

PROSPECTUS

80,000 Shares



**Chicken Soup for the Soul Entertainment, Inc.**  
**80,000 Shares of 9.75% Series A Cumulative Redeemable Perpetual Preferred Stock**

**Liquidation Preference \$25.00 per Share**

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This prospectus covers 80,000 shares of our 9.75% Series A Cumulative Redeemable Perpetual Preferred Stock (“Series A Preferred Stock”) that may be offered for resale or otherwise disposed of by the selling securityholders set forth under the caption “*Selling Securityholders*” beginning on page 24 of this prospectus, including the selling securityholders’ pledgees, assignees, or successors-in-interest. We will not receive any proceeds from the sale or other disposition of the shares by the selling securityholders.

Dividends on the Series A Preferred Stock offered hereby are cumulative from the first day of the calendar month in which they are issued and will be payable on the fifteenth day of each calendar month, when, as and if declared by our board of directors. Dividends will be payable out of amounts legally available therefor at a rate equal to 9.75% per annum per \$25.00 of stated liquidation preference per share, or \$2.4375 per share of Series A Preferred Stock per year.

The Series A Preferred Stock has been assigned a rating of “BBB(-)” by Egan-Jones Ratings Co. See “*Description of Series A Preferred Stock—Credit Rating of our Series A Preferred Stock*” beginning on page 36 of this prospectus.

Commencing on June 27, 2023, we may redeem, at our option, the Series A Preferred Stock, in whole or in part, at a cash redemption price equal to \$25.00 per share, plus any accumulated and unpaid dividends thereon to, but not including, the redemption date. Prior to June 27, 2023, upon a Change of Control, as defined in this prospectus, we may redeem, at our option, the Series A Preferred Stock, in whole or in part, at a cash redemption price of \$25.00 per share, plus any accumulated and unpaid dividends thereon to, but not including the redemption date. The Series A Preferred Stock has no stated maturity, will not be subject to any sinking fund or other mandatory redemption, and will not be convertible into or exchangeable for any of our other securities.

Holders of the Series A Preferred Stock generally will have no voting rights except for certain limited voting rights in circumstances where dividends payable on the outstanding Series A Preferred Stock are in arrears for eighteen or more consecutive or nonconsecutive monthly dividend periods.

We will be restricted in our ability to issue or create any class or series of capital stock ranking senior to the Series A Preferred Stock with respect to dividends or distributions, so long as the Series A Preferred Stock is outstanding, unless holders of at least 66.67% of the then outstanding Series A Preferred Stock consent to same.

Our Series A Preferred Stock is listed for trading on the Nasdaq Global Market under the Symbol “CSSEP.”

**We are an “emerging growth company” as defined in the Jumpstart Our Business Startups Act of 2012 and have elected to comply with certain reduced public company reporting requirements for this prospectus and future filings.**

**Investing in our securities involves a high degree of risk. See the section entitled “*Risk Factors*” beginning on page 17 of this prospectus and the documents incorporated herein by reference for a discussion of information that should be considered in connection with an investment in our securities.**

**Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or passed upon the adequacy or accuracy of this prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.**

**The date of this prospectus is September 6, 2019**

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You should rely only on the information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus. We have not authorized anyone to provide you with different information. We are not making an offer of these securities in any state or jurisdiction where the offer is not permitted.

## ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS

This prospectus is part of a registration statement on Form S-1 (the “Registration Statement”) that we have filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”). It is important for you to read and consider all of the information contained in or incorporated by reference into this prospectus and any applicable prospectus supplement before making any decision whether to invest in our Series A Preferred Stock. This prospectus incorporates by reference important business and financial information about us that is not included in or delivered with this document, as described in “*Where You Can Find More Information*” beginning on page 45 of this prospectus. You should also read and consider the additional information contained in the documents that we have incorporated into this prospectus by reference.

You should rely only on the information contained in or incorporated by reference into this prospectus or any applicable prospectus supplement. We have not authorized anyone to give or provide any information different from the information that is contained in or incorporated by reference into this prospectus or any accompanying prospectus supplement and, if given, such information must not be relied upon as having been made or authorized by us. The information contained in this prospectus is accurate only as of the date on the front of this prospectus and information appearing in any applicable prospectus supplement is accurate only as of the date of the applicable prospectus supplement. Additionally, any information we have incorporated by reference in this prospectus or any applicable prospectus supplement is accurate only as of the date of the document incorporated by reference, regardless of the time of delivery of this prospectus, any applicable prospectus supplement or any sale of our Series A Preferred Stock. Our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed since that date.

This prospectus or any accompanying prospectus supplement does not constitute an offer or solicitation by anyone in any state in which such offer or solicitation is not authorized or in which the person making such offer or solicitation is not qualified to do so or to anyone to whom it is unlawful to make such offer or solicitation.

## CERTAIN CORPORATE INFORMATION AND DEFINITIONS

Our company, Chicken Soup for the Soul Entertainment, Inc., is referred to in this prospectus as “CSSE,” the “Company,” or “we” or similar pronouns. References to:

- “CSS Productions” means Chicken Soup for the Soul Productions, LLC, our immediate parent;
- “CSS” means Chicken Soup for the Soul, LLC, our intermediate parent company;
- “CSS Holdings” means Chicken Soup for the Soul Holdings, LLC, the parent company of CSS and our ultimate parent company;
- “Screen Media” means Screen Media Ventures, LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of CSSE;
- “A Plus” means A Sharp Inc. (d/b/a A Plus), a wholly owned subsidiary of CSSE;
- “Pivotshare” means Pivotshare, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of CSSE; and
- “Crackle Plus” means Crackle Plus LLC, a joint venture owned 99% by CSSE and 1% by CPE Holdings Inc. (“CPEH”), an affiliate of Sony Pictures Television (which has the right to increase its ownership to 49% during the six month period beginning May 15, 2020).

## NOTE ON FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

The statements contained in this prospectus and in the documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus that are not purely historical are forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, statements regarding expectations, hopes, beliefs, intentions or strategies regarding the future. In addition, any statements that refer to projections, forecasts or other characterizations of future events or circumstances, including any underlying assumptions, are forward-looking statements. The words “anticipates,” “believes,” “continues,” “could,” “estimates,” “expects,” “intends,” “may,” “might,” “plans,” “possible,” “potential,” “predicts,” “projects,” “should,” “would” and similar expressions may identify forward-looking statements, but the absence of these words does not mean that a statement is not forward-looking. Forward-looking statements in this prospectus and in the documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus may include, for example, statements about our:

- limited operating history;
- financial performance, including our ability to generate revenue;
- inability to pay dividends if we fall out of compliance with our loan covenants in the future and then are prohibited by our bank lender from paying dividends;
- ability of our content offerings to achieve market acceptance;
- success in retaining or recruiting, or changes required in, our officers, key employees or directors;
- potential ability to obtain additional financing when and if needed;
- ability to protect our intellectual property;
- ability to complete strategic acquisitions;
- ability to manage growth and integrate acquired operations;
- potential liquidity and trading of our securities;

- regulatory or operational risks;
- downward revisions to, or withdrawals of, our credit ratings by third-party rating agencies;
- our estimates regarding expenses, future revenue, capital requirements and needs for additional financing; and
- the time during which we will be an Emerging Growth Company (“EGC”) under the Jumpstart Our Business Startups Act of 2012, or JOBS Act.

