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**to**

**FORM S-4**

**REGISTRATION STATEMENT**

*UNDER*

*THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933*

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**CITADEL BROADCASTING CORPORATION**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction of  
Incorporation or Organization)

**4832**  
(Primary Standard Industrial  
Classification Code Number)  
**Citadel Broadcasting Corporation**

**51-0405729**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

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**Approximate date of commencement of proposed sale to the public:** As soon as practicable after this registration statement becomes effective and the date on which all other conditions to the merger of Alphabet Acquisition Corp. with and into ABC Radio Holdings, Inc., formerly known as ABC Chicago FM Radio, Inc., pursuant to the merger agreement described in the enclosed information statement/prospectus, have been satisfied or waived.

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Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share	164,597,788	\$7.57	\$1,246,005,255	\$133,323

- (1) This registration statement relates to shares of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, of Citadel Broadcasting Corporation issuable to holders of common stock, no par value, of ABC Radio Holdings, Inc., formerly known as ABC Chicago FM Radio, Inc., a Delaware corporation ( ABC Radio Holdings ) and currently an indirect, wholly-owned subsidiary of The Walt Disney Company ( Disney ), a Delaware corporation, pursuant to the proposed merger of Alphabet Acquisition Corp., a direct wholly-owned subsidiary of Citadel, with and into ABC Radio Holdings. The amount of Citadel common stock to be registered represents the maximum number of shares of common stock that Citadel will issue to holders of common stock of ABC Radio Holdings upon consummation of the merger based on a formula set forth in the merger agreement, which requires that Citadel issue a number of shares of its common stock equal to the aggregate number of shares of ABC Radio Holdings common stock issued and outstanding immediately prior to the effective time of the merger. This calculation is based on 127,179,708 shares of Citadel common stock deemed outstanding for these purposes as of December 20, 2006.
- (2) Estimated solely for purposes of calculating the registration fee pursuant to Rule 457(f)(2) of the Securities Act of 1933, based on the pro forma book value (computed as of September 30, 2006, the last practicable date prior to the filing of this registration statement) of the common stock of Citadel to be exchanged in the merger.
- (3) Computed in accordance with Rule 457(f) and Section 6(b) under the Securities Act of 1933 by multiplying (A) the proposed maximum aggregate offering price for all securities to be registered by (B) 0.000107. The full registration fee of \$133,323 was paid in connection with the initial filing on December 21, 2006.

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This information statement/prospectus is dated [•], 2007 and is first being mailed to Citadel stockholders on [•], 2007.

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SUBJECT TO COMPLETION DATED 14, 2007

**[LETTER TO THE WALT DISNEY COMPANY STOCKHOLDERS]**

This information statement/prospectus is dated [•] and is first being mailed to Disney stockholders on [•], 2007.

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**HELPFUL INFORMATION**

In this information statement/prospectus the terms described below are used frequently.

**ABC Radio Holdings** means ABC Radio Holdings, Inc., formerly known as ABC Chicago FM Radio, Inc., currently the indirect, wholly-owned subsidiary of Disney that, after the internal restructuring, will own the ABC Radio Business. The shares of this entity will be distributed to Disney stockholders in the spin-off, and ABC Radio Holdings will be merged with Alphabet Acquisition in the merger.

**ABC Radio Holdings debt** means the indebtedness that ABC Radio Holdings is expected to incur in connection with the separation.

**ABC Radio Holdings shares** means the shares of ABC Radio Holdings common stock that Disney will distribute to its stockholders in the spin-off, which will then be converted on a one-for-one basis into shares of Citadel common stock in the merger. There are three components used to calculate the number of ABC Radio Holdings shares: the base ABC Radio Holdings shares, the fixed price ABC Radio Holdings shares and the floating price ABC Radio Holdings shares. We describe each of these in more detail under **The Transactions Transaction Consideration Collar Mechanism Determination of Number of ABC Radio Holdings shares** beginning on page 108.

**ABC Radio Business** means the ABC Radio Network business and the ABC Radio Stations business, which Disney will separate from the rest of the Disney enterprise in the separation, which we sometimes refer to in this information statement/prospectus as the **ABC Radio Group**.

**ABC Radio Network business** means the business of producing a variety of radio programs and formats, and distributing them to station affiliates and satellite radio providers. The ABC Radio Network business does not include Disney's ESPN Radio or Radio Disney networks.

**ABC Radio Stations business** means the business of owning and operating 22 radio stations that broadcast various news, news/talk and music programming, including programming produced by the ABC Radio Network business. The ABC Radio Stations business does not include Disney's business of owning and operating radio stations that carry the ESPN Radio or Radio Disney formats.

**Alphabet Acquisition** means Alphabet Acquisition Corp., a direct, wholly-owned subsidiary of Citadel that will merge with and into ABC Radio Holdings in the merger.

**Citadel** means Citadel Broadcasting Corporation.

**collar measurement day** means the trading day immediately after the 10 consecutive trading day period that comprises the measurement period for the average closing price of Citadel common stock that is used in the collar mechanism. The collar measurement day is also the day as of which the number of shares of Citadel common stock deemed to be outstanding for purposes of the collar mechanism and the number of shares of Citadel common stock that will be distributed to Disney stockholders in the merger will be determined, with certain exceptions designed to provide a true-up mechanism at closing, and the first day on which the ABC Radio Holdings debt may be incurred.

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collar mechanism means the method set forth in the merger agreement and separation agreement for adjusting within a specific range, depending on the price of Citadel common stock during a specified measurement period before closing, the amount of ABC Radio Holdings debt and the amount of the special distribution so that, as long as the Citadel common stock trades within a specified range during the ten consecutive trading day period ending on and including the trading day immediately proceeding the collar measurement day, the aggregate transaction value received by ABC Radio Holdings stockholders and Disney is approximately \$2.6 billion.

Disney means The Walt Disney Company.

Disney savings plan means the Disney Salaried Savings and Investment Plan, the ABC, Inc. Savings and Investment Plan or the Disney Hourly Savings and Investment Plan.

internal restructuring means the realignment of certain assets, liabilities and operations of Disney and certain of its subsidiaries to separate the ABC Radio Business from the rest of the Disney enterprise and consolidate it under ABC Radio Holdings that will occur prior to and in connection with the spin-off.

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**merger** means the merger of Alphabet Acquisition with and into ABC Radio Holdings, resulting in ABC Radio Holdings becoming a direct, wholly-owned subsidiary of Citadel.

**merger agreement** means the original merger agreement, as amended November 19, 2006.

**original merger agreement** means the Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of February 6, 2006, by and among Citadel, Disney, Alphabet Acquisition and ABC Radio Holdings.

**original separation agreement** means the Separation Agreement, dated as of February 6, 2006, by and between ABC Radio Holdings and Disney.

**principal Citadel stockholders** means Forstmann Little & Co. Equity Partnership-VI, L.P., Forstmann Little & Co. Equity Partnership-VII, L.P., Forstmann Little & Co. Subordinated Debt and Equity Management Buyout Partnership-VII, L.P. and Forstmann Little & Co. Subordinated Debt and Equity Management Buyout Partnership-VIII, L.P., the four entities that held in the aggregate approximately 67% of the outstanding Citadel common stock on February 6, 2006.

**separation** means the transactions by which Disney will (i) undergo the internal restructuring to separate the ABC Radio Business from the rest of the Disney enterprise and consolidate it under ABC Radio Holdings, (ii) distribute, by means of a spin-off, all of the outstanding shares of ABC Radio Holdings common stock to Disney stockholders, and (iii) retain the cash proceeds from the ABC Radio Holdings debt to be incurred in connection with these transactions.

**separation agreement** means the original separation agreement, as amended November 19, 2006.

**special distribution** means the distribution that Citadel has agreed to pay to its pre-merger stockholders, pursuant to the terms of the merger agreement.

**spin-off** means the pro rata distribution by Disney to the Disney stockholders following the internal restructuring of all the outstanding shares of ABC Radio Holdings common stock.

**tax sharing and indemnification agreement** means the Tax Sharing and Indemnification Agreement that Disney, ABC Radio Holdings and Citadel will enter into in connection with the closing of the merger.

**REFERENCES TO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

This information statement/prospectus incorporates important business and financial information about Citadel and Disney, respectively, from other documents that are not included in or delivered with this document. This information is available to you without charge upon your written or oral request. You can obtain the documents incorporated by reference into this document by accessing the Securities and Exchange Commission's website maintained at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov) or by requesting copies in writing or by telephone from Citadel at the following address: Citadel Broadcasting Corporation, Attn: Corporate Secretary, City Center West, Suite 400, 7201 West Lake Mead Blvd., Las Vegas, Nevada 89128; telephone: (702) 804-5200; or from Disney at the following address: The Walt Disney Company, Attn: Disney's Shareholder Services Department, 500 South Buena Vista Street, Burbank, California 91521; telephone: (818) 553-7200. See "Where You Can Find More Information; Incorporation by Reference" beginning on page 213.

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**QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT THE TRANSACTIONS**

**Q: What are the Transactions?**

A: Citadel, Alphabet Acquisition, Disney and ABC Radio Holdings have entered into an agreement under which Alphabet Acquisition will merge with and into ABC Radio Holdings and Citadel's business will combine with Disney's ABC Radio Network business of producing and distributing a variety of radio programs and formats and Disney's 22 major market radio stations, which we refer to collectively as the ABC Radio Business. The ABC Radio Business does not include the ESPN Radio and Radio Disney networks or any radio stations carrying the ESPN Radio and Radio Disney formats.

**Q: What are the Steps to the Transactions?**

A: First, in the separation, Disney will separate and consolidate the businesses that comprise the ABC Radio Business, through an internal restructuring, under ABC Radio Holdings, currently an indirect, wholly-owned subsidiary of Disney. Second, Disney will distribute all of the outstanding common stock of ABC Radio Holdings pro rata to Disney's stockholders through a spin-off. Third, immediately after the spin-off, Alphabet Acquisition will merge with and into ABC Radio Holdings, which will become a direct, wholly-owned subsidiary of Citadel, and the shares of ABC Radio Holdings common stock held by Disney stockholders will be converted into an equal number of shares of Citadel common stock in the merger. Disney (or one of its affiliates) also will retain approximately \$1.1 billion to \$1.35 billion in cash from the proceeds of indebtedness, which we refer to as the ABC Radio Holdings debt, that ABC Radio Holdings is expected to incur in connection with the internal restructuring and prior to the spin-off. In addition, immediately prior to the merger and pursuant to the merger agreement, Citadel has agreed to pay a special distribution only to its pre-merger stockholders.

