the impact of any downgrades of our credit ratings or reductions in our tangible net worth or liquidity levels;

potential inability to comply with covenants in our debt agreements or satisfy such obligations through repayment or refinancing;

increased competition or delays in reacting to changing consumer preference in home design;

shortages of or increased prices for labor, land or raw materials used in housing production;

factors affecting margins such as decreased land values underlying lot option agreements, increased land development costs on communities under development or delays or difficulties in implementing initiatives to reduce production and overhead cost structure;

the performance of our joint ventures and our joint venture partners;

the impact of construction defect and home warranty claims including those related to possible installation of drywall imported from China;

the cost and availability of insurance and surety bonds;

delays in land development or home construction resulting from adverse weather conditions;

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potential delays or increased costs in obtaining necessary permits and possible penalties for failure to comply with laws, regulations and governmental policies;

potential exposure related to additional repurchase claims on mortgages and loans originated by Beazer Mortgage Corporation;

estimates related to the potential recoverability of our deferred tax assets;

effects of changes in accounting policies, standards, guidelines or principles; or

terrorist acts, acts of war and other factors over which we have little or no control. Any forward-looking statement speaks only as of the date on which such statement is made, and, except as required by law, we undertake no

obligation to update any forward-looking statement to reflect events or circumstances after the date on which such statement is made or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events. New factors emerge from time to time and it is not possible for management to predict all such factors.

#### ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS

In this prospectus, we, us, our or the Company refer to Beazer Homes USA, Inc. and its subsidiaries, unless we state otherwise or the context indicates otherwise.

This prospectus is part of a registration statement that we filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC) utilizing a shelf registration process. Under this shelf process, we may, from time to time, sell the securities or combinations of the securities described in this prospectus in one or more offerings. This prospectus provides you with a general description of the securities that we may offer. Each time we offer securities, we will provide a prospectus supplement that will contain specific information about the terms of that offering. The prospectus supplement also may add, update or change information contained in this prospectus. You should read both this prospectus and any prospectus supplement together with additional information described under the heading Where You Can Find More Information.

You should rely only on the information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus and in any prospectus supplement. We have not authorized any other person to provide you with different information. If anyone provides you with different or inconsistent information, you should not rely on it. We are not making offers to sell or solicitations to buy the securities in any jurisdiction in which an offer or solicitation is not authorized or in which the person making that offer or solicitation is not qualified to do so or to anyone to whom it is unlawful to make an offer or solicitation. You should not assume that the information in this prospectus or any prospectus supplement, as well as the information we previously filed with the SEC that we incorporate by reference in this prospectus or any prospectus supplement, is accurate as of any date other than its respective date. Our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed since those dates.

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