The forward-looking statements contained in this prospectus and in the documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus are based on current expectations and beliefs concerning future developments and their potential effects on us. There can be no assurance that future developments will be those that have been anticipated. These forward-looking statements involve a number of risks, uncertainties (some of which are beyond our control) or other assumptions that may cause actual results or performance to be materially different from those expressed or implied by these forward-looking statements. These risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to, those risk factors incorporated by reference or described in the section titled “*Risk Factors*.” Should one or more of these risks or uncertainties materialize, or should any of our assumptions prove incorrect, actual results may vary in material respects from those projected in these forward-looking statements. We do not undertake any obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except as may be required under applicable securities laws.

## PROSPECTUS SUMMARY

*This summary contains basic information about us and our business but does not contain all of the information that is important to your investment decision. You should carefully read this summary together with the more detailed information contained elsewhere in this prospectus and the documents incorporated herein by reference before making an investment decision. Investors should carefully consider the information set forth under the caption "Risk Factors" appearing elsewhere in this prospectus, including those described in documents incorporated by reference herein.*

### Overview

CSSE is a growing, branded media company building online video-on-demand ("VOD") networks that provide positive and entertaining video content for all screens. In May 2019, we formed a joint venture with Crackle, Inc. ("Crackle"), a business of Sony Pictures Television ("SPT"), through which we operate our VOD business. The joint venture is named "Crackle Plus." Our Crackle Plus offering includes Crackle® and Popcornflix®, both popular online advertiser-supported VOD ("AVOD") networks, Pivotshare, a subscription-based VOD ("SVOD") network, Truli.com, a faith-based AVOD network, and numerous additional AVOD networks.

Crackle Plus is one of the largest AVOD companies in the United States. Crackle Plus:

- has more than 26 million registered users;
- has more than 38,000 combined hours of programming, including access to library assets from SPT, Screen Media and other affiliates of the joint venture partners;
- streams more than 1.3 billion minutes per month;
- has more than 90 content partnerships; and
- includes more than 100 VOD networks.

Our Screen Media subsidiary is a leading global independent television and film distribution company, which owns one of the largest independently owned television and film libraries. We also curate, produce and distribute long- and short-form video content that brings out the best of the human spirit, and distribute the online content of our U.S. based subsidiary, A Plus. We are aggressively growing our business through a combination of organic growth, licensing and distribution arrangements, acquisitions and strategic relationships. We are also expanding our partnerships with sponsors, television networks and independent producers.

All of our online networks are available for all screens, including mobile devices. We expect the increasingly widespread penetration of 5G mobile networks, with virtually no latency and 10 times the download capacity of 4G, to be an accelerator of mobile video consumption.

We have an exclusive, perpetual and worldwide license agreement ("CSS License Agreement") with our intermediate parent, CSS, a publishing and consumer products company, to create and distribute video content under the Chicken Soup for the Soul® brand (the "Brand").

We operate in three areas:

- Online Networks. In this business area, we distribute and exhibit VOD content through Crackle Plus directly to consumers across all digital platforms, such as connected tv's, smartphones, tablets, gaming consoles and the web through our owned and operated AVOD networks. We also distribute our own and third-party owned content to end users across various digital platforms through our SVOD network. We generate advertising revenues primarily by serving video advertisements to our streaming viewers and subscription revenue from consumers.

- Television and Film Distribution. In this business area, we distribute movies and television series worldwide to consumers through license agreements across all media, including theatrical, home video, pay-per-view, free, cable, pay television, VOD, mobile and new digital media platforms worldwide. We own the copyright or long-term distribution rights to over 1,000 television series and feature films.
- Television and Short-Form Video Production. In this business area, we work with sponsors and use highly regarded independent producers to develop and produce our television and short-form video content, including Brand-related content. We also derive revenue from our subsidiary A Plus, which develops and distributes high-quality, empathetic short-form videos to millions of people worldwide. A Plus enhances our ability to distribute short form versions of our video productions and video library and provides us with content developed and distributed by A Plus that is complementary to the Brand.

Since our inception in January 2015, our business has grown rapidly. For the full year 2018, our net revenue was \$26.9 million, as compared to 2017 net revenue for the full year of \$10.7 million. This increase was primarily due to the revenue impact of Screen Media, our acquisition of Pivotshare in August of 2018, and increased production revenue. We had net losses of \$2.0 million in 2018, as compared to net income of \$21.1 million in 2017. Our 2018 Adjusted EBITDA (excluding the accounting impact of our acquisition of A Plus) was \$11.3 million, as compared to 2017 Adjusted EBITDA of \$4.0 million (excluding a gain on bargain purchase of \$24.3 million related to the 2017 Screen Media acquisition). Our Adjusted EBITDA for the three and six months ended June 30, 2019 was \$1.3 and \$0.5 million, as compared to Adjusted EBITDA of \$0.2 and \$1.8 million for the three and six months ended June 30, 2018.

### **Business Strategy**

Our vision is to build a powerful portfolio of online VOD networks and assets. Our production and distribution businesses provide content to our VOD networks and generate current revenue and Adjusted EBITDA to fund our rapidly growing VOD networks. We will build and acquire assets such as content libraries, digital publishers with strong customer bases and content related to our own, and stand-alone VOD networks. Adjusted EBITDA is defined in the section below titled “—*Reconciliation of Historical GAAP Net Income as Reported to Adjusted EBITDA*”.

### **Evolution of Our Online Networks**

Our acquisition of Screen Media accelerated our entry into the direct-to-consumer VOD market through Popcornflix® which has an extensive footprint with apps that have been downloaded more than 27 million times.

Popcornflix® is one of the largest AVOD services. Under the Popcornflix® brand, we operate a series of direct-to consumer advertising supported channels. On Popcornflix®, we have the rights to exhibit more than 3,000 films and approximately 60 television series comprised of approximately 1,500 episodes, with new content added regularly. As a “free-to-consumer” digital streaming channel, Popcornflix® is an extremely popular online video platform that can be found on Internet-connected televisions, the web, iPhones and iPads, Android products, Roku, Xbox, Amazon Fire, Apple TV, and Chromecast, among others. Popcornflix® is currently available in 56 countries and territories, including the United States, United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, the Scandinavian countries, Germany, France, Hong Kong and Singapore, with additional countries and territories to be added.