**Q: What Will Citadel Stockholders Receive in the Transactions?**

A: Citadel stockholders will not receive any consideration in the merger. They will continue to hold their existing shares of Citadel common stock. Immediately prior to the merger and pursuant to the merger agreement, Citadel has agreed to pay a special distribution only to its pre-merger stockholders of record on a date that will not be earlier than two trading days prior to the closing date for the merger. Based on the number of shares that would be deemed outstanding under the merger agreement on the date of this information statement/prospectus, the amount of the special distribution would be \$[•] per share. Under the agreements, there is an upward adjustment which could be as much as approximately \$205 million in the aggregate, which means that the amount of the special distribution will not be adjusted to account for increases in the average closing price on the NYSE of Citadel common stock above \$[•] per share during the measurement period. See [The Transactions Transaction Consideration Determination of Amount of Special Distribution](#) beginning on page 110. See [Risk Factors](#) beginning on page 22.

**Q: What Will Disney Stockholders Receive in the Transactions?**

A: Each Disney stockholder will ultimately receive shares of Citadel common stock in the merger. As a result of the spin-off, it is currently anticipated that Disney stockholders will receive [•] shares of ABC Radio Holdings common stock for each share of Disney common stock that they own, each of which will be converted in the merger into the right to receive one share of Citadel common stock. Disney stockholders will not be required to pay for the shares of ABC Radio Holdings common stock distributed in the spin-off or the shares of Citadel common stock issued in the merger. Disney stockholders will receive cash from the distribution agent in lieu of any fractional shares of ABC Radio Holdings common stock or Citadel common stock to which such stockholder would otherwise be entitled. All shares of Citadel common stock issued in the merger will be issued by either certificates delivered to the distribution agent or book entry form.

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Citadel common stock is expected to continue to be listed on the NYSE under the symbol CDL. For more information, see The Transactions Transaction Consideration beginning on page 105.

**Q: What are the Material United States Federal Income Tax Consequences to Citadel Stockholders and Disney Stockholders Resulting from the Spin-Off, the Merger and the Special Distribution?**

A: Disney and ABC Radio Holdings' obligations to complete the transactions are conditioned on their receipt of certain private letter rulings from the United States Internal Revenue Service, which we refer to as the IRS rulings and the IRS, respectively, and opinion of their tax counsel in connection with the spin-off. In addition, Disney, ABC Radio Holdings and Citadel's obligations to complete the merger are conditioned on their receipt of tax opinions from their respective tax counsel. It is expected that each of the opinions regarding the tax consequences of the merger will be attached as exhibits to the registration statement, of which this information statement/prospectus is a part, prior to its effectiveness and distribution to stockholders.

Among other things, it is expected that the IRS rulings will include rulings to the effect that Disney stockholders will not recognize gain or loss for United States federal income tax purposes upon the receipt of ABC Radio Holdings common stock in the spin-off and that each of the opinions regarding the merger will conclude that stockholders of ABC Radio Holdings will not recognize gain or loss for United States federal income tax purposes upon the conversion of shares of ABC Radio Holdings common stock into shares of Citadel common stock in the merger, except to the extent of any cash received from the distribution agent by an ABC Radio Holdings stockholder in lieu of a fractional share.

It also is expected that Citadel will receive a tax opinion from its tax counsel to the effect that the special distribution that Citadel has agreed to pay, pursuant to the merger agreement, only to pre-merger Citadel stockholders in connection with the transactions (i) will be taxable to pre-merger Citadel stockholders for United States federal income tax purposes as dividend income, to the extent paid out of Citadel's earnings and profits as calculated for United States federal income tax purposes, and (ii) to the extent the amount of the special distribution exceeds Citadel's current and accumulated earnings and profits, the excess will be treated first as a tax-free return of basis and thereafter as capital gain.

The tax consequences described above may not apply to all stockholders. For further information regarding the material United States federal income tax consequences of the transactions to stockholders of Citadel and Disney, please see The Transactions Material United States Federal Income Tax Consequences of the Spin-Off, the Merger and the Special Distribution beginning on page 150.

**Tax matters are very complicated and the consequences of the transactions to any particular stockholder will depend on that stockholder's particular facts and circumstances. Citadel and Disney stockholders are urged to consult their own tax advisors to determine their own tax consequences from the transactions.**

**Q: Do Citadel Stockholders Have to Take Any Further Action to Approve the Merger or Issuance of Shares?**

A: No. Although Citadel stockholder approval of the merger and the issuance of Citadel common stock in the merger is required under the merger agreement and the rules of the NYSE, on February 6, 2006, the principal Citadel stockholders, holding a majority of the outstanding Citadel common stock, delivered a written consent to Citadel approving the merger and the issuance of Citadel common stock. As a result, no other votes are necessary to adopt the merger agreement and to approve the merger and the issuance of shares in connection therewith and your approval is not required and is not being requested. See Written Consents of the Principal Citadel Stockholders beginning on page 186.

**Q: Do Disney Stockholders Have to Vote to Approve the Spin-Off or the Merger?**

A: No. No vote of Disney stockholders is required or being sought in connection with the spin-off or the merger. Each of Disney and ABC Radio Holdings has adopted the merger agreement and approved the merger and other transactions contemplated thereby and has adopted the separation agreement and approved the separation, the spin-off and other transactions contemplated thereby.

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**Q: Can Citadel or Disney Stockholders Dissent and Require Appraisal of Their Shares?**

A: No. Neither Citadel's nor Disney's stockholders have dissenters' rights under Delaware law in connection with the transactions.

**Q: Are There Any Conditions to Consummation of the Merger?**

A: Yes. Consummation of the merger is subject to the satisfaction or waiver of closing conditions that are contained in the merger agreement. These include Disney and ABC Radio Holdings' receipt of certain IRS rulings regarding the tax-free nature of the transactions; the receipt of tax opinions from counsel to Disney, ABC Radio Holdings and Citadel; the receipt of consents from the Federal Communications Commission, which we refer to as the FCC; the expiration or termination of any required waiting periods under the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976, as amended, which we refer to as the HSR Act; and other customary conditions. Each of Citadel, Disney or ABC Radio Holdings may waive any of the conditions to its obligations to complete the merger. See "The Merger Agreement - Conditions to the Consummation of the Merger" beginning on page 166.

**Q: When Will the Merger be Completed?**

A: We expect to complete the merger in the second calendar quarter of 2007.

**Q: Are There Risks Associated with the Merger?**

A: Yes. Citadel may not realize the expected benefits of the merger because of the risks and uncertainties discussed in the section entitled "Risk Factors" beginning on page 22 and the section entitled "Special Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements" beginning on page 39. Those risks include, among others, risks relating to the uncertainty that the merger will close, the uncertainty that Citadel will be able to integrate the ABC Radio Business successfully, and uncertainties relating to the performance of the combined company after completion of the merger in light of restrictions imposed by the tax sharing and indemnification agreement and the anticipated credit facilities, among other factors.

**Q: Will There be Any Change to the Board of Directors or the Executive Officers of Citadel After the Merger?**

A: No. The initial directors and executive officers of Citadel immediately following the closing of the merger are expected to be the directors and executive officers of Citadel immediately prior to the closing of the merger. Currently, the directors of Citadel are Farid Suleman, Katherine Brown, J. Anthony Forstmann, Theodore J. Forstmann, Michael A. Miles, Charles P. Rose, Jr., Herbert J. Siegel and Wayne T. Smith. Citadel's chief executive officer is Farid Suleman, chief operating officer is Judith A. Ellis, chief financial officer is Robert G. Freedline, vice president - finance and principal accounting officer is Randy L. Taylor, senior vice president - finance and administration is Patricia Stratford and vice president and general counsel is Jacquelyn J. Orr. See "Information on Citadel - Directors and Officers of Citadel Before and After the Merger" beginning on page 42.

**Q: Will the Instruments that Govern the Rights of Citadel and Disney Stockholders with Respect to Their Shares of Citadel Common Stock After the Merger be Different from Those that Govern the Rights of Current Citadel Stockholders?**

A: No. The rights of Citadel and Disney stockholders with respect to their shares of Citadel common stock after the merger will be governed by federal and local laws and Citadel's current governing documents, including:

the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware;

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the restated certificate of incorporation of Citadel; and

the amended and restated by-laws of Citadel.

**Q: Is There Anything that Citadel Stockholders Need to Do Now?**

A: No. Since the principal Citadel stockholders, holding a majority of the outstanding Citadel common stock, have already provided to Citadel their written consent to the adoption of the merger agreement and the transactions contemplated thereby, including the merger and the issuance of Citadel common stock, and are expected to consent to certain modifications to Citadel's long-term incentive plan in connection with the merger, there is no further action for Citadel stockholders to take. However, Citadel stockholders should carefully read this information statement/prospectus, which contains important information about the spin-off, the merger, the ABC Radio Business, Citadel and the combined company.

**CITADEL STOCKHOLDERS WILL NOT BE REQUIRED TO SURRENDER THEIR EXISTING CERTIFICATES REPRESENTING CITADEL SHARES IN THE SPIN-OFF OR MERGER AND THEY SHOULD NOT SEND IN THEIR CITADEL STOCK CERTIFICATES.**

**Q: Is There Anything that Disney Stockholders Need to Do Now?**

A: No. No vote of Disney stockholders is required in connection with the separation, the spin-off or the merger and no action by Disney stockholders is required to participate in the spin-off or the merger. However, Disney stockholders should carefully read this information statement/prospectus, which contains important information about the spin-off, the merger, the ABC Radio Business, Citadel and the combined company.

**Q: Who Can Answer My Questions?**

A: If you are a Citadel stockholder and you have any questions about the merger, please contact Citadel Broadcasting Corporation at [•] or at 7201 West Lake Mead Boulevard, Suite 400, Las Vegas, Nevada 89128.

If you are a Disney stockholder and you have any questions about the separation, the spin-off or the merger or to request additional documents, including copies of this information statement/prospectus, please contact Disney's Shareholder Services Department at (818) 553-7200.

**Q: Where Can I Find More Information About Citadel and the ABC Radio Business?**

A: You can find more information about Citadel and the ABC Radio Business in the section entitled "Information on Citadel" beginning on page 41 and "Information on the ABC Radio Business" on page 46 of this information/prospectus statement and from the various sources described under "Where You Can Find More Information; Incorporation by Reference" beginning on page 213.

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**SUMMARY**

This summary, together with the section titled "Questions and Answers About the Transactions" immediately preceding this summary, provides a summary of the material terms of the spin-off and the merger. These sections highlight selected information contained in this information statement/prospectus and may not include all the information that is important to you. To better understand the proposed spin-off and merger, and the risks associated with the transactions, and for a more complete description of the legal terms of the spin-off and the merger, you should read this entire information statement/prospectus-carefully, as well as those additional documents to which we refer you. We have included page references at various points in this summary to direct you to a more detailed description of the topics presented. In addition, see "Where You Can Find More Information; Incorporation by Reference" beginning on page 213.

