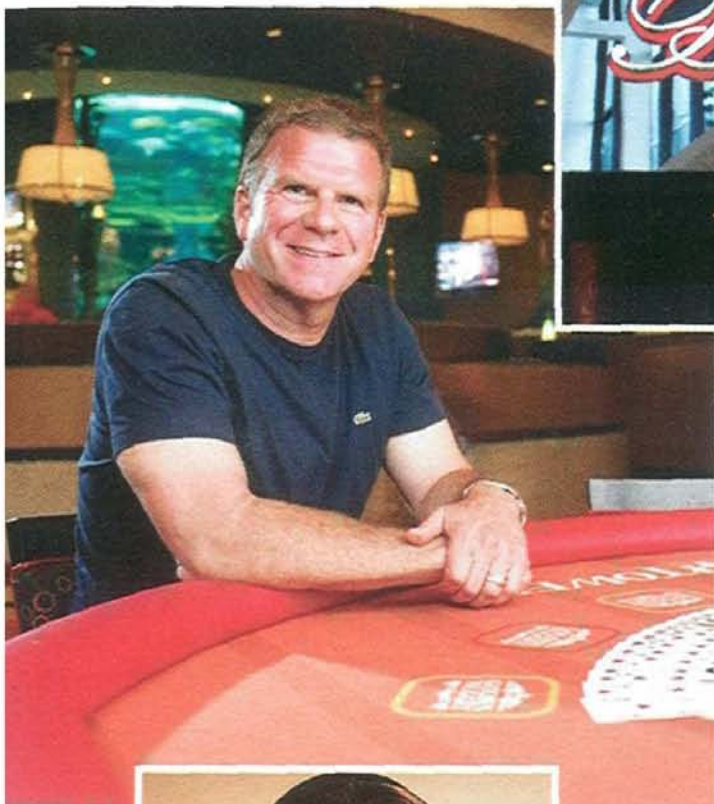


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Landry's teams with actress to operate Beso in Vegas

LAS VEGAS — Houston hospitality executive Tilman Fertitta has teamed with “Desperate Housewives” actress Eva Longoria to manage and perhaps buy her troubled Beso restaurant in Las Vegas.

Fertitta in the past year has bought other concepts in Chapter 11 bankruptcy deals, including Claim Jumper and Oceanaire Seafood Room.

Beso LLC, the company through which Longoria and her investors run the Latin-influenced City Center steakhouse, filed notice of Fertitta's plans in U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Las Vegas in mid-August. Beso has been in bankruptcy since January. Beso lawyers said Fertitta's company, Landry's Inc., also intended to offer \$1 million to buy Beso. Other offers would have to be considered, they said.

Fertitta said in a statement: “Eva created a landmark restaurant at the spectacular City Center, and I look forward to working with her as my partner at Beso.”



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