We have also begun to expand in SVOD networks.

Our entry into subscription-based VOD was initiated by our acquisition of the Pivotshare VOD network in August 2018.

In October 2018, we completed the acquisition of the assets of Truli Media Corp., a nascent global family-friendly and faith-based online video channel (“Truli”). The Truli content library includes 2,500 hours of programming and brings us an additional 630,000 Facebook fans. Truli’s content fits strategically in our plans and includes film, television, music videos, sports, comedy, and educational material. With the completion of the acquisition, Truli became our seventh advertiser-supported VOD channel.

In May 2019, we consummated our agreement (“Contribution Agreement”) with Crackle, which is a business of Sony Pictures Television (“SPT”), one of the television industry’s leading content providers, by which the parties contributed their respective VOD businesses to a newly-formed joint venture entity, Crackle Plus, LLC. The combined VOD businesses is known as “Crackle Plus.” The formation and operation of Crackle Plus is expected to more than double our overall annual revenue and add meaningful EBITDA. More information regarding Crackle Plus, including certain pro forma and other financial information is available in our Current Report on Form 8-K as filed on May 14, 2019 and amended on July 30, 2019.

#### **Television and Film Distribution**

We distribute television series and films worldwide through Screen Media. We own the copyright or long-term distribution rights to approximately 1,700 hours of television series and feature films, representing one of the largest independently owned libraries of filmed entertainment in the world. We distribute our television series and films through direct relationships across all media, including theatrical, home video, pay-per-view, free, cable and pay television, VOD and emerging digital media platforms worldwide.

Screen Media’s distribution capabilities across all media gives us the ability to distribute our produced television series directly. We believe that the cost savings from Screen Media’s distribution capabilities may enhance our revenue and profits from our produced television series.

We have distribution licensing agreements with numerous digital services across all major platforms, such as cable and satellite VOD and Internet VOD, which includes TVOD for rentals or purchases of films, AVOD for free-to-viewer streaming of films and TV shows supported by advertisements and SVOD for unlimited access to films and TV shows for a monthly fee.

Our cable and satellite VOD distribution agreements include those with DirecTV, Dish, Optimum (Altice USA), Verizon and In Demand (owned by Comcast, Charter and Cox). Our Internet VOD distribution agreements include those with Amazon, iTunes, Microsoft, Samsung, YouTube, Hulu, Xbox, Netflix, Sony and Vudu, among others.

We are rapidly expanding international distribution of our content through agreements with Film Mode Entertainment, iTunes, Sony PlayStation and Xbox, among others. Under these agreements, our titles are available in all media and on iTunes, Sony PlayStation and Xbox in the United Kingdom, Australia, France, Germany, Italy and Hong Kong, with additional territories added regularly.

#### **Television and Short-Form Video Production**

We utilize the Chicken Soup for the Soul brand, together with our management’s industry experience and expertise, to generate revenue through the production and distribution of video content with sponsors. We partner with sponsors and use highly-regarded independent producers to develop and produce video content. Using this approach provides us with access to a diverse pool of creative ideas for new video content projects and allows us to scale our production business on a variable cost basis. We currently have producer agreements or arrangements in place with a number of these producers, including Litton Entertainment (a Hearst company). We anticipate entering into relationships with additional independent producers.

We seek committed funding from corporate and foundation sponsors covering more than the production costs prior to moving forward with a project. Since we seek to secure both the committed funding and production capabilities for our video content prior to moving forward with a project, we have high visibility into the profitability of a particular project before committing to proceed with such project. In addition, we take limited financial risk on developing our projects.



Corporate and foundation sponsors with which we have worked include HomeAway, Hilton Grand Vacations, American Humane, Chegg, Acorns, the Boniuk Foundation, State Farm, Michelson Found Animals Foundation and the Morgridge Family Foundation, and we are currently in discussions with numerous others. We endeavor to retain meaningful back-end rights to our video content in these relationships, which provides opportunities for improved profitability and enhances our library value.

In December 2018, we acquired all of the outstanding capital stock of A Plus, an affiliate of ours. Prior to the acquisition, A Plus was majority owned by an affiliate of CSS and, pursuant to a distribution agreement, we had the exclusive worldwide rights to distribute all video content (in any and all formats) and all editorial content (including articles, photos and still images) created, produced, edited or delivered by A Plus, and we received a net distribution fee equal to 30% of gross revenue generated by the distribution of the A Plus video content. As a result of the acquisition, the distribution agreement was terminated, resulting in our retention of 100% of the revenues generated by A Plus going forward, along with projected cost savings in 2018 and 2019.

Our long-form video content consists of 30- to 60-minute episodic programs typically distributed initially on traditional television or cable networks. Our current long-form video content projects include:

- ***Chicken Soup for the Soul's Hidden Heroes ("Hidden Heroes")***. The multi-award-winning *Hidden Heroes* was hosted by Brooke Burke. The series third season was on The CW Network. The Boniuk Foundation has agreed to sponsor a fourth season of *Hidden Heroes* with a new host. Production of season 4 is finished and we are considering exhibiting the series on our own networks. A segment of *Hidden Heroes* can be seen at <https://essentertainment.com/hiddenheroes>. *Hidden Heroes* was nominated for an Emmy award for "Outstanding Children's or Family Viewing Series" in March 2019.
- ***Being Dad, a Chicken Soup for the Soul Original Series ("Being Dad")***. This series is an intimate, revealing and entertaining portrait of nine men who are tackling one of the most important roles in the world: fatherhood. The episodes are about the lives of dads who are facing challenges that are simultaneously unique and universal. The fathers are all bound by the singular belief that raising their children is life's greatest gift. In August 2018, the series began streaming on Netflix.
- ***Vacation Rental Potential***. This television series gives viewers the information and inspiration needed to realize their dreams of using real estate entrepreneurship to afford a vacation home for their family. Hosted by Holly Baker, *Vacation Rental Potential* offers insight on how to make the dream of vacation homeownership possible. The show premiered on A&E Network in December 2017. Its second season also aired on A&E Network in 2018. The series was nominated for a Real Screen award in the "Digital and Branded Content: Brand-Funded Content" category.
- ***Going From Broke***. Ashton Kutcher is the executive producer on this new series about the 44 million young Americans that are today saddled with student and credit card debt totaling nearly \$1.5 trillion. Recent college graduates have no idea how to dig themselves out of their financial disaster. *Going From Broke* is hosted by money expert Dan Rosensweig, CEO of multi-billion dollar company Chegg. Throughout the series, Dan helps these millennials deal with their financial challenges. The show will premiere on Crackle Plus in October 2019.
- ***Chicken Soup for the Soul's Animal Tales ("Animal Tales")***. This series is sponsored by Chicken Soup for the Soul Pet Food and American Humane, the country's first national humane organization. This series celebrates everything pets and animals add to our lives. The series brings awareness to the Chicken Soup for the Soul mission of helping all pets eat well, whether that's by making super premium pet food that is affordable or donating millions of meals to shelter pets every year. The show premiered on the CW Network in January 2019 hosted by Eva La Rue. It has been renewed for a second season.