This document constitutes:

an information statement/prospectus of Citadel for use in providing information about the proposed merger and relating to the issuance of shares of Citadel common stock in connection with the merger; and

an information statement of Disney relating to the spin-off of the ABC Radio Business from Disney and the merger of ABC Radio Holdings with Citadel.

**The Companies**

Citadel Broadcasting Corporation

City Center West, Suite 400

7201 West Lake Mead Blvd.

Las Vegas, Nevada 89128

(702) 804-5200

Citadel Broadcasting Corporation is the sixth largest radio broadcasting company in the United States based on net broadcasting revenue. As of November 15, 2006, Citadel owns and operates 165 FM and 58 AM radio stations in 46 markets located in 24 states across the country. Citadel has a clustered radio station portfolio that is diversified by programming formats, geographic regions, audience demographics and advertising clients. Radio stations serving the same geographic area (*i.e.* principally a city or combination of cities) are referred to as a market. Citadel ranks first or second in audience share in 34 of its 45 Arbitron rated markets. Citadel's top 25 markets accounted for approximately 76% of its revenue in fiscal year 2005. Approximately 86% of its 2005 revenues was derived from local and regional advertising with the remaining portion derived from national ad sales. For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2005, Citadel had approximately \$420 million in net broadcasting revenue and approximately \$70 million in net income, without giving effect to the transactions. For more information on Citadel, see "Information on Citadel" beginning on page 41.

Alphabet Acquisition Corp.

c/o Citadel Broadcasting Corporation

City Center West, Suite 400

7201 West Lake Mead Blvd.

Las Vegas, Nevada 89128

(702) 804-5200

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Alphabet Acquisition Corp. is a direct, wholly-owned subsidiary of Citadel Broadcasting Corporation. Alphabet Acquisition was organized on January 24, 2006 for the purposes of merging with and into ABC Radio Holdings, Inc. in the merger. It has not carried on any activities other than in connection with the merger agreement.

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The Walt Disney Company

500 South Buena Vista Street

Burbank, California 91521

(818) 560-1000

The Walt Disney Company, together with its subsidiaries, is a diversified worldwide media and entertainment enterprise with four main business segments: media networks, parks and resorts, studio entertainment and consumer products. Disney is a Dow 30 company, had annual revenues of nearly \$34 billion in its most recent fiscal year and a market capitalization of approximately \$72.1 billion as of February 2, 2007.

ABC Radio Holdings, Inc.

c/o The Walt Disney Company

500 South Buena Vista Street

Burbank, California 91521

(818) 560-1000

We refer to ABC Radio Holdings, Inc., a Delaware corporation, as ABC Radio Holdings. ABC Radio Holdings is currently an indirect, wholly-owned subsidiary of Disney. In connection with the separation, Disney will separate and consolidate the ABC Radio Business under ABC Radio Holdings and then distribute all of the shares of common stock of ABC Radio Holdings to Disney stockholders.

The ABC Radio Business is the third largest radio broadcasting business in the United States, based on net broadcasting revenue, and includes the ABC Radio Stations business and the ABC Radio Network business. The ABC Radio Stations business is composed of 22 owned and operated radio stations owned by Disney which broadcast music, news and talk programming in 9 of the top 16 designated market areas as defined by Arbitron reaching an estimated 13 million listeners per week. The ABC Radio Network business is a leading radio network syndicator in the United States with approximately 4,000 affiliate stations and 8,500 program affiliations, and, according to industry sources, reaches an estimated 100 million people on a weekly basis and provides news and talk formats such as ABC News, Paul Harvey and Sean Hannity, collaborative programming aimed at the urban and Hispanic communities and 24-hour music formats. For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2006, the ABC Radio Business had approximately \$539 million in net revenue and approximately \$78 million in net income, without giving effect to the transactions. For more information on the ABC Radio Business, see Information on the ABC Radio Business beginning on page 46.

## **The Separation**

Before the merger, Disney will engage in the internal restructuring to realign certain assets, liabilities and the operations of Disney and certain of its subsidiaries and separate and consolidate the ABC Radio Business under ABC Radio Holdings. In addition, Disney (or one of its affiliates) will retain cash from the proceeds of the ABC Radio Holdings debt that ABC Radio Holdings is expected to incur in connection with the internal restructuring and prior to the spin-off. The amount of the ABC Radio Holdings debt is expected to be between approximately \$1.1 billion and \$1.35 billion (depending on the price of Citadel common stock during a specified measurement period before closing) but in no event will exceed the maximum amount of borrowing permissible pursuant to the leverage test contained in the ABC Radio Holdings financing commitment. The precise amount of proceeds will be determined as described in this information statement/prospectus. In accordance with these determination mechanisms, if the average closing price of Citadel common stock during the measurement period prior to closing equals \$[•], which was the closing price of Citadel common stock on the NYSE on the date of this information statement/prospectus, Disney (or one of its affiliates) will retain approximately \$[•] of cash, representing all of the proceeds of the ABC Radio Holdings debt.

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Pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth in the separation agreement, Disney will then distribute all of the outstanding common stock of ABC Radio Holdings pro rata to Disney's stockholders through a spin-off. The number of shares of ABC Radio Holdings common stock that will be outstanding at the time of the spin-off will be determined as described in detail in The Transactions Transaction Consideration Determination of Number of ABC Radio Holdings Shares beginning on page 108. Based upon current market prices, it is currently expected that Disney stockholders will receive approximately [•] shares of ABC Radio Holdings common stock for each share of Disney common stock that they own on the record date of the transaction. The Disney stockholders will not, however, physically receive certificates representing ABC Radio Holdings shares. Instead, the ABC Radio Holdings shares will be deposited with a third-party distribution agent, to be held for the benefit of the Disney stockholders prior to the shares' conversion into the right to receive Citadel common stock in connection with the merger and pursuant to the merger agreement (described below). The terms and conditions of the separation are set forth in the original separation agreement and the first amendment thereto, which are attached to this information statement/prospectus as Annexes B and B-I and described in detail in The Separation Agreement beginning on page 171. We encourage you to read the separation agreement carefully.

## **The Merger**

Citadel will combine its business with the ABC Radio Business through the merger of Alphabet Acquisition with and into ABC Radio Holdings on the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in the merger agreement. ABC Radio Holdings will survive the merger as a direct, wholly-owned subsidiary of Citadel.

At the closing of the merger, pursuant to the merger agreement, each share of ABC Radio Holdings common stock issued and outstanding immediately before the effective time of the merger will be automatically converted into the right to receive one share of Citadel common stock. If the closing were to occur on the date of this information statement/prospectus, pre-merger ABC Radio Holdings stockholders would own approximately 57%, and pre-merger Citadel stockholders would own approximately 43%, of the Citadel common stock after the merger. These percentages are determined on a partially diluted basis, as agreed to in the merger agreement, and include some shares of Citadel's common stock that are issuable upon exercise or conversion of other securities, including Citadel's outstanding convertible notes. See The Transactions Transaction Consideration Determination of Number of ABC Radio Holdings Shares beginning on page 108. Citadel stockholders will not receive any new shares in the merger and will continue to hold their existing shares of Citadel common stock after the merger.

Following the merger, the executive officers and directors of Citadel immediately prior to the merger are expected to remain the executive officers and directors of Citadel, and Citadel's executive headquarters are expected to continue to be located in Las Vegas, Nevada. See Information on Citadel Directors and Officers of Citadel Before and After the Merger beginning on page 42.

The terms and conditions of the merger are set forth in the original merger agreement and the first amendment thereto, which are attached to this information statement/prospectus as Annexes A and A-I and described in detail in The Merger Agreement beginning on page 157. We encourage you to read the merger agreement carefully.

## **Merger Consideration; Citadel Special Distribution**

Pursuant to the merger agreement, each share of ABC Radio Holdings common stock issued and outstanding immediately before the effective time of the merger will be automatically converted into the right to receive one share of Citadel common stock. The exchange, subject to certain adjustments, is designed to provide that immediately after the merger, pre-merger Disney stockholders will own an amount of common stock of Citadel equal to the sum of: (1) that number of shares equal to 52% of the common stock of Citadel (but in no



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event less than 127,240,887 shares), determined on a partially diluted basis, which includes some shares of Citadel common stock that are issuable upon the exercise or conversion of other securities, including Citadel's outstanding convertible notes, plus (2) the fixed price ABC Radio Holdings shares, plus (3) the floating price ABC Radio Holdings shares. On this partially diluted basis, and because the transaction agreements provide that ABC Radio Holdings stockholders will not receive less than a specified number of Citadel shares in the merger and, based on the number of Citadel shares of common stock currently deemed outstanding for this purpose, the collar mechanism provides that the maximum number of shares of Citadel common stock that Citadel could issue to Disney stockholders in the merger is approximately 165 million, if the closing were to occur on the date of this information statement/prospectus, pre-merger ABC Radio Holdings stockholders would own approximately 57%, and pre-merger Citadel stockholders would own approximately 43%, of the Citadel common stock after the merger. In accordance with the determination mechanisms contained in the merger agreement and separation agreement and described in this information statement/prospectus, and based upon current market prices, we currently expect that Disney stockholders will receive approximately [●] shares of ABC Radio Holdings common stock for each share of Disney common stock that they own as of the record date of the transaction. Disney stockholders will also continue to own their shares of Disney common stock.

Citadel stockholders will not receive any new shares in the merger and will continue to hold their existing shares of Citadel common stock after the merger.

Additionally, immediately prior to the merger and pursuant to the merger agreement, Citadel has agreed to pay a special distribution only to its pre-merger stockholders of record on a date that will not be earlier than two trading days prior to the closing date for the merger. Based on the number of shares that would be deemed outstanding under the merger agreement on the date of this information statement/prospectus, the amount of the special distribution would be \$[●] per share. In accordance with the collar mechanism contained in the merger and separation agreements, the amount of the special distribution will be subject to upward adjustment if the average closing price on the NYSE of Citadel common stock during the measurement period exceeds \$12.68 per share. Under the agreements, the maximum aggregate amount of the upward adjustment is approximately \$205 million, which means that the amount of the special distribution will not be adjusted to account for increases in the average closing price on the NYSE of Citadel common stock above \$[●] per share during the measurement period. In accordance with this determination mechanism, if the average closing price of Citadel common stock during the measurement period prior to closing equals \$[●], which was the closing price of Citadel common stock on the NYSE on the date of this information statement/prospectus, the special distribution will be approximately \$[●] per share. See [The Transactions](#) [Transaction Consideration](#) [Determination of Amount of Special Distribution](#) beginning on page 110 and [Risk Factors](#) beginning on page 22.

