

LAS VEGAS SANDS CORP  
Form 8-K  
March 10, 2009

UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC 20549

**FORM 8-K**

CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT

TO SECTION 13 OR 15(D) OF THE

SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported) **March 4, 2009**

**LAS VEGAS SANDS CORP.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

NEVADA

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

**001-32373**

(Commission File Number)

**27-0099920**

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

**3355 LAS VEGAS BOULEVARD SOUTH**

**LAS VEGAS, NEVADA**

(Address of principal executive offices)

**89109**

(Zip Code)

**(702) 414-1000**

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

**NOT APPLICABLE**

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**ITEM 5.02 DEPARTURE OF DIRECTORS OR PRINCIPAL OFFICERS; ELECTION OF DIRECTORS; APPOINTMENT OF PRINCIPAL OFFICERS.**

**A. Michael A. Leven**

On March 9, 2009, Las Vegas Sands Corp. ("LVSC") announced that it has appointed Michael A. Leven, 71, as the President and Chief Operating Officer of LVSC and its wholly-owned subsidiary, Las Vegas Sands, LLC (together with LVSC, the "Company"), effective April 1, 2009. Mr. Leven has served as the Chief Executive Officer of the Georgia Aquarium since September 2008. From January 2006 through September 2008, Mr. Leven was the Vice Chairman of the Marcus Foundation, Inc., a non-profit foundation. Until December 2006, Mr. Leven was the Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and President of U.S. Franchise Systems, Inc., the company he founded in 1995 that developed and franchised the Microtel Inns & Suites and Hawthorn Suites hotel brands. He was previously the president and chief operating officer of Holiday Inn Worldwide, president of Days Inn of America, and president of Americana Hotels. Mr. Leven has been a member of LVSC's Board of Directors since August 2004 and will remain on the Board.

**B. William Weidner**

On March 4, 2009, two members of the LVSC Board of Directors met with William P. Weidner, the Company's President and Chief Operating Officer, and informed Mr. Weidner that the Company was hiring Mr. Leven to replace him. The Company and Mr. Weidner attempted to negotiate the terms of Mr. Weidner's departure for the next several days, but were unable to reach agreement.

On March 8, 2009, Mr. Weidner notified the Company that he was resigning from his positions at the Company for Good Reason, as defined in the employment agreement between Mr. Weidner and the Company, dated as of November 14, 2004, and amended as of December 31, 2008 (the "Employment Agreement"). Mr. Weidner also notified the Company that he was resigning from all of his positions at the Company's affiliates and from the LVSC Board of Directors.

The Company believes that the March 4, 2009 meeting with Mr. Weidner served as notice to Mr. Weidner that he would no longer be employed by the Company.

In his resignation letter, Mr. Weidner stated that, as disclosed in LVSC's periodic reports commencing with the report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2008, he has had, and continued to have, outstanding differences with the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer about the management of the Company. A copy of Mr. Weidner's letter is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this report.

On March 9, 2009, LVSC issued a press release announcing Mr. Leven's appointment and Mr. Weidner's departure. The press release is attached as Exhibit 99.2 to this report and is incorporated by reference into this Item.

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**ITEM 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.**

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Exhibits.

**EXHIBIT NO.**

**DESCRIPTION**

99.1

Letter, dated March 8, 2009, from William P. Weidner to Las Vegas Sands, Inc.

99.2

Press Release, dated March 9, 2009.

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report on Form 8-K to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Dated: March 9, 2009

**LAS VEGAS SANDS CORP.**

By: /s/ Sheldon G. Adelson  
Name: Sheldon G. Adelson

Title: Chairman of the Board, Chief Executive Officer  
and Director

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