Our short-form video content, including our branded short-form video content known as Sips, is receiving increased focus from our advertisers and sponsors. Such short-form video content is typically exhibited through online video content distribution through A Plus and various social media platforms, such as YouTube, Facebook, as well as on the social media channels of Chicken Soup for the Soul and our sponsors. A Plus is adding more short-form video content to its site and its social media platforms and we are focusing on possible acquisitions in this space. Increasing revenue from short-form video could make our business less cyclical and assist in reducing the relative size of fourth quarter revenue compared to other quarters.

## **Competition**

Video content production and distribution direct to consumers are highly competitive businesses. We face competition from companies within the entertainment business and from alternative forms of leisure entertainment, such as travel, sporting events, outdoor recreation, video games, the internet and other cultural and computer-related activities. We compete with the major studios, numerous independent motion picture and television distribution and production companies, television networks, pay television systems and online media platforms for the services of performing artists, producers and other creative and technical personnel and production financing, all of which are essential to the success of our businesses.

In addition, our video content competes for media outlet and audience acceptance with video content produced and distributed by other companies. As a result, the success of any of our video content is dependent not only on the quality and acceptance of a particular production, but also on the quality and acceptance of other competing video content available in the marketplace at or near the same time.

Given such competition, and our stage of development, we intend to initially emphasize a lower cost structure, risk mitigation, reliance on financial partnerships and innovative financial strategies. Our cost structures are designed to utilize our flexibility and agility as well as the entrepreneurial spirit of our employees, partners and affiliates, in order to provide creative, desirable video content.

## **Intellectual Property**

We are party to a license agreement with CSS (“CSS License Agreement”) through which we have been granted the perpetual, exclusive, worldwide license by CSS to produce and distribute video content using the brand and related content, such as stories published in the Chicken Soup for the Soul books. Chicken Soup for the Soul and related names are trademarks owned by CSS. We have the proprietary rights (including copyrights) in all our company-produced content. With the acquisition of Screen Media, the Company now owns copyrights or global long-term distribution rights to the Screen Media film library. Our Crackle Plus subsidiary owns trademarks to several AVOD and SVOD applications including Crackle®, Popcornflix, and Pivotshare.

We rely on a combination of confidentiality procedures, contractual provisions and other similar measures to protect our proprietary information and intellectual property rights.

## **Employees**

As of July 31, 2019, we had 81 direct employees, including through our Crackle Plus joint venture. The services of certain personnel, including our chairman and chief executive officer, vice chairman and chief strategy officer, our senior brand advisor and director, and chief financial officer, are provided to us under a management agreement with CSS (“CSS Management Agreement”). We also utilize many consultants in the ordinary course of our business and hire additional personnel on a project-by-project basis. We believe that our employee and labor relations are good, and we are committed to inclusion and strict policies and procedures to maintain a safe work environment.

## **Recent Developments**

On August 19, 2019, we entered into an underwriting agreement for the sale of 192,174 shares of Series A Preferred Stock in a firm commitment underwritten public offering. On August 20, 2019, we were advised by the underwriters that they would be exercising in full the over-allotment option prescribed by the underwriting agreement for the purchase of 28,826 additional shares of Series A Preferred Stock. We will issue an aggregate of 221,000 shares of Series A Preferred Stock at the closing of the offering on August 24, 2019.

## **Background of the Offering**

On July 23, 2019, we issued 40,000 shares of our Series A Preferred Stock to a single investor in a private placement for \$25.00 per share for aggregate gross proceeds of \$1 million. There was no underwriter or placement agent used in connection with this sale. We were required to reimburse the investor’s expenses in connection with the sale, including expenses related to due diligence and legal, equal to 8% of the gross proceeds. In connection with the private placement, we entered into a registration rights agreement with the investor.

On June 25, 2019, we issued 40,000 shares of our Series A Preferred Stock to a single investor in a private placement for \$25.00 per share for aggregate gross proceeds of \$1 million. There was no underwriter or placement agent used in connection with this sale. We were required to reimburse the investor’s expenses in connection with the sale, including expenses related to due diligence and legal, equal to 8% of the gross proceeds. In connection with the private placement, we entered into a registration rights agreement with the investor.

In accordance with the terms of the registration rights agreements that we entered into with each investor as described above, we are registering under this Registration Statement the resale of the shares of Series A Preferred Stock issued to such investors.

## **Corporate Information**

We are a Delaware corporation formed on May 4, 2016. CSS Productions, our predecessor and immediate parent company, was formed in December 2014 by CSS, and initiated operations in January 2015. We were formed to create a discrete entity focused on video content opportunities using the Brand. In connection with our succession to the operations of CSS Productions, all video content assets owned by CSS and any of its affiliates, including all rights and obligations related thereto, were transferred to us upon formation on May 4, 2016.

In May 2016, pursuant to the terms of the contribution agreement among CSS, CSS Productions and the Company (the "CSS Contribution Agreement"), all video content assets (the "Subject Assets") owned by CSS, CSS Productions and their CSS subsidiaries were transferred to the Company in consideration for its issuance to CSS Productions of 8,600,568 shares of the Company's Class B common stock. Since the date of the CSS Contribution Agreement, CSS Productions has transferred certain of these shares of Class B common stock to third parties in certain transactions. Concurrently with the consummation of the CSS Contribution Agreement, certain rights to receive payments under certain agreements comprising part of the Subject Assets owned by Trema, LLC ("Trema"), a company principally owned and controlled by William J. Rouhana, Jr., the Company's chairman and chief executive officer, were assigned to the Company under a contribution agreement (the "Trema Contribution Agreement") in consideration for the Company's issuance to Trema of 159,432 shares of our Class B common stock.

Thereafter, CSS Productions' operating activities ceased, and the Company continued the business operations of producing and distributing the video content.

The Company is an "emerging growth company," as defined in the Jumpstart Our Business Startups Act of 2012 (the "JOBS Act"). Under the JOBS Act, emerging growth companies can delay adopting new or revised accounting standards issued subsequent to the enactment of the JOBS Act until such time as those standards apply to private companies. The Company has irrevocably elected to avail itself of this exemption from new or revised accounting standards, and, therefore, will not be subject to the same new or revised accounting standards as public companies that are not emerging growth companies.

The mailing address of our principal executive offices is 132 E. Putnam Ave., Floor 2W, Cos Cob, Connecticut 06807 and our telephone number is (203) 861-4000.

## **Internet Address and Availability of Filings**

We maintain a website at [www.cssentertainment.com](http://www.cssentertainment.com). The Company makes available, free of charge, on or through its internet website, the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, Current Reports on Form 8-K, and amendments to those reports filed or furnished pursuant to Sections 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended ("Exchange Act"), as soon as reasonably practicable after the Company electronically files such material with, or furnishes it to, the Securities and Exchange Commission.

