

RIVIERA HOLDINGS CORP  
Form SC 13G  
January 23, 2009

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**Washington, D.C. 20549**

**SCHEDULE 13G**

**Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**(Amendment No. )\***

**Riviera Holdings Corporation**

**(Name of Issuer)**

**Common Stock, par value \$.001 per share**

**(Title of Class of Securities)**

**769627100**

**(CUSIP Number)**

**December 31, 2008**

**(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)**

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Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

Rule 13d-1(b)

Rule 13d-1(c)

Rule 13d-1(d)

\* The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page. The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be filed for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ( Act ) or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

CUSIP No. 769627100

1. Name of Reporting Persons

Wayzata Investment Partners LLC

2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)

(a) ..

(b) x

3. SEC Use Only

4. Citizenship or Place of Organization

Delaware

5. Sole Voting Power

NUMBER OF

0

SHARES

6. Shared Voting Power

BENEFICIALLY

OWNED BY

1,004,000

EACH

7. Sole Dispositive Power

REPORTING

PERSON

0

8. Shared Dispositive Power

WITH:

1,004,000

9. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person

1,004,000

10. Check Box if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions)

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11. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (9)

8.0%

12. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)

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CUSIP No. 769627100

1. Name of Reporting Persons

Patrick J. Halloran

2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)

(a) ..

(b) x

3. SEC Use Only

4. Citizenship or Place of Organization

U.S.A.

5. Sole Voting Power

NUMBER OF

0

SHARES

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IN

CUSIP No. 769627100

Item 1. (a). Name of Issuer.

Riviera Holdings Corporation

(b). Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices:

2901 Las Vegas Boulevard

Las Vegas, NV 89109

Item 2. (a). Name of Person Filing:

This statement is filed by:

(i) Wayzata Investment Partners LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the Investment Manager), which serves as investment adviser to Wayzata Opportunities Fund, LLC and Wayzata Opportunities Fund Offshore, L.P., (collectively, the Wayzata Funds), with respect to the Common Shares (as defined in Item 2(d) below) directly owned by the Wayzata Funds; and

(ii) Patrick J. Halloran, an individual (Mr. Halloran), who serves as the managing member of the Investment Manager.

The foregoing persons are hereinafter sometimes collectively referred to as the Reporting Persons. The foregoing should not be construed in and of itself as an admission by any Reporting Person as to beneficial ownership of the Common Shares owned by another Reporting Person. In addition, each of Wayzata Investment Partners LLC and Patrick J. Halloran disclaims beneficial ownership of the Common Shares owned by the Wayzata Funds.

(b). Address of Principal Business Office or, if none, Residence

The address of the business office of each of the Reporting Persons is 701 East Lake Street, Suite 300, Wayzata, MN 55391.

(c). Citizenship

The Investment Manager is a limited liability company organized under the laws of the State of Delaware. Mr. Halloran is a United States citizen.

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(d). Title of Class of Securities:

Common Stock, par value \$.001 per share (the Common Shares )

(e). CUSIP Number:

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Item 3. If This Statement is filed pursuant to ss.240.13d-1(b) or 240.13d-2(b), or (c), check whether the person filing is a:

- (a)  Broker or dealer registered under Section 15 of the Exchange Act (15 U.S.C. 78c).
- (b)  Bank as defined in Section 3(a)(6) of the Exchange Act (15 U.S.C. 78c).
- (c)  Insurance company as defined in Section 3(a)(19) of the Exchange Act (15 U.S.C. 78c).
- (d)  Investment company registered under Section 8 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-8).
- (e)  An investment adviser in accordance with s.240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(E)
- (f)  An employee benefit plan or endowment fund in accordance with s.240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(F);
- (g)  A parent holding company or control person in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(G);
- (h)  A savings association as defined in Section 3(b) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1813);
- (i)  A church plan that is excluded from the definition of an investment company under Section 3(c)(14) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-3);
- (j)  Group, in accordance with s.240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J).

Item 4. Ownership.

Provide the following information regarding the aggregate number and percentage of the class of securities of the issuer identified in Item 1.

- (a) Amount which the Reporting Persons may be deemed to beneficially own (See Item 2. (a)):

Wayzata Investment Partners LLC 1,004,000

Patrick J. Halloran 1,004,000

- (b) Percent of class:

Wayzata Investment Partners LLC 8.0%

Patrick J. Halloran 8.0%.

The percent of class set forth in this Item 4(b) is based on the Company's quarterly report for the quarterly period ended September 30, 2008 filed on Form 10-Q on November 10, 2008, which indicates that as of November 4, 2008, there were 12,498,555 shares of Common Shares outstanding.

- (c) Number of shares to which the person has:

- (i) Sole power to vote or to direct the vote:



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Wayzata Investment Partners LLC 0

Patrick J. Halloran 0

(ii) Shared power to vote or to direct the vote:

Wayzata Investment Partners LLC 1,004,000

Patrick J. Halloran 1,004,000

(iii) Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of:

Wayzata Investment Partners LLC 0

Patrick J. Halloran 0

(iv) Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of:

Wayzata Investment Partners LLC 1,004,000

Patrick J. Halloran 1,004,000

Item 5. Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class.

If this statement is being filed to report the fact that as of the date hereof the reporting person has ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than five percent of the class of securities, check the following " .

N/A

Item 6. Ownership of More Than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person.

If any other person is known to have the right to receive or the power to direct the receipt of dividends from, or the proceeds from the sale of, such securities, a statement to that effect should be included in response to this item and, if such interest relates to more than five percent of the class, such person should be identified. A listing of the shareholders of an investment company registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940 or the beneficiaries of employee benefit plan, pension fund or endowment fund is not required.

N/A

Item 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on by the Parent Holding Company or Control Person.

If a parent holding company or Control person has filed this schedule, pursuant to Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(G), so indicate under Item 3(g) and attach an exhibit stating the identity and the Item 3 classification of the relevant subsidiary. If a parent holding company or control person has filed this schedule pursuant to Rule 13d-1(c) or Rule 13d-1(d), attach an exhibit stating the identification of the relevant subsidiary.

N/A

Item 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group.

If a group has filed this schedule pursuant to s.240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J), so indicate under Item 3(j) and attach an exhibit stating the identity and Item 3 classification of each member of the group. If a group has filed this schedule pursuant to s.240.13d-1(c) or s.240.13d-1(d), attach an exhibit stating the identity of each member of the group.

N/A

Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group.

Notice of dissolution of a group may be furnished as an exhibit stating the date of the dissolution and that all further filings with respect to transactions in the security reported on will be filed, if required, by members of the group, in their individual capacity. See Item 5.

N/A

**Item 10 Certification.**

(b) The following certification shall be included if the statement is filed pursuant to Rule 13d-1(b):

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired and are held in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect.

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Wayzata Investment Partners LLC

By /s/ Patrick J. Halloran  
Managing Member

Patrick J. Halloran

By: /s/ Patrick J. Halloran

January 23, 2009

**JOINT FILING AGREEMENT**

This will confirm the agreement by and among the undersigned that the Schedule 13G filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on or about the date hereof with respect to the beneficial ownership by the undersigned of the Common Stock, \$0.001 par value, of Riviera Holdings Corporation, a Nevada corporation, is being filed, and all amendments thereto will be filed, on behalf of each of the persons and entities named below in accordance with Rule 13d-1(k) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. This Agreement may be executed in two or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

Wayzata Investment Partners LLC

By /s/ Patrick J. Halloran  
Managing Member

Patrick J. Halloran

By: /s/ Patrick J. Halloran

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