**Treatment of Stock Options and Restricted Stock Units**

Each outstanding Disney stock option and restricted stock unit (whether vested or unvested) held by Disney employees who will become Citadel employees following the merger will be assumed by Citadel if the holder of such option or restricted stock unit so agrees. (If the holder of such option or restricted stock unit does not so agree, such holder will be treated under the terms of the applicable Disney equity plan as having terminated his or her employment or other service arrangement with Disney and its subsidiaries on the closing date of the merger and will have such rights, as applicable, under the original terms of the stock option or restricted stock unit in effect at the time of termination.) Each such option previously exercisable for shares of Disney common stock will become exercisable for an adjusted number of Citadel shares at an adjusted exercise price pursuant to a formula set forth in the merger agreement. Each such restricted stock unit previously awarded with respect to shares of Disney common stock will be adjusted to be an award with respect to an adjusted number of shares of Citadel common stock pursuant to a formula set forth in the merger agreement. None of the options to purchase Disney common stock or restricted stock units will become vested or exercisable as a result of the spin-off or the merger.

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Each outstanding Citadel option, restricted share or restricted stock unit will remain outstanding after the effective time of the merger, without adjustment unless, at its election, and in accordance with the terms of Citadel's long-term incentive plan, the Citadel board or its compensation committee determines to adjust the exercise price of each outstanding option to acquire Citadel common stock, whether vested or unvested, to reflect the effects of the special distribution. None of the options to purchase Citadel common stock, restricted shares or restricted stock units will become vested or exercisable as a result of the spin-off or the merger. See The Merger Agreement Treatment of Stock Options and Restricted Stock Units beginning on page 158.

### **Conditions to Consummation of the Merger**

Consummation of the merger is subject to the satisfaction or waiver of closing conditions that are contained in the merger agreement, including:

Disney and ABC Radio Holdings' receipt of IRS rulings on the transactions and each party's receipt of certain opinions from their respective tax counsel;

the receipt of certain consents to certain transfers of control of radio station licenses and licensees from the FCC;

the expiration or termination of any required waiting periods under the HSR Act;

the effectiveness of Citadel's registration statement, of which this information statement/prospectus is a part;

the receipt of all other governmental and third party consents, approvals and authorizations;

the completion of the separation in accordance with the separation agreement;

the receipt of Citadel stockholder approval, which was received prior to the filing of this information statement/prospectus; and

each party's compliance in all material respects with its obligations under the merger agreement and the accuracy of each party's representations and warranties contained in the merger agreement.

In addition, Disney's obligation to consummate the merger is subject to the satisfaction (or waiver) of the following conditions: (1) the incurrence of the ABC Radio Holdings debt and (2) the termination of certain of Citadel's stockholder arrangements.

Each of Citadel, Disney or ABC Radio Holdings may waive, at its sole discretion, any of the conditions to its respective obligations to complete the merger. In the event that Citadel, Disney or ABC Radio Holdings elects to waive material conditions to the consummation of the merger and such changes in the terms of the merger render the disclosure in this information statement/prospectus materially misleading, the parties intend to recirculate the information statement/prospectus. See The Merger Agreement Conditions to the Consummation of the Merger beginning on page 166.

### **Regulatory Approvals**

For an acquisition meeting certain size thresholds, such as the merger, the HSR Act requires the parties to file notification and report forms with the Federal Trade Commission, which we refer to as the FTC, and the Antitrust Division of the United States Department of Justice, which we refer to as the DOJ, and to observe specified waiting period requirements before consummating the acquisition. On March 17, 2006, Citadel and ABC Radio Holdings filed such required notifications with the Antitrust Division of the DOJ and the FTC. The parties received notice of early termination of the waiting period effective March 31, 2006 from the FTC. Although rarely done once the initial waiting period has been terminated, at any time either prior to or after the completion of the merger, the FTC or the Antitrust Division of the DOJ could take action to

challenge the merger

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if it deems such action necessary to protect the public interest, including seeking to enjoin completion of the merger. Additionally, the parties currently anticipate that the merger will be consummated in the second calendar quarter of 2007. If the merger is not consummated prior to March 31, 2007, the parties will be required to re-file notification and report forms with the FTC and DOJ and once again observe specified waiting period requirements before consummating the merger. The merger is also subject to state antitrust laws and could be the subject of challenges by state attorneys general under those laws or by private parties under federal or state antitrust laws. Citadel and Disney are not aware of any material governmental antitrust approvals or actions that are required for completion of the merger other than as described above.

Under the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, which we refer to as the Communications Act, the FCC must approve the assignments and transfers of control that may be deemed to occur under the FCC's rules and policies in connection with the separation and the merger of the 22 radio stations licensed for broadcast to entities to be controlled by ABC Radio Holdings and the 225 radio stations licensed for broadcast to a wholly-owned subsidiary of Citadel. Citadel and Disney filed the relevant applications on behalf of their respective subsidiaries with the FCC in late February 2006. Each party's obligations to complete the merger are subject to receipt of the consents of the FCC. See "The Transactions Regulatory Approvals" beginning on page 154.

### **Termination of the Merger Agreement**

Under certain circumstances, the merger agreement can be terminated by the parties. Citadel will be required to pay Disney a termination fee in the amount of \$81 million if Disney terminates the merger agreement under certain circumstances, including (1) if Citadel is unable to obtain a valid and effective stockholder vote or consent to the merger or (2) if Citadel breaches its obligations under the merger agreement or the merger is not consummated by June 15, 2007 (or August 6, 2007 under certain circumstances), and, in either of the instances described in this clause (2), Citadel or its subsidiaries or affiliates enters into a definitive agreement with respect to, or consummates, a Citadel acquisition proposal within 15 months of such termination. Disney will be required to pay Citadel a termination fee in the amount of \$81 million if Citadel terminates the merger agreement under certain circumstances, including if Disney breaches its obligations under the merger agreement or the merger is not consummated by June 15, 2007 (or August 6, 2007 under certain circumstances), and, in either instance, within 15 months of such termination, Disney or any of its subsidiaries or affiliates enters into a definitive agreement with respect to, or consummates, an ABC Radio Holdings acquisition proposal. The circumstances that give rise to the payment of a termination fee are described in more detail in "The Merger Agreement Termination of the Merger Agreement" beginning on page 167.

Disney will be required to pay Citadel's out-of-pocket costs associated with the merger, not to exceed \$15 million, if the agreement is terminated by either party because the merger has not occurred before June 15, 2007 (or August 6, 2007 under certain circumstances) and at the time of such termination, all of the conditions to the merger have been satisfied or waived except for those pertaining to the IRS rulings or the receipt of opinions from tax counsel. In addition, Disney will be required to make such payments to Citadel if the merger agreement is terminated by Disney because Disney cannot obtain any of the IRS rulings and/or opinions of tax counsel or may only obtain them by providing factual statements, representations and/or covenants that differ materially from those described in the merger agreement and the differences in such factual statements, representations and/or covenants would reasonably be expected to result in, individually or in the aggregate, an adverse impact on Disney. See "The Merger Agreement Termination of the Merger Agreement" beginning on page 167.

### **Financing of the Spin-Off and the Merger**

Prior to the spin-off and the merger, it is expected that ABC Radio Holdings will enter into an initial term loan facility with an aggregate principal amount between approximately \$1.1 billion and \$1.35 billion of indebtedness. Under the terms of the separation agreement, the precise amount of the ABC Radio Holdings debt will be based on the share price of Citadel common stock in accordance with a collar mechanism that uses the average closing price

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of Citadel common stock during a period of 10 consecutive trading days ending on the trading day immediately prior to the collar measurement day. Additionally, ABC Radio Holdings may not incur any of this contemplated financing prior to the collar measurement day. The ABC Radio Holdings financing commitment, providing the debt financing described above, provides that the amount of borrowing may not exceed the maximum amount permissible pursuant to the leverage test contained in that commitment. Accordingly, if the leverage test is not satisfied, the amount of debt incurred by ABC Radio Holdings would be reduced below the amount permitted under the merger agreement and separation agreement. That debt commitment is subject to customary closing conditions. In accordance with the collar mechanism, if the average closing price of Citadel common stock during the measurement period prior to closing equals \$[●], which was the closing price of the Citadel common stock on the NYSE on the date of this information statement/prospectus, the ABC Radio Holdings debt amount is expected to be approximately \$[●].

Disney (or one of its affiliates) will retain the proceeds of the ABC Radio Holdings debt, and the corresponding debt obligation will remain with ABC Radio Holdings. See "Financing of the Spin-Off and the Merger" beginning on page 177.

Citadel also has entered into a commitment regarding the indebtedness to be incurred by Citadel in connection with the merger. This commitment provides debt financing in connection with the payment of the special distribution, the refinancing of Citadel's existing senior credit facility, the refinancing of the ABC Radio Holdings debt and the completion of the merger. Under the Citadel commitment letter, Citadel is expected to obtain new senior secured bank facilities with a total principal amount of up to \$2.650 billion. See "Financing of the Spin-Off and the Merger" beginning on page 177 and "Risk Factors" beginning on page 22.

### **Material United States Federal Income Tax Consequences of the Spin-Off, the Merger and the Special Distribution**

Disney and ABC Radio Holdings' obligations to complete the transactions are conditioned on their receipt of certain IRS rulings in connection with the spin-off. Among the rulings requested from the IRS are rulings to the effect that the spin-off will qualify as a nonrecognition transaction to Disney and its stockholders under section 355(a) of the Internal Revenue Code and that Disney stockholders will not recognize gain or loss for United States federal income tax purposes upon the receipt of ABC Radio Holdings common stock in the spin-off.

In addition, Disney, ABC Radio Holdings and Citadel's obligations to complete the merger are conditioned on their receipt of tax opinions from their respective tax counsel. It is expected that each of the opinions regarding the tax consequences of the merger will be attached as exhibits to the registration statement, of which this information statement/prospectus is a part, prior to its effectiveness and distribution to stockholders. Among other things, it is expected that each of the opinions regarding the merger will conclude that stockholders of ABC Radio Holdings will not recognize gain or loss for United States federal income tax purposes upon the conversion of shares of ABC Radio Holdings common stock into shares of Citadel common stock in the merger, except to the extent of any cash received from the distribution agent by an ABC Radio Holdings stockholder in lieu of a fractional share.

It also is expected that Citadel will receive a tax opinion from its tax counsel to the effect that the special distribution that Citadel has agreed to pay, pursuant to the merger agreement, only to pre-merger Citadel stockholders in connection with the transactions (i) will be taxable to pre-merger Citadel stockholders for United States federal income tax purposes as dividend income, to the extent paid out of Citadel's earnings and profits as calculated for United States federal income tax purposes, and (ii) to the extent the amount of the special distribution exceeds Citadel's current and accumulated earnings and profits, the excess will be treated first as a tax-free return of basis and thereafter as capital gain.