## **Implications of Being an Emerging Growth Company**

We are an "emerging growth company", as defined in the JOBS Act, and, for so long as we are an emerging growth company, are eligible to take advantage of certain exemptions from various reporting requirements that are applicable to other public companies that are not emerging growth companies. These include, but are not limited to:

- Not being required to comply with the auditor attestation requirements in the assessment of our internal control over financial reporting;
- Not being required to comply with any requirement that may be adopted by the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board regarding mandatory audit firm rotation or a supplement to the auditors' report providing additional information about the audit and the financial statements;
- Reduced disclosure obligations regarding executive compensation; and
- Exemptions from the requirements of holding a nonbinding advisory vote on executive compensation and stockholder approval of any golden parachute payments not previously approved.

We may remain an “emerging growth company” until as late as December 31, 2022, the fiscal year-end following the fifth anniversary of the completion of our IPO, though we may cease to be an emerging growth company earlier under certain circumstances, including if (a) we have more than \$1.07 billion in annual revenue in any fiscal year, (b) the market value of our common stock that is held by non-affiliates exceeds \$700 million as of any June 30 or (c) we issue more than \$1.0 billion of non-convertible debt over a three-year period.

In addition, Section 107 of the JOBS Act provides that an emerging growth company can take advantage of the extended transition period provided in Section 7(a)(2)(B) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “Securities Act”), for complying with new or revised accounting standards. In other words, an emerging growth company can delay the adoption of certain accounting standards until those standards would otherwise apply to private companies.

#### **Reconciliation of GAAP Net Income as Reported to Adjusted EBITDA**

In addition to the results reported in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (“GAAP”), we use a financial measure which is not recognized under GAAP as a supplemental indicator of our operating performance. This non-GAAP financial measure is provided to enhance the reader’s understanding of our historical and current financial performance. Management believes that this measure provides useful information in that it excludes amounts that are not indicative of our core operating results and ongoing operations and provides a more consistent basis for comparison between periods. The non-GAAP financial measure that we currently use is Adjusted EBITDA which is defined as follows:

“Adjusted EBITDA” means earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, amortization, acquisition-related costs, consulting fees related to acquisitions and non-cash share-based compensation expense, and adjustments for other identified charges, such as costs incurred to form our company and to prepare for the offering of our Class A common stock to the public, prior to our initial public offering (“IPO”). Identified charges also include the cost of maintaining a board of directors prior to being a publicly traded company. As our IPO has been completed, director fees are deducted from Adjusted EBITDA. Adjusted EBITDA is not an earnings measure recognized by GAAP and does not have a standardized meaning prescribed by GAAP; accordingly, Adjusted EBITDA may not be comparable to similar measures presented by other companies. We believe Adjusted EBITDA to be a meaningful indicator of our performance that provides useful information to investors regarding our financial condition and results of operations. The most comparable GAAP measure is operating income.

A reconciliation of net income (loss) to Adjusted EBITDA for the three and six months ended June 30, 2019 and 2018, and for the years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017 is set forth below.

Adjusted EBITDA has important limitations as an analytical tool and you should not consider it in isolation or as a substitute for analysis of our results as reported under GAAP. Some of these limitations are:

- Adjusted EBITDA does not reflect our cash expenditures or future requirements for capital expenditures or contractual commitments;
- Adjusted EBITDA does not reflect changes in, or cash requirements for, our working capital needs;
- Although depreciation is a non-cash charge, the assets being depreciated will often have to be replaced in the future, and Adjusted EBITDA does not reflect any cash requirements for such replacements;
- Adjusted EBITDA does not reflect the impact of stock-based compensation upon our results of operations;
- Adjusted EBITDA does not reflect the significant interest expense, or the cash requirements necessary to service interest or principal payments on our debt;
- Adjusted EBITDA does not reflect our income tax (benefit) expense or the cash requirements to pay our income taxes; and
- Other companies in our industry may calculate Adjusted EBITDA differently than we do, limiting its usefulness as a comparative measure.

In evaluating Adjusted EBITDA, you should be aware that in the future we may incur expenses similar to those eliminated in this presentation.

The following tables present a reconciliation of Adjusted EBITDA to net income (loss), for the periods presented:

	<b>Three Months Ended June 30,</b>	
	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>
Net loss available to common stockholders, as reported	\$ (5,916,077)	\$ (1,667,457)
Preferred dividends	797,981	-
Provision for (benefit from) income taxes	(253,000)	(9,000)
Other Taxes	50,465	-
Interest expense, net of interest income	134,335	93,791
Film library and program rights amortization, included in cost of revenue (non-cash)	1,595,768	1,168,393
Share-based compensation expense	275,097	239,005
Acquisition-related costs and other one-time consulting fees	2,258,801	50,000
Reserve for bad debt & video returns	218,111	178,164
Amortization	729,991	37,111
Transitional Expenses (a)	1,241,353	-
All other nonrecurring costs	144,150	122,276
<b>Adjusted EBITDA</b>	<b>\$ 1,276,975</b>	<b>\$ 212,283</b>

(a) Represents transitional related expenses primarily associated with the Crackle Plus business combination.

	<b>Six Months Ended June 30,</b>	
	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>
Net loss available to common stockholders, as reported	\$ (9,292,814)	\$ (2,552,359)
Preferred dividends	1,401,288	-
Provision for (benefit from) income taxes	(691,000)	204,000
Other Taxes	331,675	-
Interest expense, net of interest income	261,933	115,171
Film library and program rights amortization, included in cost of revenue (non-cash)	2,466,894	2,622,532
Share-based compensation expense	490,944	493,200
Acquisition-related costs and other one-time consulting fees	2,656,736	145,300
Reserve for bad debt & video returns	518,515	586,144
Amortization	935,614	74,221
Transitional Expenses (a)	1,241,353	-
All other nonrecurring costs	187,055	122,278
<b>Adjusted EBITDA</b>	<b>\$ 508,193</b>	<b>\$ 1,810,487</b>

(a) Represents transitional related expenses primarily associated with the Crackle Plus business combination.

