

FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * <u>PEARLMAN EMANUEL R</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) 350 EAST 79TH STREET (Street) NEW YORK NY 10075 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>EMPIRE RESORTS INC [NYNY]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>Executive Chairman</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 11/15/2019	
4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		

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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock, \$.01 par value per share	11/15/2019		D		108,331	D	\$9.74 ⁽¹⁾	0	D	

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date					
Restricted Stock Units	(2)	11/15/2019		D			50,000	(2)	(2)	Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share	(2)	0	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- Disposed of pursuant to the Agreement and Plan of Merger between Empire Resorts, Inc. (the "Company", Hercules Topco LLC, and Hercules Merger Subsidiary Inc. (the "Merger Agreement") on the effective date of the merger.
- On January 20, 2019, Mr. Pearlman was granted 50,000 restricted stock units ("RSUs") under the Empire Resorts, Inc. 2015 Equity Incentive Plan, as amended, which were to vest annually in three equal installments, with one third vesting on January 21, 2020, one third vesting on January 21, 2021 and one third vesting on January 21, 2022. Each RSU represented the right to receive one share of the Company's common stock. On the effective date of the merger, all outstanding RSUs, whether or not then vested, were canceled, extinguished and converted into the right to receive the merger consideration issuable to holders of common stock pursuant to the Merger Agreement.

Remarks:

/s/ Nanette L. Horner, by Power of Attorney 11/15/2019

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

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