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The tax consequences described above may not apply to all stockholders. For further information regarding the material United States federal income tax consequences of the transactions to stockholders of Citadel and Disney, please see [The Transactions Material United States Federal Income Tax Consequences of the Spin-Off, the Merger and the Special Distribution](#) beginning on page 150.

**Tax matters are very complicated and the consequences of the transactions to any particular stockholder will depend on that stockholder's particular facts and circumstances. Citadel and Disney stockholders are urged to consult their own tax advisors to determine their own tax consequences from the transactions.**

### **Additional Agreements Relating to the Spin-Off and the Merger**

In addition to the separation agreement and merger agreement, Citadel, Disney and ABC Radio Holdings have entered into, or they or their respective subsidiaries will enter into at or prior to the closing, various agreements that will govern the separation and the merger and various interim and ongoing commercial and real estate relationships between the parties, including the tax sharing and indemnification agreement. See [Additional Agreements](#) beginning on page 188.

### **Opinions of Citadel's Financial Advisors**

In deciding to approve the merger agreement and the merger, the Citadel board of directors considered the opinion delivered to it on February 6, 2006 by J.P. Morgan Securities Inc., its financial advisor, which we refer to herein as JPMorgan, that, as of the date of the opinion, and based upon and subject to the various factors, assumptions, limitations and qualifications set forth in its opinion, the consideration to be paid by Citadel in the transaction pursuant to the original merger agreement was fair, from a financial point of view, to Citadel. The full text of the written opinion of JPMorgan, which sets forth the assumptions made, matters considered and qualifications and limitations on the review undertaken by JPMorgan with respect to the original merger agreement, is attached as Annex C to this information statement/prospectus. The opinion and the analyses performed by JPMorgan in connection with its opinion were based upon financial information, market data and Citadel's forecasts for the ABC Radio Business and Citadel as they existed on or prior to February 6, 2006, the date of JPMorgan's opinion. Citadel did not request, and JPMorgan did not render, an opinion as of the date of, or in connection with, the November 19, 2006 amendments to the original merger agreement as to the fairness to Citadel of the consideration to be paid by Citadel pursuant to the merger agreement, as so amended. Accordingly, neither the opinion nor the analyses summarized in this information statement/prospectus reflect or take into account any developments since February 6, 2006. JPMorgan will receive a fee for its services, the details of which are described in the section [The Transactions Opinion and Analysis of JPMorgan as Citadel's Financial Advisor Miscellaneous](#) on page 126. See [The Transactions Opinion and Analysis of JPMorgan as Citadel's Financial Advisor](#) beginning on page 126.

The Citadel board also considered the opinion delivered to it on February 6, 2006 by Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, its financial advisor, which we refer to herein as Merrill Lynch, that, as of that date, and based upon and subject to the various factors, assumptions, limitations and qualifications set forth in the written opinion, the Original Consideration was fair, from a financial point of view, to Citadel. For purposes of Merrill Lynch's opinion, the Original Consideration means the shares of Citadel common stock that were to be issued in the merger pursuant to the original merger agreement plus the amount of cash that was expected to be retained by Disney (or one of its affiliates) pursuant to the original separation agreement. The full text of the written opinion of Merrill Lynch, which sets forth the assumptions made, matters considered and qualifications and limitations on the review undertaken by Merrill Lynch, is attached as Annex D to this information statement/prospectus. Citadel did not request, and Merrill Lynch did not render, an opinion as to the fairness to Citadel of the shares of Citadel common stock to be issued by Citadel pursuant to the merger agreement, as amended on

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November 19, 2006, and the amount of cash to be retained by Disney pursuant to the separation agreement, as amended on November 19, 2006, as of the date of, or in connection with, Citadel's entering into the November 19, 2006 amendments to the original merger agreement. Accordingly, neither the opinion nor the analyses summarized in this information statement/prospectus reflect or take into account any developments since February 6, 2006. Merrill Lynch received a fee for its services, the details of which are described in the section "The Transactions - Opinion and Analysis of Merrill Lynch as Citadel's Financial Advisor - Miscellaneous" on page 138. See "The Transactions - Opinion and Analysis of Merrill Lynch as Citadel's Financial Advisor" beginning on page 138.

### **Written Consents of the Principal Citadel Stockholders**

On February 6, 2006, pursuant to section 228 of the DGCL and the by-laws of Citadel, the principal Citadel stockholders - Forstmann Little & Co. Equity Partnership-VI, L.P., Forstmann Little & Co. Equity Partnership-VII, L.P., Forstmann Little & Co. Subordinated Debt and Equity Management Buyout Partnership-VII, L.P. and Forstmann Little & Co. Subordinated Debt and Equity Management Buyout Partnership-VIII, L.P. - who collectively held in the aggregate approximately 67% of the outstanding Citadel common stock on that date, took action by written consent to approve the merger agreement and the transactions and other documents contemplated or required thereby, including approving the merger and the issuance of shares of Citadel common stock in connection with the merger. See "Written Consents of the Principal Citadel Stockholders" beginning on page 186.

These same stockholders are expected to deliver to Citadel prior to the effective time of the registration statement relating to the issuance of Citadel common stock in the merger, of which this information statement/prospectus is a part, an additional written consent in accordance with section 228 of DGCL, which is expected to be conditioned on the closing of the merger and will take effect at that time. The consent is expected to approve amendments to Citadel's long-term incentive plan that would increase the number of shares available for issuance thereunder in connection with the conversion of Disney stock options and restricted stock units to Citadel stock options and restricted stock units in connection with the merger. Neither Citadel nor Disney is soliciting proxies from Citadel stockholders. See "Written Consents of the Principal Citadel Stockholders" beginning on page 186.

### **No Appraisal or Dissenters' Rights**

None of Citadel's or Disney's stockholders will be entitled to exercise appraisal or dissenters' rights under the DGCL in connection with the transactions. See "The Transactions - No Appraisal or Dissenters' Rights" beginning on page 156.

**Table of Contents****SUMMARY OF SELECTED HISTORICAL AND PRO FORMA FINANCIAL DATA**

We are providing the following summary selected consolidated financial data of Citadel and selected consolidated financial data of the ABC Radio Business to help you in your analysis of the financial aspects of the merger and the related transactions. You should read this information in conjunction with the financial information included elsewhere in this information statement/prospectus. We have included page references at various points in this summary to direct you to a more detailed description of the topics presented. In addition, see *Where You Can Find More Information*; *Incorporation by Reference* beginning on page 213, *Information on Citadel* beginning on page 41, *Information on the ABC Radio Business* beginning on page 46 and *Index to Financial Statements of the ABC Radio Group* beginning on page F-1.

**Summary of Historical Combined Financial Data of the ABC Radio Business**

The following table contains summary historical financial data of the combined ABC Radio Business. The operating data for each of the fiscal years ended September 30, 2006, October 1, 2005 and September 30, 2004 and the balance sheet data as of September 30, 2006 and October 1, 2005 are derived from the audited combined financial statements included in this information statement/prospectus. The operating data for the three months ended December 30, 2006 and December 31, 2005 and the balance sheet data as of December 30, 2006 and December 31, 2005 are derived from the unaudited combined financial statements included in this information statement/prospectus. The operating data for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2003 and the balance sheet data as of September 1, 2004 are derived from the audited combined financial statements not included in this information statement/prospectus. The operating data for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2002 and the balance sheet data as of September 30, 2003 and 2002 are derived from the unaudited historical financial data.

The summary historical combined statements of operations data and the summary historical combined balance sheets and cash flows for the three months ended December 30, 2006 and December 31, 2005 and the fiscal year ended September 30, 2002 are unaudited, but include, in the opinion of management, all adjustments, consisting only of normal, recurring adjustments that are necessary for a fair presentation of such data. This information is only a summary and should be read together with *Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations for the ABC Radio Business* and the ABC Radio Business audited combined financial statements and the related notes included elsewhere within this document.

	ABC Radio Business						
	Three Months Ended		Fiscal Years Ended				
	December 30, 2006	December 31, 2005	September 30, 2006	October 1, 2005	2004	September 30, 2003	2002
(in thousands)							
<b>Operating Data:</b>							
Net revenues	\$ 144,121	\$ 141,420	\$ 538,721	\$ 571,890	\$ 571,111	\$ 584,328	\$ 559,583
Income before cumulative effect of accounting change	25,267	21,088	78,281	101,942	109,619	118,008	113,667
Net income	25,267	21,088	78,281	100,651	109,619	118,008	113,667
<b>Other Data:</b>							
Cash flow provided by (used by):							
Operating activities	\$ 20,342	\$ 31,928	\$ 99,299	\$ 113,808	\$ 128,024	\$ 111,680	\$ 115,700
Investing activities	(67)	(645)	(8,432)	(8,576)	(6,038)	(2,048)	(4,464)
Financing activities	(19,703)	(31,279)	(91,203)	(106,079)	(127,928)	(103,387)	(117,943)



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	ABC Radio Business				
	As of December 30, 2006	September 30, 2006	October 1, 2005 (in thousands)	Fiscal Years Ended	
			2004	September 30, 2003	2002

**Balance Sheet Data:**

Total assets	\$ 1,576,064	\$ 1,569,080	\$ 1,583,958	\$ 1,587,200	\$ 1,609,714	\$ 1,603,450
Group equity	1,390,701	1,385,137	1,398,059	1,403,487	1,421,796	1,409,398

The following table represents certain unaudited combined quarterly information for the ABC Radio Business for the quarter ended December 30, 2006 and for each of the quarters in the fiscal years ended September 30, 2006 and October 1, 2005. This information includes, in the opinion of management, all adjustments consisting of normal, recurring adjustments that are necessary for a fair presentation of the unaudited quarterly results of operations set forth herein.