	<b>Year Ended December 31,</b>	
	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>
Net (Loss)/Income available to common stockholders, as reported	\$ (1,957,882)	\$ 21,081,283
Preferred dividends	1,112,910	-
Gain on bargain purchase	-	(24,321,747)
Provision for (benefit from) income taxes	874,000	(182,000)
Interest expense, net of interest income <sup>(a)</sup>	348,978	1,179,204
Film library amortization, included in cost of revenue (non-cash)	6,459,431	1,378,869
Share-based compensation expense <sup>(b)</sup>	953,688	638,258
Acquisition-related costs and other one-time consulting fees	396,793	2,226,480
Screen Media platform launch costs	270,000	-
Reserve for video returns	316,745	-
Reserve for bad debt	329,544	-
Amortization	326,988	9,819
Organization costs and directors costs, prior to IPO <sup>(c)</sup>	-	290,124
All other nonrecurring costs	589,679	-
<b>Adjusted EBITDA</b>	<b>\$ 10,020,874</b>	<b>\$ 2,300,290</b>

To comply with US GAAP requirements around transactions with common controlled entities the current year financial statements include the results of operations for the combined entities of CSSE and recently acquired subsidiary A Plus. The acquisition was finalized on December 28, 2018. To provide a more representative view of CSSE's operating results for the 2018 year we've reconciled the results of the operation of the CSSE consolidated business net income to Adjusted EBITDA excluding the effects of the A Plus acquisition as follows,

	<b>Year Ended December 31,</b>	
	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>
Net (Loss)/Income available to common stockholders, as reported	\$ (692,015)	\$ 22,789,498
Preferred dividends	1,112,910	-
Gain on bargain purchase	-	(24,321,747)
Provision for income taxes	874,000	(182,000)
Interest expense, net of interest income <sup>(a)</sup>	349,041	1,179,223
Film library amortization, included in cost of revenue (non-cash)	6,459,431	1,378,869
Share-based compensation expense <sup>(b)</sup>	953,688	638,258
Acquisition-related costs and other one-time consulting fees	396,793	2,226,480
Screen Media platform launch costs	270,000	-
Reserve for video returns	316,745	-
Reserve for bad debt	329,544	-
Amortization	290,174	9,819
Organization costs and directors costs, prior to IPO <sup>(c)</sup>	-	290,124
All other nonrecurring costs	589,679	-
<b>Adjusted EBITDA</b>	<b>\$ 11,249,990</b>	<b>\$ 4,008,524</b>

(a) Includes non-cash amortization of debt discounts and amortization of deferred financing costs of \$57,161 and \$909,580 for the years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017, respectively.

(b) Represents expense related to common stock equivalents issued to certain employees and officers under the Long-Term Incentive Plan and common stock grants issued to non-employee directors and non-employee executive producers.

(c) Includes the costs incurred to form our company and to prepare for the initial offering of our common stock to the public. In addition, this includes the cost of maintaining a board of directors and utilizing investor relations firms prior to being a publicly traded company.

### The Offering

The following summary contains basic terms about this offering and the Series A Preferred Stock and is not intended to be complete. It may not contain all of the information that is important to you. You should read the more detailed information contained in this prospectus, including but not limited to, the risk factors beginning on page 17 and the other risks described in our annual and quarterly reports incorporated by reference herein. For a more complete description of the terms of the Series A Preferred Stock, see the section of this prospectus entitled “Description of the Series A Preferred Stock.”

Company	Chicken Soup for the Soul Entertainment, Inc.
Securities Offered by the Selling Securityholders	80,000 shares of our outstanding 9.75% Series A Cumulative Redeemable Perpetual Preferred Stock (“Series A Preferred Stock”) to be offered for resale from time to time by the selling securityholders.
Use of proceeds	All the shares sold under this prospectus will be sold or otherwise disposed of for the account of the selling securityholders, or its pledgees, assignees, or successors-in-interest. We will not receive any of the proceeds from the sale or other disposition of the shares by the selling securityholders.
Dividends	<p>Holders of the Series A Preferred Stock will be entitled to receive cumulative cash dividends at a rate of 9.75% per annum of the \$25.00 per share liquidation preference (equivalent to \$2.4375 per annum per share).</p> <p>The record date for the payment of dividends on our Series A Preferred Stock is the close of business on the last day of the calendar month, whether or not a business day, immediately preceding the month in which the applicable dividends will be paid (each, a “dividend record date”). The shares of Series A Preferred Stock offered hereby will be credited as having accrued dividends since the first day of the calendar month in which they are issued.</p> <p>Dividends will be payable monthly on the 15th day of each month (each, a “dividend payment date”), provided that if any dividend payment date is not a business day, then the dividend that would otherwise have been payable on that dividend payment date may be paid on the next succeeding business day without adjustment in the amount of the dividend. For example, if shares of Series A Preferred Stock are purchased on August 14, the first dividend payable thereon will be paid on September 15 with respect to the full calendar month of August (e.g. August 1 through and including August 31).</p> <p>Any dividend payable on the Series A Preferred Stock, including dividends payable for any partial dividend period, will be computed on the basis of a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months.</p>
No Maturity, Sinking Fund, or Mandatory Redemption	The Series A Preferred Stock has no stated maturity and will not be subject to any sinking fund or mandatory redemption. Shares of the Series A Preferred Stock will remain outstanding indefinitely unless we decide to redeem or otherwise repurchase them. We are not required to set aside funds to redeem the Series A Preferred Stock.
Optional Redemption	The Series A Preferred Stock is not redeemable by us prior to June 27, 2023, except as described below. On and after such date, we may, at our option, redeem the Series A Preferred Stock, in whole or in part, at any time or from time to time, for cash at a redemption price equal to \$25.00 per share, plus any accumulated and unpaid dividends to, but not including, the redemption date. Please see the section of this prospectus entitled “ <i>Description of the Series A Preferred Stock—Redemption—Optional Redemption.</i> ”

Special Optional Redemption

Prior to June 27, 2023, upon the occurrence of a Change of Control, we may, at our option, redeem the Series A Preferred Stock, in whole or in part, within 120 days after the first date on which such Change of Control occurred, for cash at a redemption price of \$25.00 per share, plus any accumulated and unpaid dividends to, but not including, the redemption date.

A “Change of Control” is deemed to occur when the following have occurred and are continuing: (i) the acquisition by any person, including any syndicate or group deemed to be a “person” under Section 13(d)(3) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (“Exchange Act”) (other than William J. Rouhana, Jr., the chairman of our board of directors and our principal shareholder, any member of his immediate family, and any “person” or “group” under Section 13(d)(3) of the Exchange Act, that is controlled by Mr. Rouhana or any member of his immediate family, any beneficiary of the estate of Mr. Rouhana, or any trust, partnership, corporate or other entity controlled by any of the foregoing), of beneficial ownership, directly or indirectly, through a purchase, merger or other acquisition transaction or series of purchases, mergers or other acquisition transactions of our stock entitling that person to exercise more than 50% of the total voting power of all our stock entitled to vote generally in the election of our directors (except that such person will be deemed to have beneficial ownership of all securities that such person has the right to acquire, whether such right is currently exercisable or is exercisable only upon the occurrence of a subsequent condition); and (ii) following the closing of any transaction referred to above, neither we nor the acquiring or surviving entity has a class of common securities (or American Depositary Receipts representing such securities) listed on the NYSE, the NYSE American, or Nasdaq, or listed or quoted on an exchange or quotation system that is a successor thereto.

