RIVIERA HOLDINGS CORP

Form 4

September 27, 2007

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Riv Acquisition Holdings Inc

(Street)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Symbol

09/24/2007

RIVIERA HOLDINGS CORP [RIV]

(Check all applicable)

(Last)

share

(First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

Director Officer (give title _ 10% Owner Other (specify

650 MADISON AVENUE

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

below)

NEW YORK, NY 10022

| (City) | (State) | (Zip) Tab | le I - Non-l | Derivative Sec | urities | Acqui | red, Disposed of, | or Beneficial | ly Owned |
|---|---|---|--|--|---------|--------------------|--|--|---|
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities appropriate of the control of the con | of (D) | red (A) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| Common Stock, \$0.001 par value per share | 09/24/2007 | | X | | ` ′ | | 1,147,550 <u>(1)</u> <u>(2)</u> | D (1) (2) | |
| Common Stock, \$0.001 par value per | 09/24/2007 | | J | 1,147,550 (1) (2) | D | \$ 0 (1) (2) | 0 (1) (2) | D (1) (2) | |

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

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

| 1. Title of | 2. | 3. Transaction Date | 3A. Deemed | 4. | 5. | 6. Date Exerc | | 7. Titl | e and | 8. Price of | 9. Nu |
|-------------|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------|------------|---------------------|-----------------|---------|----------|-------------|--------|
| Derivative | Conversion | (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if | Transacti | orNumber | Expiration D | ate | Amou | nt of | Derivative | Deriv |
| Security | or Exercise | | any | Code | of | (Month/Day/ | Year) | Under | lying | Security | Secu |
| (Instr. 3) | Price of | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Derivative | e | | Securi | ities | (Instr. 5) | Bene |
| | Derivative | | | | Securities | | | (Instr. | 3 and 4) | | Own |
| | Security | | | | Acquired | | | | | | Follo |
| | | | | | (A) or | | | | | | Repo |
| | | | | | Disposed | | | | | | Trans |
| | | | | | of (D) | | | | | | (Instr |
| | | | | | (Instr. 3, | | | | | | |
| | | | | | 4, and 5) | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | Amount | | |
| | | | | | | | | | or | | |
| | | | | | | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | | Number | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | | | | Shares | | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|--|
| · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | |
| Riv Acquisition Holdings Inc | | | | | | | |
| 650 MADISON AVENUE | | X | | | | | |
| NEW YORK, NY 10022 | | | | | | | |

Signatures

/s/ Paul Kanavos, President, Riv Acquisition Holdings Inc.

09/26/2007

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) This is a filing by Riv Acquisition Holdings Inc. ("RAH"). (continued in footnote 2)

(continued from footnote 1) On September 24, 2007, RAH sent Triple Five Investco LLC and Dominion Financial LLC (collectively, "T5") a letter (the "Notice of Exercise Letter") pursuant to which RAH (i) elected to exercise the option granted by T5 (as reported on a

Form 3 filed by RAH on September 26, 2007) for consideration in the amount of \$26,393,650, (ii) assigned its right to receive half of the shares of Common Stock subject to the option to Flag Luxury Riv, LLC and (iii) assigned its right to receive the remaining half of the shares of Common Stock subject to the option to Rivacq LLC. As a result, RAH is no longer deemed to be the beneficial owner of the 1,147,550 shares of Common Stock subject to the T5 Option.

Remarks:

this Form 4 is being filed in connection with a Form 4 filed on an even date herewith by Flag Luxury Riv, LLC; FX Luxury

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Realty, LLC; CKX, Inc.; Flag Luxury Properties, LLC; MJX Flag Associates, LLC; LMN 134 Family Company LLC; Mitche Nelson; ONIROT Living Trust dated 6/20/2000; Flag Leisure Group, LLC; MJX Real Estate Ventures, LLC; Robert F.X. Sill Brett Torino; Paul Kanavos; Rivacq LLC; SOF U.S. Hotel Co-Invest Holdings, L.L.C.; SOF VII U.S. Hotel Holdings, L.L.C. I-1/I-2 U.S. Holdings, L.L.C.; Starwood Global Opportunity Fund VII-A, L.P.; Starwood Global Opportunity Fund VII-B, L.I. Starwood U.S. Opportunity Fund VII-D, L.P.; Starwood Capital Hospitality I-1, L.P.; Starwood Capital Hospitality Fund I-2, L.P.; SCG Hotel Management, L.L.C.; SOF VII Management, L.L.C.; Starwood Capital Group Global, LLC and Barry Sternlicht.

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