	Three Months Ended December 30 (in thousands)			
<b>Fiscal 2007</b>				
Net revenues				\$ 144,121
Income before cumulative effect of accounting change				25,267
Net income				25,267
	December 31	Three Months Ended (in thousands)		September 30
		April 1	July 1	
<b>Fiscal 2006</b>				
Net revenues	\$ 141,420	\$ 119,163	\$ 145,694	\$ 132,444
Income before cumulative effect of accounting change	21,088	9,832	28,094	19,267
Net income	21,088	9,832	28,094	19,267
	January 1	Three Months Ended (in thousands)		October 1
		April 2	July 2	
<b>Fiscal 2005</b>				
Net revenues	\$ 143,244	\$ 130,692	\$ 155,135	\$ 142,819
Income before cumulative effect of accounting change	24,162	18,692	31,801	27,287
Net income	24,162	18,692	31,801	25,996

**Table of Contents****Summary of Historical Consolidated Financial Data of Citadel**

The following table sets forth summary historical consolidated financial data of Citadel Broadcasting Corporation. The statement of operations data and other data for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2005, 2004 and 2003 and balance sheet data as of December 31, 2005 and December 31, 2004 are derived from the audited consolidated financial statements incorporated by reference in this document. The statement of operations data and other data for the nine-month periods ended September 30, 2006 and 2005 and the balance sheet data as of September 30, 2006 have been derived from Citadel's unaudited consolidated financial statements, which are incorporated by reference in this document. See "Where You Can Find More Information; Incorporation by Reference" beginning on page 213. You should read the following data in conjunction with those consolidated financial statements and related notes, and in conjunction with Management's Discussion and Analysis of the Financial Condition and Results of Operations of Citadel Broadcasting Corporation contained in those consolidated financial statements. The historical results are not necessarily indicative of results to be expected in any future period. See "Selected Historical and Pro Forma Financial Data" Selected Historical Consolidated Financial Data of Citadel beginning on page 72.

	Nine Months Ended		Citadel		
			Fiscal Years Ended		
	September 30, 2006	September 30, 2005	2005	December 31, 2004	2003
(in thousands, except per share data)					
<b>Operating Data:</b>					
Net broadcasting revenue	\$ 318,970	\$ 311,580	\$ 419,907	\$ 411,495	\$ 371,509
Operating expenses:					
Cost of revenues, exclusive of depreciation and amortization shown separately below	89,216	85,759	118,949	116,579	99,832
Selling, general and administrative	91,714	89,240	118,489	118,611	112,090
Corporate general and administrative(1)	20,213	10,299	15,363	15,566	20,433
Local marketing agreement fees	947	1,402	1,723	2,081	2,405
Asset impairment(2)	149,769				
Depreciation and amortization(3)	13,821	16,818	22,346	101,270	140,659
Non cash charge related to contractual obligations(4)				16,449	
Other, net	(656)	(379)	(353)	(776)	53
Total operating expenses	365,024	203,139	276,517	369,780	375,472
Operating (loss) income	(46,054)	108,441	143,390	41,715	(3,963)
Interest expense, net	23,913	15,067	21,137	17,345	48,254
Write off of deferred financing costs due to extinguishment of debt(5)				13,615	9,345
Income (loss) before income tax expense (benefit)	(69,967)	93,374	122,253	10,755	(61,562)
Income tax expense (benefit)(6)	(23,032)	39,463	52,496	(63,813)	28,008
Net (loss) income	\$ (46,935)	\$ 53,911	\$ 69,757	\$ 74,568	\$ (89,570)
Net (loss) income per share:					
Basic	\$ (0.42)	\$ 0.45	\$ 0.59	\$ 0.58	\$ (0.83)
Diluted	\$ (0.42)	\$ 0.42	\$ 0.55	\$ 0.54	\$ (0.83)
Weighted average common shares outstanding:					
Basic	111,546	120,804	119,234	129,191	107,360
Diluted	111,546	135,552	134,534	143,379	107,360

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Dividends declared per common share	\$ 0.54	\$	\$ 0.18	\$	\$
<b>Other Data:</b>					
Cash flow provided by (used in):					
Operating activities	\$ 98,288	\$ 101,803	\$ 140,773	\$ 147,146	\$ 84,035
Investing activities	(39,102)	(38,974)	(45,535)	(156,383)	(174,409)
Financing activities	(57,909)	(60,282)	(91,966)	6,718	91,707
Capital expenditures	(7,135)	(6,070)	8,112	8,948	6,162
Current tax expense	2,369	2,292	2,861	2,556	1,421
Deferred tax (benefit) expense	(25,401)	37,171	49,635	(66,369)	26,587

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	As of September 30,	Citadel As of December 31,	
	2006	2005 (in thousands)	2004
<b>Balance Sheet Data:</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 5,497	\$ 4,220	\$ 948
Working capital	52,247	21,995	69,930
Intangible assets, net	1,997,192	2,126,870	2,104,058
Total assets	2,208,647	2,333,325	2,315,698
Long-term debt and other liabilities (including current portion)	759,862	675,055	655,199
Shareholders' equity	1,129,449	1,274,699	1,380,383

## Notes to Summary of Historical Consolidated Financial Data of Citadel:

- (1) Certain reclassifications have been made to prior year amounts to conform them to the current year presentation. Non-cash stock-based compensation has been reclassified.
- (2) In accordance with SFAS No. 142, Citadel conducted an interim impairment test during the quarter ended June 30, 2006. The analysis resulted in a non-cash impairment charge in the second quarter of 2006 of \$149.8 million on a pre-tax basis to reduce the carrying amount of FCC licenses and goodwill.
- (3) Citadel adopted SFAS No. 142 on January 1, 2002. See Note 2 to the Consolidated Financial Statements on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2005 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, which has been incorporated by reference in this document.
- (4) Operating income for 2004 reflects a non-cash charge of approximately \$16.4 million primarily due to Citadel's settlement with its previous national representation firm. Under the terms of the settlement, Citadel's new representation firm settled Citadel's obligations under the settlement agreement with its previous representation firm and entered into a new long term contract with Citadel.
- (5) Citadel's initial public offering registration statement with the Securities and Exchange Commission was declared effective on July 31, 2003, and Citadel used substantially all of the net proceeds of the initial public offering to repay amounts outstanding under its senior debt. In connection with the repayment, Citadel wrote off deferred financing costs of \$8.2 million. Effective December 10, 2003, Citadel Broadcasting Company amended its credit facility, and in connection with the amendment, wrote off deferred financing costs of \$1.2 million in the fourth quarter of 2003. On February 18, 2004, Citadel sold 9,630,000 shares of common stock at \$19.00 per share and concurrently sold \$330.0 million principal amount of convertible subordinated notes. Citadel used all of the net proceeds from these transactions to retire \$500.0 million of 6% Subordinated Debentures, and in connection with this repayment, wrote off deferred financing costs of approximately \$10.6 million. In August 2004, Citadel Broadcasting Company entered into a new senior credit facility that provides for \$600.0 million in revolving loans through January 15, 2010. In connection therewith, Citadel Broadcasting Company repaid amounts outstanding under the previous credit facility and wrote off approximately \$3.0 million in deferred financing costs.
- (6) For the year ended December 31, 2003, the income tax expense of \$28.0 million was primarily due to the amortization of indefinite lived intangibles for income tax purposes, for which no benefit can be recognized in the financial statements until the assets are disposed of. Income tax benefit for the year ended December 31, 2004 was primarily due to the reversal of Citadel's valuation allowance associated with its deferred tax assets, the most significant of which was Citadel's net operating loss carryforward.

**Table of Contents****Summary of Unaudited Pro Forma Combined Condensed Financial Data of Citadel**

The following table sets forth certain unaudited pro forma combined condensed financial data of Citadel. The data has been derived from and should be read together with the unaudited pro forma combined condensed financial statements of Citadel in this information statement/prospectus beginning on page 85.

	Nine	
	Months Ended or As of September 30, 2006 (in thousands, except per share data)	Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2005
<b>Operating Data:</b>		
Net revenues	\$ 724,971	\$ 1,002,997
Operating income	56,710	323,408
Interest expense, net	121,898	155,147
Net (loss) income	(43,827)	97,472
Net (loss) income per share-basic	\$ (0.17)	\$ 0.36
Net (loss) income per share-diluted	\$ (0.17)	\$ 0.35
<b>Weighted average common shares outstanding:</b>		
Basic	263,253	270,941
Diluted	263,253	286,241
<b>Balance Sheet Data:</b>		
Working capital	\$ 161,882	
Total assets	5,351,107	
Long term debt and other liabilities	2,468,810	
Shareholders' equity	1,991,836	

WE ARE PROVIDING THIS SUMMARY UNAUDITED COMBINED PRO FORMA FINANCIAL DATA FOR ILLUSTRATIVE PURPOSES ONLY AND THIS INFORMATION SHOULD NOT BE RELIED UPON FOR PURPOSES OF MAKING ANY INVESTMENT OR OTHER DECISIONS. CITADEL AND THE ABC RADIO BUSINESS MAY HAVE PERFORMED DIFFERENTLY HAD THEY BEEN COMBINED DURING THE PERIODS PRESENTED. YOU SHOULD NOT RELY ON THE UNAUDITED COMBINED PRO FORMA FINANCIAL DATA AS BEING INDICATIVE OF THE RESULTS THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN ACHIEVED HAD CITADEL AND THE ABC RADIO BUSINESS BEEN COMBINED DURING THE PERIODS PRESENTED OR OF THE FUTURE RESULTS OF THE COMBINED COMPANY.

**Comparative Historical and Pro Forma Per Share Data**

The following table sets forth certain historical and pro forma per share data for Citadel. The data has been derived from and should be read together with the audited and unaudited consolidated financial statements of Citadel and related notes thereto contained in Citadel's Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2005 and Form 10-Q for the period ended September 30, 2006, which are incorporated by reference into this information statement/prospectus and the audited financial statements of the ABC Radio Business and related notes contained thereto, which are included elsewhere in this information statement/prospectus, and in the documents incorporated by reference herein that are described under the section entitled "Where You Can Find More Information; Incorporation by Reference" beginning on page 213.

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The unaudited pro forma net income per share is presented as if the spin-off and merger had occurred (and assumes that approximately 151.7 million shares of ABC Radio Holdings common stock have been distributed in the spin-off and subsequently converted into approximately 151.7 million shares of Citadel common stock) as of the date presented. The unaudited pro forma combined per share data presented below for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2006 and the year ended December 31, 2005 combines certain per share financial data of the ABC Radio Business and Citadel. The unaudited pro forma and equivalent pro forma book value per share data is presented as if the spin-off and merger had occurred (and assumes that approximately 151.7 million shares of ABC Radio Holdings common stock have been distributed in the spin-off and subsequently converted into approximately 151.7 million shares of Citadel common stock) as of the date presented.

The pro forma amounts in the table below are presented for illustrative purposes only and do not indicate what the financial position or the results of operations of Citadel would have been had the merger occurred as of the date or for the period presented. The pro forma amounts also do not indicate what the financial position or future results of operations of the combined company will be. You should not rely on the pro forma information as being indicative of the historical results that would have occurred or the future results that Citadel will experience after the spin-off and the merger. No adjustment has been included in the pro forma amounts for any anticipated cost savings or other synergies as a result of the merger or for any potential inefficiencies or loss of synergies that may result from the separation of the ABC Radio Business from Disney. The pro forma amounts are preliminary and subject to change.

