

RIVIERA HOLDINGS CORP  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**DE SHAW LAMINAR PORTFOLIOS LLC**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

39TH FLOOR, TOWER 45, 120 WEST FORTY-FIFTH STREET

(Street)

NEW YORK, NY 10036

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

RIVIERA HOLDINGS CORP [RIV]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

03/31/2006

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_X\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 \_\_\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_X\_\_\_ Other (specify below)

See Footnote 1.

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

\_\_\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 \_\_\_X\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	03/31/2006		S	V Amount 50,000 D Price \$ 16.95	1,219,900	D <sup>(1)</sup>	

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)**

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

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
DE SHAW LAMINAR PORTFOLIOS LLC 39TH FLOOR, TOWER 45 120 WEST FORTY-FIFTH STREET NEW YORK, NY 10036		X		See Footnote 1.
SHAW D E & CO L P /NY/ 39TH FLOOR, TOWER 45 120 WEST FORTY-FIFTH STREET NEW YORK, NY 10036		X		See Footnote 1.
D E SHAW & CO LLC 39TH FLOOR, TOWER 45 120 WEST FORTY-FIFTH STREET NEW YORK, NY 10036		X		See Footnote 1.
SHAW DAVID E 39TH FLOOR, TOWER 45 120 WEST FORTY-FIFTH STREET NEW YORK, NY 10036		X		See Footnote 1.

## Signatures

D. E. Shaw Laminar Portfolios, L.L.C., By: D. E. Shaw & Co., L.L.C., as managing member, By: /s/ Julius Gaudio, Managing Director	04/04/2006
__Signature of Reporting Person	Date
D. E. Shaw & Co., L.P., By: /s/ Julius Gaudio, Managing Director	04/04/2006
__Signature of Reporting Person	Date
D. E. Shaw & Co., L.L.C., By: /s/ Julius Gaudio, Managing Director	04/04/2006
__Signature of Reporting Person	Date
David E. Shaw, By: /s/ Julius Gaudio, Attorney-in-Fact for David E. Shaw	04/04/2006

\_\_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).

As noted above, on March 31, 2006, D. E. Shaw Laminar Portfolios, L.L.C. ("Laminar") disposed of 50,000 shares of the common stock, par value \$0.001 per share (the "Common Stock"), of the Issuer to which this form relates. As a result of this transaction, the Reporting

- (1) Owners are no longer subject to Section 16. The Common Stock is now held or managed directly as follows: (i) Laminar holds 1,194,500 shares; (ii) D. E. Shaw Valence Portfolios, L.L.C. ("Valence") holds 25,200 shares; and (iii) 200 shares are under the management of D. E. Shaw Investment Management, L.L.C. ("DESIM"), which has dispositive control over, but no voting rights with respect to, the shares.

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