Liquidation Preference

If we liquidate, dissolve or wind up, holders of the Series A Preferred Stock will have the right to receive \$25.00 per share, plus any accumulated and unpaid dividends to, but not including, the date of payment, before any payment is made to the holders of our common stock. Please see the section of this prospectus entitled “*Description of the Series A Preferred Stock—Liquidation Preference.*”

Ranking

The Series A Preferred Stock will rank, with respect to rights to the payment of dividends and the distribution of assets upon our liquidation, dissolution or winding up, (a) senior to all classes or series of our common stock and to all other equity securities issued by us other than equity securities referred to in clauses (b) and (c); (b) on a parity with all equity securities issued by us with terms specifically providing that those equity securities rank on a parity with the Series A Preferred Stock with respect to rights to the payment of dividends and the distribution of assets upon our liquidation, dissolution or winding up; (c) junior to all equity securities issued by us with terms specifically providing that those equity securities rank senior to the Series A Preferred Stock with respect to rights to the payment of dividends and the distribution of assets upon our liquidation, dissolution or winding up; and (d) effectively junior to all of our existing and future indebtedness (including indebtedness convertible into our common stock or preferred stock) and to the indebtedness and other liabilities of (as well as any preferred equity interests held by others in) our existing subsidiaries and any future subsidiaries. Please see the section of this prospectus entitled “*Description of the Series A Preferred Stock—Ranking.*”



Limited Voting Rights

Holders of Series A Preferred Stock will generally have no voting rights. However, if we do not pay dividends on the Series A Preferred Stock for eighteen or more monthly dividend periods (whether or not consecutive), the holders of the Series A Preferred Stock (voting separately as a class with the holders of all other classes or series of our preferred stock we may issue upon which like voting rights have been conferred and are exercisable and which are entitled to vote as a class with the Series A Preferred Stock in the election referred to below) will be entitled to vote for the election of two additional directors to serve on our board of directors until we pay, or declare and set aside funds for the payment of, all dividends that we owe on the Series A Preferred Stock, subject to certain limitations described in the section of this prospectus entitled “*Description of the Series A Preferred Stock—Voting Rights.*”

In addition, the affirmative vote of the holders of at least 66.67% of the outstanding shares of Series A Preferred Stock (voting together as a class with all other series of parity preferred stock we may issue upon which like voting rights have been conferred and are exercisable) is required at any time for us to (i) authorize or issue any class or series of our capital stock ranking senior to the Series A Preferred Stock with respect to the payment of dividends or the distribution of assets on liquidation, dissolution or winding up or (ii) to amend any provision of our certificate of incorporation so as to materially and adversely affect any rights of the Series A Preferred Stock or to take certain other actions. Please see the section of this prospectus entitled “*Description of the Series A Preferred Stock—Voting Rights.*”

Information Rights

During any period in which we are not subject to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act and any shares of Series A Preferred Stock are outstanding, we will use our best efforts to (i) transmit by mail (or otherwise provided by permissible means under the Exchange Act) to all holders of Series A Preferred Stock, as their names and addresses appear on our record books and without cost to such holders, copies of the Annual Reports on Form 10-K and Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q that we would have been required to file with the SEC pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act if we were subject thereto (other than any exhibits that would have been required) and (ii) promptly, upon request, supply copies of such reports to any holders or prospective holder of Series A Preferred Stock, subject to certain exceptions described in this prospectus. We will use our best efforts to mail (or otherwise provide) the information to the holders of the Series A Preferred Stock within 15 days after the respective dates by which a periodic report on Form 10-K or Form 10-Q, as the case may be, in respect of such information would have been required to be filed with the SEC, if we were subject to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act, in each case, based on the dates on which we would be required to file such periodic reports if we were a “non-accelerated filer” within the meaning of the Exchange Act.

Nasdaq Global Market Symbol

CSSEP

Rating

Egan-Jones Rating Co.: BBB(-)

A securities rating reflects only the view of a rating agency and is not a recommendation to buy, sell, or hold the Series A Preferred Stock. Any rating may be subject to revision upward or downward or withdrawal at any time by a rating agency if such rating agency decides that circumstances warrant that change. Each rating should be evaluated independently of any other rating. No report of any rating agency is being incorporated herein by reference.

Risk Factors	See the section entitled “ <i>Risk Factors</i> ” beginning on page 17 and the other risks described in this prospectus and the annual and quarterly reports referred to therein for a discussion of factors you should consider carefully before deciding to invest in our Series A Preferred Stock.
Certain U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations	For a discussion of the federal income tax consequences of purchasing, owning and disposing of the Series A Preferred Stock, please see the section of this prospectus entitled “ <i>Certain U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations</i> .” You should consult your tax advisor with respect to the U.S. federal income tax consequences of owning the Series A Preferred Stock in light of your own particular situation and with respect to any tax consequences arising under the laws of any state, local, foreign or other taxing jurisdiction.
Book Entry and Form	The Series A Preferred Stock will be represented by one or more global certificates in definitive, fully registered form deposited with a custodian for, and registered in the name of, a nominee of The Depository Trust Company (“DTC”).
Transfer Agent	Continental Stock Transfer & Trust Co. is the registrar, transfer agent, and dividend and redemption price disbursing agent in respect of the Series A Preferred Stock.

## RISK FACTORS

Before you make a decision to invest in our Series A Preferred Stock, you should consider carefully the risk factors described below and the risk factor and other information in our annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2018 and our quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended June 30, 2019. If any of the following events actually occur, our business, operating results, prospects, or financial condition could be materially and adversely affected. This could cause the trading price of our Series A Preferred Stock to decline and you may lose all or part of your investment. The risk factors described in our SEC filings and below are not the only ones that we face. Additional risks not presently known to us or that we currently deem immaterial may also significantly impair our business operations and could result in a complete loss of your investment.

### **Risks Related to Crackle Plus**

#### *We may not realize the advantages we expect from Crackle Plus*

In May 2019, we consummated the Contribution Agreement with Crackle, Inc., pursuant to which we and Crackle would contributed certain assets relating to our respective VOD businesses to a joint venture entity, Crackle Plus.

We may not realize the potential benefits of the joint venture entity as expected. Our inability to successfully integrate Crackle's assets with our own and manage the Crackle Plus joint venture could create uncertainty with respect to our business, delay us from pursuing other strategic opportunities, or otherwise adversely affect our business, financial results, and operations.