Because Citadel stockholders will own one share of Citadel common stock for each share of Citadel common stock they owned prior to the merger, the Citadel unaudited pro forma equivalent data will be the same as the corresponding unaudited pro forma combined data. See Selected Historical and Pro Forma Financial Comparative Historical and Pro Forma Per Share Data beginning on page 101.

	Nine Months Ended or As of September 30, 2006	Year Ended or As of December 31, 2005
<b>Citadel Historical</b>		
Basic (loss) income per common share from continuing operations	\$ (0.42)	\$ 0.59
Diluted (loss) income per common share from continuing operations	\$ (0.42)	\$ 0.55
Distributions per share	\$ 0.54	\$ 0.18
Book value per share	\$ 10.13	\$ 10.69
<b>Citadel Pro Forma Combined</b>		
Basic (loss) income per common share from continuing operations	\$ (0.17)	\$ 0.36
Diluted (loss) income per common share from continuing operations	\$ (0.17)	\$ 0.35
Distributions per share	\$ 0.54	\$ 2.64
Book value per share	\$ 7.57	

WE ARE PROVIDING THIS SUMMARY COMPARATIVE HISTORICAL AND PRO FORMA PER SHARE DATA FOR ILLUSTRATIVE PURPOSES ONLY. CITADEL AND THE ABC RADIO BUSINESS MAY HAVE PERFORMED DIFFERENTLY HAD THE TRANSACTIONS OCCURRED PRIOR TO THE PERIODS PRESENTED. YOU SHOULD NOT RELY ON THE PRO FORMA PER SHARE DATA PRESENTED ABOVE AS BEING INDICATIVE OF THE RESULTS THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN ACHIEVED HAD THE TRANSACTIONS OCCURRED PRIOR TO THE PERIODS PRESENTED OR OF THE FUTURE RESULTS OF THE COMBINED COMPANY.

**ABC Radio Holdings Common Stock Market Price**

Market price data for shares of ABC Radio Holdings common stock has not been presented as shares of ABC Radio Holdings common stock do not trade separately from shares of Disney common stock.

**Table of Contents****Citadel Common Stock Market Price**

Citadel common stock is currently traded on the NYSE under the symbol CDL. On February 6, 2006, the last trading day before the announcement of the execution of the merger agreement, the last sale price of Citadel common stock reported by the NYSE was \$12.00. On [●], 2007, the last practicable trading day prior to the date of this information statement/prospectus, the last sale price of Citadel common stock reported by the NYSE was [●]. The following table sets forth the high and low sales prices of Citadel common stock for the periods indicated. The quotations are as reported in published financial sources. For current price information, Citadel stockholders are urged to consult publicly available sources. See Selected Historical and Pro Forma Financial Data Citadel Common Stock Market Price beginning on page 102.

	Citadel	
	Common Stock High	Low
<b>Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2004</b>		
First Quarter	\$ 22.50	\$ 15.90
Second Quarter	\$ 19.10	\$ 14.10
Third Quarter	\$ 15.23	\$ 12.25
Fourth Quarter	\$ 16.60	\$ 12.78
<b>Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2005</b>		
First Quarter	\$ 16.11	\$ 13.44
Second Quarter	\$ 14.09	\$ 11.28
Third Quarter	\$ 13.89	\$ 11.09
Fourth Quarter	\$ 14.74	\$ 12.80
<b>Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2006</b>		
First Quarter	\$ 13.64	\$ 10.72
Second Quarter	\$ 11.20	\$ 8.62
Third Quarter	\$ 9.73	\$ 8.00

**Citadel Dividend Policy**

In October 2005, Citadel began paying a quarterly dividend in the amount of \$0.18 per share on its common stock. Dividends were paid to holders of record on November 30, 2005, March 30, 2006, June 30, 2006, October 5, 2006 and February 12, 2007. Citadel's board of directors is free to change its dividend practices from time to time and to decrease or increase or otherwise change the amount and form of the dividend paid, or to not pay a dividend, on its common stock on the basis of restrictions imposed by applicable law, contractual limitations and financial limitations, including on the basis of results of operations, financial condition, cash requirements and future prospects and other factors deemed relevant by the board of directors. There can be no assurance of future cash flows from Citadel's wholly-owned subsidiary, Citadel Broadcasting Company, which Citadel historically has used to pay the dividend or from ABC Radio Holdings, after the merger. As a result, Citadel's quarterly dividend may be reduced, or may be discontinued entirely, after the merger. See Selected Historical and Pro Forma Financial Data Citadel Dividend Policy beginning on page 103.

**Repurchases of Citadel Common Stock**

Citadel's board of directors has authorized Citadel to repurchase shares of its outstanding common stock on two occasions. The first was on June 29, 2004, when the Citadel board authorized the expenditure of up to \$100 million, and the second was on November 3, 2004, when the Citadel board authorized the expenditure of up to \$300 million. As of September 30, 2006, Citadel had repurchased approximately 24.1 million shares of its common stock for an aggregate amount of approximately \$317.8 million under these repurchase programs. There can be no assurance of future cash flows from Citadel's wholly-owned subsidiary, Citadel Broadcasting

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Company, which Citadel historically has used to repurchase shares of its common stock or from ABC Radio Holdings, after the merger. Citadel's subsidiaries' current ability to transfer funds to Citadel that may be used to repurchase shares of Citadel common stock is, and future ability to do so is expected to be, subject to applicable law, financial and contractual limitations. In addition, after the merger Citadel will be restricted in its ability to repurchase shares of common stock under the tax sharing and indemnification agreement. As a result, the continued repurchase of shares of Citadel common stock will not take place, absent Disney's consent, during the two-year period provided in the tax sharing and indemnification agreement and may or may not continue thereafter. See Selected Historical and Pro Forma Financial Data Repurchases of Citadel Common Stock beginning on page 103.



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### **RISK FACTORS**

For enterprises like Citadel and the ABC Radio Business, a wide range of factors could materially affect future developments and performance. In addition to the other information included or incorporated by reference in this document, including the matters addressed in Special Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements beginning on page 39, risks described in Citadel's most recent annual report on Form 10-K and quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, you should carefully consider the matters described below, which are considered to be the most significant. The risk factors have been separated into two groups:

risks that relate to the separation and the merger; and

risks that otherwise relate to Citadel, the ABC Radio Business or the combined company.

After the spin-off and merger, the risks described below apply to the combined company. In addition, the risks described below and elsewhere in this information statement/prospectus are not the only ones that Citadel and/or the ABC Radio Business are facing or that the combined company will face or that relate to the separation and merger. The risks described below are considered to be the most material. Past financial performance may not be a reliable indicator of future performance and historical trends should not be used to anticipate results or trends in future periods.

If any of the events described below were to occur, the business, prospects, financial condition, results of operations and/or cash flows of Citadel, the ABC Radio Business and/or the combined company could be materially adversely affected. In any such case, the price of shares of Citadel common stock before or after the merger could decline, and you could lose all or part of your investment in Citadel.

#### **Risks that Relate to the Separation and the Merger**

##### **Citadel may not realize the expected cost savings and other benefits from the merger.**

Citadel expects that it will realize cost savings and other financial and operating benefits as a result of the merger. However, Citadel cannot predict with certainty if or when these cost savings and benefits will occur, or the extent to which they actually will be achieved. Realization of any benefits and savings could be affected by the factors described in the other risk factors and a number of factors beyond Citadel's control, including, without limitation, general economic conditions, increased operating costs, the response of competitors and regulatory developments.

##### **The combined company's substantial indebtedness could adversely affect its operations and financial condition.**

Under Citadel's and ABC Radio Holdings' financing commitments, as described in Financing of the Spin-Off and the Merger beginning on page 165, Citadel and its subsidiaries (including ABC Radio Holdings after the merger) could incur up to \$2.65 billion of indebtedness in connection with the separation, the merger and related financing transactions. As of September 30, 2006, Citadel had outstanding indebtedness of approximately \$740 million, consisting of \$330 million of convertible subordinated notes outstanding and \$410 million outstanding under Citadel Broadcasting Company's senior credit facility. As of September 30, 2006, on a pro forma basis after giving effect to the spin-off, the merger and the financings contemplated by the existing commitments, Citadel would have had a total of approximately \$2.45 billion of indebtedness.

After the merger, Citadel's and its subsidiaries' (including ABC Radio Holdings) indebtedness could have important consequences to the company, including but not limited to:

limiting its operational flexibility due to the covenants contained in its debt agreements;

limiting its ability to invest operating cash flow in its business due to debt service requirements;

limiting its ability to pay quarterly dividends or to repurchase shares;

limiting its ability to obtain additional financing;

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causing certain valuable tax attributes to expire unused;

requiring the combined company to dispose of significant assets;

limiting its ability to compete with companies that are not as highly leveraged and that may be better positioned to withstand economic downturns;

increasing its vulnerability to economic downturns, changing market conditions and changes in the radio broadcast industry;

limiting its flexibility in planning for, or reacting to, changes in its business or industry; and

to the extent that the combined company's debt is subject to floating interest rates, increasing its vulnerability to fluctuations in market interest rates.

The ABC Radio Business experienced a decline in results of operations during fiscal year 2006. See Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations for the ABC Radio Business beginning on page 57. The continuation or worsening of that decline in results of operations could have adverse effects on the ABC Radio Business and/or the combined company, some of which may be material. If that decline in results of operations continues or worsens, it is possible that, among other things, ABC Radio Holdings may be unable to borrow the full amount of indebtedness permitted by the merger agreement and separation agreement. In addition, the continuation or worsening of the decline in results of operations of the ABC Radio Business could make it necessary for Citadel to secure a material modification to its financing commitment or obtain a new commitment. In that event, the effects described above may be more severe, and there can be no assurance that financing can be obtained on acceptable terms or that Citadel will be able to pay the special distribution or refinance Citadel Broadcasting Company's senior credit facility or the ABC Radio Holdings debt.

After the merger, Citadel intends to obtain the funds needed to pay its expenses and to pay the principal and interest on its outstanding debt from its operations. The combined company's ability to meet its expenses and debt service obligations will depend on the factors described above, as well as its future performance, which will be affected by financial, business, economic and other factors, including potential changes in consumer preferences, the success of product and marketing innovation and pressure from competitors. If the combined company does not generate enough cash to pay its debt service obligations, it may be required to refinance all or part of its existing debt, sell its assets, borrow more money or raise equity. We cannot assure you that Citadel will be able to, at any given time, refinance its debt, sell its assets, borrow more money or raise equity on terms acceptable to it or at all.

