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November 29, 2016 CNBC Mad Money Interview Transcript

Jim Cramer Host, *Mad Money*: Ever since interest rates started climbing over the summer, the bond market alternative stocks have gotten slammed, especially the real estate investment trusts. Take EPR Properties a real estate investment trust that owns an eclectic mix of entertainment, recreation and education related properties from megaplex movie theaters to retail centers, golf complexes, ski parks, casinos and charter schools. Now, at the beginning of this month, EPR reported a solid quarter. The company announced it is shelling out \$700 million in cash and stock to beef up the recreational side of its portfolio. Although, what has people worried is that perhaps \$646M of this in some form will be in stock. And the sale of the stock which is expected could create a serious overhang, given that EPR only has a \$4.5 billion market cap. How are they spending this money? EPR is buying the Northstar California Ski Resort near Lake Tahoe, along with 15 amusement parks and 5 family entertainment centers for \$456 million and they re also offering \$244 million in debt financing to Och-Ziff Real Estate in order to get their hands on 14 CNL Lifestyle ski properties. Basically, CNL is winding itself down but EPR didn t want to buy all their assets so they brought in Och-Ziff and gave them what s effectively a really jumbo mortgage to buy the properties they didn t want. EPR likes these because they are high quality assets that will help boost their exposure to the experience economy but the reaction on Wall Street s been mixed because shareholders don t like dilution. Really the transaction is a little confusing. We have to find out more about it. Plus while I like that EPR gives you a 5.4% yield. You have to remember that rates are rising, and that makes all dividend stocks less attractive. So what do we do with a company like this one that s been such a winner over a long period of time? I say let s take a closer look with Greg Silvers, the President and CEO of EPR Properties. Learn more about all these recreational investments his company is making and where his business is headed. Mr. Silvers, welcome back to Mad Money. Good to see you.

Greg Silvers President and Chief Executive Officer, EPR Properties: Good to see you. Thank you for having me.

JC: It is hard one. It s hard because the assets are terrific. But the stock is a huge chunk of stock and the company you re buying it from is in liquidation mode so presumably that stock is going to hit the market and your company doesn t have like a big buy back or anything. Doesn t have big institutional sponsorship. What happens when that stock hits?

GS: Well remember that we re actually issuing the stock to CNL and they have an obligation to transfer it down to their retail holders. We have a strong belief that paying a strong monthly dividend that these retail holders this will become part of their portfolio. To the extent that we need to consider if there is some kind of overhang we re going to consider that with our board. Do we need to institute some sort of buy back, but this is a highly accretive transaction that is going to drive our growth even this transaction is 17 cents of accretion on an FFO basis. Very strong. We have structured this very well. We were very disciplined in our approach and we think this will be a positive both for the

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shareholders that stay with us and future shareholders.

JC: Who do you do you think they will understand it?

GS: We hope so. We regoing to spend time. We ve put out an investor deck that explains our thesis for doing this. Why we like these assets. Also about our company so they can understand that we ve, you know, we ve got 14% total shareholder return. Compound average return over our life span of 18 years. So this is a good stock to hold for retail shareholders. We think it s a strong with a monthly dividend should be part of anyone s portfolio. So we think we ve got a real good chance at keeping a substantial amount of these.

JC: How about the deal with Och-Ziff? That is not necessarily something I ve seen you do before. But maybe over some point you did it?

GS: Well for us it was really about, we made a decision internally about controlling our exposure to ski. We said we want to keep that at about 10%. To do that including the value of the mortgage our ski portfolio would be about 10% but it allowed us to create that extra level of credit. We have approximately 3.5 to 4 times of coverage ratio on this so we took an asset that had some volatility and have actually strengthened the credit behind it and created more cushion so we think this is a far superior transaction.

JC: So now the different operations is a little skewed more toward experiential, something you understand better than anyone.

GS: Yes. I think when you look across our portfolio, this makes us kind of the premier player in the recreational space, doubling down on that experiential economy whether that s in our entertainment or recreation and we feel as you say, we understand that demographic group and what are the drivers of that and we ve been very successful with that.

JC: New administration coming in. Secretary of Education, from a charter school background, has to help your charter school business.

GS: I think we would believe that with 3 million kids in charter schools we were a little bit past political but there s no doubt these are tailwinds. When you talk about her sponsorship and her belief in school choice, whether that be on charter school or private school we feel like this will only increase the trajectory of growth for that segment for us.

JC: How about that kicker that I like so much the casino situation in New York?

GS: Again, we are under construction and on plan and no doubt the New Jersey vote or failure to approve is going to help this situation. But again we re looking at the progress continues and in fact we re probably a little bit ahead of progress.

JC: Let s go back to CNL. What is the actual timeframe? They have said that they are going to liquidate. Is that over a series of days, weeks, months, years? What is the period?

GS: The period will be, they are going to go for shareholder vote. There will be an S-4 filed shortly and a proxy seeking that vote. And again we didn t buy everything. They have a few more assets that they will continue to liquidate and we think end of first quarter or beginning of second quarter we will have the vote and we will close on our transaction.

JC: There is time for everybody to understand what s going on.

GS: Absolutely.

JC: And how is Top Golf doing?

GS: Top Golf continues to do incredible. With every opening they continue to set new records. So again, we are actually getting closer to you. We had a recent opening in Mount Laurel.

JC: Oh, sure. All right.

GS: So as we move closer to the East Coast, people will get to experience that and understand it even more. But it has done phenomenally well.

JC: And worried year over year, we have Disney, you mentioned it in your call, we do have a big problem in the sense of year over year for Star Wars but the 2017 slate looks good for your movies.

GS: The 2017 slate looks great. I would say 16 we were worried about coming up against Star Wars, but we re coming into the holiday season up about 3 to 4%. So we re actually going to finish positive for the year which coming off a record year is surprisingly strong.

JC: That is surprising. That was just an incredible year last year. All right. I m glad we understand. I want everyone to understand. I don t want them to come in. Look there might be a dip in the stock. We know that. You re very candid about everything that can happen. I really thank you. That s Greg Silvers, President and CEO of EPR Properties, which has been a big win for us. But I really want you to do your homework because I love the monthly dividend but there might be a better time to buy. Just have to put it out there. Mad Money is back after the break.

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