

AMERISTAR CASINOS INC
Form SC 13G
March 08, 2010

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

SCHEDULE 13G
(Rule 13d-102)

**INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN STATEMENTS FILED PURSUANT
TO RULES 13d-1(b) (c), and (d) AND AMENDMENTS THERETO FILED
PURSUANT TO RULE 13d-2(b)
(Amendment No.)¹**

Ameristar Casinos, Inc.
(Name of Issuer)

Common stock, par value \$.01
(Title of class of securities)

03070Q101
(CUSIP Number)

February 25, 2010
(Date of event which requires filing of this statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

- Rule 13d-1(b)
- Rule 13d-1(c)
- Rule 13d-1(d)

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¹ The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required on the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be filed for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, *see the Notes*).

SCHEDULE 13G

CUSIP No. 03070Q101

NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS

1

PAR Investment Partners, L.P.

**CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP
(SEE INSTRUCTIONS)**

2

- (a)
- (b)

SEC USE ONLY

3

CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

4

State of Delaware

SOLE VOTING POWER

5

NUMBER OF 2,952,638 Common stock, par value \$.01

SHARED VOTING POWER

6

SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY None

SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

7

EACH REPORTING PERSON 2,952,638 Common stock, par value \$.01

SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

8

WITH None

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

9

2,952,638 Common stock, par value \$.01

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

o

11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9

5.11% Common stock, par value \$.01

12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

PN

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CUSIP No. 03070Q101

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PAR Group, L.P.

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PAR Capital Management, Inc.

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(SEE INSTRUCTIONS)**

2

(a)

(b)

SEC USE ONLY

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CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

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State of Delaware

SOLE VOTING POWER

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SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY

None

SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

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2,952,638 Common stock, par value \$.01

SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

8

WITH

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STATEMENT ON SCHEDULE 13G

CUSIP No. 03070Q101

- Item 1(a). Name of Issuer:
Ameristar Casinos, Inc.
- Item 1(b). Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices:
3773 Howard Hughes Parkway
Suite 490 South
Las Vegas, Nevada 89169
- Item 2(a). Name and Background of Person(s) Filing:
PAR Investment Partners, L.P.
PAR Group, L.P.
PAR Capital Management, Inc.
- Item 2(b). Business Mailing Address for the Person Filing:
PAR Capital Management, Inc.
One International Place, Suite 2401
Boston, MA 02110
- Item 2(c). Citizenship:
State of Delaware
- Item 2(d). Title of Class of Securities:
Common stock, par value \$.01
- Item 2(e). CUSIP Number:
03070Q101
- Item 3. If this statement is filed pursuant to Rules 13d-1(b), or 13d-2(b), check whether the person filing is a:
Not Applicable
- Item 4. Ownership:
- (a) Amount Beneficially Owned:
2,952,638 common stock, par value \$.01
- (b) Percent of Class:
5.11% common stock, par value \$.01
- (c) Number of shares as to which such person has:
- (i) sole power to vote or to direct the vote:
2,952,638 common stock, par value \$.01
- (ii) shared power to vote or to direct the vote:

(iii) sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of:
2,952,638 common stock, par value \$.01

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

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Item 5. Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class:

Not Applicable

Item 6. Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person:

Not Applicable

Item 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on By the Parent Holding Company:

Not Applicable

Item 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group:

Not Applicable

Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group:

Not Applicable

Item 10. Certification:

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect.

SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: March 8, 2010

PAR INVESTMENT PARTNERS, L.P.

By: PAR GROUP, L.P.
its general partner

By: PAR CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, INC.
its general partner

By: /s/ Gina DiMento
Gina DiMento, General Counsel

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JOINT FILING AGREEMENT

In accordance with Rule 13d-1(k) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the undersigned agree to the joint filing on behalf of each of them of a statement on Schedule 13G (including amendments thereto) with respect to the COMMON STOCK, PAR VALUE \$.01 of **Ameristar Casinos, Inc.** and further agree that this agreement be included as an exhibit to such filing. Each party to the agreement expressly authorizes each other party to file on its behalf any and all amendments to such statement. Each party to this agreement agrees that this joint filing agreement may be signed in counterparts.

In evidence whereof, the undersigned have caused this Agreement to be executed on their behalf this 8th day of March, 2010.

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its general partner

By: PAR CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, INC.

its general partner

By: /s/ Gina DiMento

Gina DiMento, General Counsel

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