**The combined company will be subject to restrictive debt covenants, which may restrict its operational flexibility.**

After the merger, the credit facilities of Citadel and its subsidiaries (including ABC Radio Holdings) are expected to impose many restrictions on Citadel and its subsidiaries. These restrictions are expected to include covenants that restrict Citadel's and its subsidiaries' ability to incur additional indebtedness, pay dividends on and repurchase common stock, make other restricted payments, including dividends and investments, sell their assets, transfer all or substantially all of their assets and enter into consolidations or mergers. If one or both of the financing commitments are modified in a manner adverse to ABC Radio Holdings and/or Citadel, it is reasonably likely that these covenants will be more restrictive.

The new credit facilities will also require Citadel to maintain specified financial ratios and satisfy financial condition tests. The combined company's ability to meet those financial ratios and tests may be affected by events beyond its control and we cannot assure you that it will meet those ratios and tests. A breach of any of these covenants, ratios, tests or restrictions could result in an event of default under the new credit facilities, in which case the lenders could elect to declare all amounts outstanding under the facilities to be immediately due and payable. If the lenders under the new credit facilities accelerate the payment of the indebtedness, we cannot

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assure you that the combined company's assets would be sufficient to repay in full that indebtedness and any other indebtedness that would become due as a result of any acceleration. See "Financing of the Spin-Off and the Merger" beginning on page 177.

### **If Citadel does not successfully integrate its existing business with the ABC Radio Business, Citadel may not realize the expected benefits of the merger.**

There is a significant degree of difficulty inherent in the process of integrating the ABC Radio Business with Citadel. These difficulties include the challenges of:

integrating the ABC Radio Business with Citadel while carrying on the ongoing operations of each business;

integrating sales and business development operations;

coordinating geographically separate organizations;

creating uniform standards, controls, procedures, policies and information systems;

retaining existing customers and other constituents of each company;

retaining key officers and personnel of both companies;

integrating personnel with diverse business backgrounds;

integrating the business cultures of each company, which may prove to be incompatible; and

avoiding management distraction from the ABC Radio Business and Citadel's business while engaged in the integration.

We cannot assure you that the ABC Radio Business will be successfully or cost-effectively integrated into Citadel. The failure to do so would have a material adverse effect on Citadel's business, financial condition and results of operation after the merger.

Citadel after the merger will have significantly more sales, assets, employees and market capitalization than it did before the merger. In addition, Citadel's range of programs, stations, advertisers, listeners and competitors is expected to be significantly expanded from its range before the merger. The integration process will require Citadel to significantly expand the scope of its operational and financial systems, which will increase its operating complexity. Implementation of uniform controls, systems and procedures may be costly and time-consuming.

### **In connection with the transactions, Citadel may be unable to provide benefits and services or access to equivalent financial strength and resources to the ABC Radio Business that historically have been provided by Disney.**

The ABC Radio Business currently is a fully integrated business unit of, and as such receives benefits and services from, Disney, which either will be modified or need to be replaced following the completion of the separation. Citadel and Disney have agreements for some interim and ongoing commercial and real estate relationships as discussed in "Additional Agreements" beginning on page 188. We cannot assure you, however, that, at the end of the periods of these agreements, with respect to the agreements under which Disney will provide licenses to programming content to Citadel, Citadel will be able to obtain these or comparable licenses to programming content from third parties on favorable terms or at all. We also cannot assure you that, with respect to the agreement under which Citadel will provide services or licenses to

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programming content to Disney, if desirable, Citadel will be able to find an alternative third party to whom to provide such services or licenses to programming content, or that any such third party arrangement will be at rates or prices at least as favorable to Citadel as under the arrangements with Disney. Disney's failure to provide these or comparable licenses to programming content or Citadel's failure to obtain these or comparable licenses from or provide these services or licenses to programming content to a third party on favorable terms or at all could have a material adverse effect on Citadel's business, financial condition and results of operation after the merger.

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Moreover, under the merger agreement and the other transaction agreements, neither Citadel nor ABC Radio Holdings has arrangements with Disney for ABC Radio Holdings to receive certain corporate services from Disney on an interim basis following the merger, including but not limited to, payroll, legal services, accounting, insurance, tax services and human resource services. Citadel will need to provide, or arrange for third parties to provide, to ABC Radio Holdings and its subsidiaries and affiliates such corporate services that will no longer be provided by Disney after the merger.

Furthermore, while it has been an indirect, wholly-owned subsidiary of Disney, ABC Radio Holdings has been able to benefit from Disney's financial strength and extensive network of business relationships. After the spin-off and merger, ABC Radio Holdings will become a subsidiary of Citadel and will no longer be able to benefit from Disney's resources. In addition, in the event that the ABC Radio Holdings debt is not refinanced, ABC Radio Holdings is expected to be significantly leveraged. This leverage could adversely affect its operations and financial condition and limit ABC Radio Holdings' ability to secure capital and other resources it needs for its full development.

### **We expect that Citadel will incur significant costs related to the merger that could have a material adverse effect on its operating results and cash flows after the merger.**

We anticipate that Citadel will incur significant costs and expenses in connection with the merger and integration of the ABC Radio Business and Citadel. Particularly, we anticipate that Citadel will incur a charge to earnings in connection with the integration of operations after the merger. We will not be able to quantify the amount of this charge or the time at which it will be incurred until after the merger is completed. The amount of the charge may be significant, and the charge may have a material adverse effect on the results of operations of the combined company in the period or year in which it is recorded. These costs and expenses may have a material adverse effect on the operating results of Citadel or ABC Radio Holdings, before or after the merger, or their operating results and cash flows in the period or year in which they are incurred or recorded. We cannot assure you that any benefits or cost-savings Citadel expects to realize as a result of the merger will offset these costs and expenses.

### **The combined company may not be able to take advantage of Citadel's existing net operating losses.**

As of December 31, 2005, Citadel has net operating loss carryforwards for United States federal income tax purposes of approximately \$150.0 million, which will expire in the years 2020 through 2023. Citadel has approximately \$78.8 million in net operating loss carryforwards for state income tax purposes that will expire in 2008 through 2023. To the extent that the combined company is able to take advantage of the net operating loss carryforwards, these tax attributes will improve its cash flow and will inure to the benefit of its stockholders following the merger. However, Citadel will undergo an ownership change in connection with the merger, within the meaning of section 382 of the Internal Revenue Code. As a result, Citadel will be subject to an annual limitation on its use of the pre-transaction net operating losses of Citadel. This limitation may reduce the benefit that would inure to Citadel and could cause significant tax attributes to expire unused.

### **Citadel's financial results after the merger could be negatively impacted by any impairment of goodwill or other intangible assets required by SFAS 142.**

In accordance with SFAS 142, *Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets*, Citadel and the ABC Radio Business test FCC licenses on an annual basis and between annual tests should factors or indicators become apparent that would require an interim test, including if events occur or circumstances change that would, more likely than not, reduce the fair value of goodwill below the amount reflected in the balance sheet. If the fair value for any reporting unit is less than the amount reflected in the balance sheet, an indication exists that the amount of goodwill attributed to a reporting unit may be impaired, and SFAS No. 142 then requires the performance of a second step of the impairment test. In the second step, a company compares the implied fair value of the reporting unit's goodwill to the amount reflected in the balance sheet and if lower, records an impairment charge.

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FCC licenses and goodwill are expected to represent a substantial portion of the combined company's total assets, and the fair value of FCC licenses and goodwill is primarily dependent on the future cash flows expected to be generated by the Citadel stations and the ABC Radio Business. If the recent decline in the results of operations of the ABC Radio Business continues or worsens, the purchase price multiple implicit in the merger transaction may increase. In such event, if market conditions and operational performance for the respective reporting units underlying the ABC Radio Holdings intangible assets do not recover to at least levels initially projected by the industry or Citadel, or if events occur or circumstances change that would, more likely than not, reduce the fair value of the combined company's FCC licenses and goodwill for the respective reporting unit below amounts reflected in the unaudited combined pro forma balance sheet, the combined company may be required to recognize non-cash impairment charges in future periods, which could have a material impact on the combined company's financial condition or results of operations. See Selected Unaudited Pro Forma Combined Condensed Financial Data of Citadel beginning on page 85.

**The historical combined financial information of the ABC Radio Business may not be representative of its results if it had been operated independently of Disney and as a result, may not be a reliable indicator of the ABC Radio Business' historical or future results.**

The ABC Radio Business is currently a fully integrated business unit of Disney, and as such receives certain benefits and services, and will be separated and consolidated under ABC Radio Holdings prior to the spin-off and the closing of the merger. Consequently the financial information of the ABC Radio Business included in this document has been derived from the consolidated financial statements and accounting records of Disney and reflects assumptions and allocations made by Disney. The financial position, results of operations and cash flows of the ABC Radio Business presented may be different from those that would have resulted had the ABC Radio Business been operated independently and had such services and benefits not been provided. As a result, the historical financial information of the ABC Radio Business may not be a reliable indicator of future results.

**ABC Radio Holdings may not have adequate funds to perform its indemnity obligations to Disney under the separation agreement.**

ABC Radio Holdings has agreed to indemnify Disney from all liabilities relating to the liabilities assumed (or retained) by ABC Radio Holdings under the separation agreement, and any liabilities (including third party claims) imposed on, sustained, incurred or suffered by Disney that relate to, arise out of or result from the ABC Radio Business, the ABC Radio Business assets to be transferred under the separation agreement or the failure of ABC Radio Holdings to pay, perform or otherwise promptly discharge a liability to be transferred to the ABC Radio Business under the separation agreement. Disney has agreed to indemnify ABC Radio Holdings from all liabilities arising from Disney's retained (or assumed) liabilities, and any of the liabilities (including third party claims) imposed on, sustained, incurred or suffered by ABC Radio Holdings that relate to, arise out of or result from Disney's retained businesses, its retained assets or the failure of Disney to pay, perform or otherwise promptly discharge a retained liability. In the event that ABC Radio Holdings becomes obligated to pay Disney pursuant to its indemnification obligations, we cannot assure you that ABC Radio Holdings, or the combined company, will have sufficient liquidity to meet such payment obligation. It is also possible that any such payment would result in an event of default under credit facilities of Citadel or its subsidiaries (including ABC Radio Holdings).

**If the transactions included in the separation do not qualify as tax-free transactions or the merger does not qualify as a tax-free reorganization for United States federal income tax purposes, then Disney and/or Disney stockholders may be responsible for the payment of United States federal income and other taxes.**

Disney and ABC Radio Holdings' obligations to complete the merger are conditioned on their receipt of certain IRS rulings and opinions of their tax counsel, Dewey Ballantine LLP, to the effect that the spin-off will qualify as a nonrecognition transaction to Disney and its stockholders under section 355(a) of the Internal Revenue Code and that Disney stockholders will not recognize gain or loss for United States federal income tax purposes upon receipt of ABC Radio Holdings common stock in the spin-off. The completion of the transactions is further conditioned on the receipt by Disney and ABC Radio Holdings, on the one hand, and Citadel, on the