

PINNACLE ENTERTAINMENT INC.
Form SC 13G
March 12, 2015

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13G

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Amendment No.)*

Pinnacle Entertainment Inc (Name of Issuer)

Common Stock (Title of Class of Securities)

723456109 (CUSIP Number)

March 11, 2015 (Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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 Instructions).

CUSIP No.: 723456109

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON Canyon
Capital Advisors LLC I.R.S.
IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON
(ENTITIES ONLY) 95-4688436

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A
MEMBER OF A GROUP (a) (b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF
ORGANIZATION Delaware

NUMBER OF 5 SOLE VOTING POWER 3,550,598
SHARES

BENEFICIALLY 6 SHARED VOTING POWER
OWNED BY EACH

REPORTING 7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER 3,550,598
PERSON WITH

8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON 3,550,598

10 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9) 5.89%

12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON IA

CUSIP No.: 723456109

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON Mitchell R. Julis I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON (ENTITIES ONLY)

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a) (b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION United States

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH 5 SOLE VOTING POWER

6 SHARED VOTING POWER 3,550,598

7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

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12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON IN

CUSIP No.: 723456109

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON Joshua S. Friedman I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON (ENTITIES ONLY)

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a) (b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION
United States

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH

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ITEM 1(a). NAME OF ISSUER:

Pinnacle Entertainment Inc

ITEM 1(b). ADDRESS OF ISSUER'S PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES:

8918 Spanish Ridge AvenueLas Vegas, NV 89148

ITEM 2(a). NAME OF PERSON FILING:

This Schedule 13G is being filed on behalf of the following persons*:Canyon Capital Advisors LLC ("CCA")Mitchell R. JulisJoshua S. FriedmanCCA is the investment advisor to the following persons:(i) Canyon Value Realization Fund, L.P. (VRF)(ii) The Canyon Value Realization Master Fund (Cayman), L.P. (CVRF)(iii) HF Canyon Master, Ltd. (HFCM)(iv) Canyon Value Realization Fund MAC 18, Ltd. (CVRFM)(v) Canyon Balanced Master Fund, Ltd. (CBEF)(vi) Permal

Canyon Fund Ltd. (PERMII)(vii)
AllianceBernstein Multi-Manager
Alternative Strategies Fund
("ALLIANCEB40")(viii)
Canyon-GRF Master Fund II, L.P.
(GRF2)(ix) Lyxor/Canyon Value
Realization Fund Limited
(LCVRF)(x) Permal Alternative Select
VIT Portfolio ("PERMALVIT40")(xi)
AAI Canyon Fund PLC ("AAI")(xii)
Lyxor/Canyon Credit Strategy Fund
Limited ("LYXORUCITS")(xiii)
Permal Alternative Select Fund
("PERMALT40")(xiv) Wells Fargo
Advantage Alternative Strategies Fund
("WFAA40")* Attached as Exhibit A
is a copy of an agreement among the
persons filing (as specified
hereinabove) that this Schedule 13G is
being filed on behalf of each of them.

ITEM 2(b). ADDRESS OF
PRINCIPAL
BUSINESS
OFFICE OR, IF
NONE,
RESIDENCE:

The principal business office of the
persons comprising the group filing
this Schedule 13G is located at 2000
Avenue of the Stars, 11th Floor, Los
Angeles, CA 90067

ITEM 2(c). CITIZENSHIP:

Canyon Capital Advisors LLC -
Delaware Mitchell R. Julis - United
States Joshua S. Friedman - United
States VRF: a Delaware limited
partnership CVRF: a Cayman Islands
exempted limited partnership HFCM: a
Cayman Islands corporation CVRFM:
a Cayman Islands corporation CBEF: a
Cayman Islands corporation PERMII:
a British Virgin Islands
company ALLIANCEB40: a Maryland
corporation GRF2: a Cayman Islands
exempted limited partnership LCVRF:
a Jersey corporation PERMALVIT40:
a Maryland statutory trust AAI: an
Irish public limited
company LYXORUCITS: a Jersey

corporation PERMALT40: a Maryland
 statutory trust WFAA40: a Delaware
 statutory trust

ITEM 2(d). TITLE OF
 CLASS OF
 SECURITIES:

Common Stock

ITEM 2(e). CUSIP
 NUMBER:

723456109

ITEM 3. IF THIS STATEMENT IS FILED PURSUANT TO SECTION 240.13d-1(b), or
 13d-2(b) or (c) CHECK WHETHER THE PERSON FILING IS A:

- (a) Broker or dealer registered under Section 15 of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c);
- (b) Bank as defined in Section 3(a)(6) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c);
- (c) Insurance company as defined in Section 3(a)(19) of the 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 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(E);
- (f) An employee benefit plan or endowment fund in accordance with 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(F);
- (g) A parent holding company or control person in accordance with 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(G);
- (h) A savings associations 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) A non-U.S. institution in accordance with 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J);
- (k) Group, in accordance with 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(K). If filing as a non-U.S. institution in accordance with 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J), please specify the type of institution:

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 beneficially owned:

3,550,598

(b) Percent of class:

5.89%

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

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

3,550,598

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

3,550,598

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

3,550,598

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

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 [].

ITEM 6. OWNERSHIP OF MORE THAN FIVE PERCENT ON BEHALF OF ANOTHER PERSON:

CCA is an investment advisor to various managed accounts, including VRF, CVRF, HFCM, CVRFM, CBEF, PERMII, ALLIANCEB40, LCVRF, PERMALVIT40, AAI, LYXORUCITS,GRF2, PERMALT40, and WFAA40 with the right to receive, or the power to direct the receipt, of dividends from, or the proceeds from the sale of the securities held by, such managed accounts. Messrs. Julis, and Friedman control entities which own 100% of CCA.

ITEM 7. IDENTIFICATION AND CLASSIFICATION OF THE SUBSIDIARY WHICH ACQUIRED THE SECURITY BEING REPORTED

ON BY THE
PARENT HOLDING
COMPANY:

Not Applicable.

ITEM 8. IDENTIFICATION
AND
CLASSIFICATION
OF MEMBERS OF
THE GROUP:

Not Applicable.

ITEM 9. NOTICE OF
DISSOLUTION OF
GROUP:

Not Applicable.

ITEM 10. CERTIFICATION:

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.

SIGNATURE

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.

March 11, 2015

Date

Canyon Capital Advisors LLC

/s/ Doug Anderson

Signature

Doug Anderson, Chief Compliance Officer

Name/Title

March 11, 2015

Date

Mitchell R. Julis

/s/ Mitchell R. Julis

Signature

Mitchell R. Julis,

Name/Title

March 11, 2015

SIGNATURE

Date

Joshua S. Friedman

/s/ Joshua S. Friedman

Signature

Joshua S. Friedman,

Name/Title

Attention: Intentional misstatements or omissions of fact constitute Federal criminal violations (see 18 U.S.C. 1001).

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EXHIBIT A AGREEMENT REGARDING JOINT FILING The undersigned hereby agree and consent to the joint filing on their behalf of this amendment to Schedule 13G in connection with their beneficial ownership of the common stock of Pinnacle Entertainment Inc. Dated: March 11, 2015 CANYON CAPITAL ADVISORS LLC, a Delaware limited liability company By: /s/ Doug Anderson Name: Doug Anderson Title: Chief Compliance Officer JOSHUA S. FRIEDMAN /s/ Joshua S. Friedman MITCHELL R. JULIS /s/ Mitchell R. Julis