

MGM Resorts International
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FORM 4

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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 *
SANI SHAWN

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3600 LAS VEGAS BLVD. SOUTH

(Street)

LAS VEGAS, NV 89109

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

MGM Resorts International [MGM]

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

10/03/2011

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 ___X___ Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)

SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT TAX

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

___X___ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				(A) or (D)	Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price

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 Derivative Security	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Appreciation Rights	\$ 8.23	10/03/2011	A	18,750					10/03/2012	10/03/2018	Common Stock \$.01 Par Value ND	18,750
Restricted Stock Units	(2)	10/03/2011	A	2,500					10/03/2012	(3)	Common Stock \$.01 Par Value ND	2,500

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SANI SHAWN 3600 LAS VEGAS BLVD. SOUTH LAS VEGAS, NV 89109			SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT TAX	

Signatures

Francine A. Vazquez,
Attorney-In-Fact

10/05/2011

**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) Stock Appreciation Rights (SARs) granted under the MGM Resorts International Amended and Restated 2005 Omnibus Incentive Plan (the "Plan"). The SARs will vest in four equal annual installments beginning on October 3, 2012.

(2) Restricted Stock Units (RSUs) granted under the Plan. Each RSU represents the right to receive, following vesting, one share of common stock. The RSUs are subject to meeting minimum performance criteria set by the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of MGM Resorts International. Provided such criteria are met, the RSUs will vest in four equal annual installments commencing on October 3, 2012.

(3) RSUs do not have an expiration date.

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