Crackle Plus may not be successful in the timeframe that we expect, or at all, and may open us up to a series of risks we may not be able to anticipate. For example, upon consummation of the joint venture acquisition, we added a material number of Crackle employees, which may create a strain on our ability to effectively manage our operations and key personnel. We will experience increased costs in connection with these employees, including payroll and human resources costs. Additionally, we will be required to integrate data from the Crackle VOD assets and implement new data security measures and policies. Further, the acquisition of the Crackle VOD assets will likely involve risks associated with our assumption of some or all of the liabilities relating to those assets, which may include liabilities that we are currently unaware of, potential write-offs of acquired assets and potential loss of key employees or customers. We may encounter difficulties in successfully integrating our operations, technologies, services and personnel with that of Crackle, and our financial and management resources may be diverted from our existing operations. For instance, we may need to divert some resources from our existing business and assets to focus on the business and assets acquired from Crackle. Although we anticipate synergies and cost savings will result from the joint venture, we may not realize any or all of the cost savings that we believe we can realize from the joint venture. For example, we may be required to continue to operate or maintain functions that are currently expected to be combined or reduced. While many of the expenses that will be incurred, by their nature, are difficult to estimate accurately at the present time, our management continues to assess the magnitude of these costs, and additional unanticipated costs may be incurred in connection with the joint venture. Although we expect that the realization of benefits related to the joint venture will offset such costs and expenses over time, no assurances can be made that this net benefit will be achieved in the near term, or at all.

Our quarterly and annual operating results may fluctuate due to the costs and expenses of acquiring and integrating Crackle's business. We may require additional debt or equity financing, resulting in additional leverage or dilution of ownership.

Additionally, CPEH has certain protective voting rights in the joint venture. Certain corporate actions require supermajority approval of the board of managers of Crackle Plus, including the managers appointed by CPEH. As a result, our investment in our joint venture involves risks that are different from the risks involved in our independent operations. These risks include the possibility that CPEH has economic or business interests or goals that are or become inconsistent with our economic or business interests or goals.

The operating agreement between us and CPEH includes a put arrangement with respect to CPEH's membership interests in the joint venture. At certain times and on the terms specified in the joint venture's operating agreement, CPEH has a put right to cause us to purchase all such membership interests. We may pay the purchase price for CPEH's membership interests in cash or in shares of our Series A Preferred Stock, at our option. If we are required to purchase CPEH's joint venture membership interests, we could choose to make significant cash payment, or our other preferred stockholders could see their holdings diluted and our financial condition and the price of our Series A Preferred Stock may be adversely affected.

#### **Risks Related to Ownership of Shares of Our Series A Preferred Stock**

##### ***The Series A Preferred Stock ranks junior to all of our indebtedness and other liabilities.***

In the event of our bankruptcy, liquidation, dissolution or winding-up of our affairs, our assets will be available to pay obligations on the Series A Preferred Stock only after all of our indebtedness and other liabilities have been paid. The rights of holders of the Series A Preferred Stock to participate in the distribution of our assets will rank junior to the prior claims of our current and future creditors and any future series or class of preferred stock we may issue that ranks senior to the Series A Preferred Stock. Also, the Series A Preferred Stock effectively ranks junior to all existing and future indebtedness and to the indebtedness and other liabilities of our existing subsidiaries and any future subsidiaries. Our existing subsidiaries are, and future subsidiaries would be, separate legal entities and have no legal obligation to pay any amounts to us in respect of dividends due on the Series A Preferred Stock.

We have incurred and may in the future incur substantial amounts of debt and other obligations that will rank senior to the Series A Preferred Stock. As of the date of our quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended June 30, 2019, our total liabilities (excluding contingent consideration) equaled approximately \$43.5 million, including \$7.1 million owed under a commercial loan facility consisting of a \$3.6 million term loan and \$3.5 million owed under our revolving credit line with our bank ("Bank Loan Facility"). If we are forced to liquidate our assets to pay our creditors, we may not have sufficient assets to pay amounts due on any or all of the Series A Preferred Stock then outstanding.

##### ***We may not be able to pay dividends on the Series A Preferred Stock if we fall out of compliance with our loan covenants and are prohibited by our bank lender from paying dividends.***

The Bank Loan Facility requires us to maintain a minimum debt service coverage ratio. Related to this obligation, the Bank Loan Facility contains a negative covenant that restricts our ability to make dividend payments and other distributions and payments to stockholders and certain other people if such payments, distributions or expenditures would result in an event of default under the Bank Loan Facility or any other indebtedness, or would exceed our net earnings in excess of its debt service obligations. We are currently in compliance with all of our covenants under the Bank Loan Facility.

##### ***We must adhere to prescribed legal requirements and also have sufficient cash in order to be able to pay dividends.***

In accordance with Section 170 of the Delaware General Corporation Law, we may only declare and pay cash dividends on the Series A Preferred Stock if we have either net profits during the fiscal year in which the dividend is declared and/or the preceding fiscal year, or a "surplus", meaning the excess, if any, of our net assets (total assets less total liabilities) over our capital. We can provide no assurance that we will satisfy such requirements in any given year. Further, even if we have the legal ability to declare a dividend, we may not have sufficient cash to pay dividends on the Series A Preferred Stock. Our ability to pay dividends may be impaired if any of the risks described in this prospectus actually occur. Also, payment of our dividends depends upon our financial condition and other factors as our board of directors may deem relevant from time to time. We cannot assure you that our businesses will generate sufficient cash flow from operations or that future borrowings will be available to us in an amount sufficient to enable us to pay dividends on the Series A Preferred Stock.

***If Nasdaq delists the Series A Preferred Stock, investors' ability to make trades in the Series A Preferred Stock could be limited.***

Our Series A Preferred Stock is currently listed on the Nasdaq Global Market under the symbol "CSSEP." We cannot assure you that the Series A Preferred Stock will continue to be listed on the Nasdaq Global Market in the future. In order to continue listing the Series A Preferred Stock on the Nasdaq Global Market, we must maintain certain financial, distribution, and share price levels. Generally, this means having a minimum number of publicly held shares of Series A Preferred Stock (generally 100,000 shares), a minimum market value (generally \$1,000,000) and a minimum number of holders (generally 100 public holders). If our Class A common stock is delisted from the Nasdaq Global Market, the Series A Preferred Stock would be required to meet the more stringent initial listing standards of the Nasdaq Global Market for a Primary Equity Security, including a minimum number of publicly held shares of Series A Preferred Stock (generally 1,100,000 shares) and a minimum number of holders (generally 400 public holders). If we are unable to meet these standards and the Series A Preferred Stock is delisted from the Nasdaq Global Market, we may apply to list our Series A Preferred Stock on the Nasdaq Capital Market. If we are also unable to meet the listing standards for the Nasdaq Capital Market, we may apply to have our Series A Preferred Stock quoted by OTC Markets. If we are unable to maintain listing for the Series A Preferred Stock, the ability to transfer or sell shares of the Series A Preferred Stock will be limited and the market value of the Series A Preferred Stock will likely be materially adversely affected. Moreover, since the Series A Preferred Stock has no stated maturity date, investors may be forced to hold shares of the Series A Preferred Stock indefinitely while receiving stated dividends thereon when, as and if authorized by our board of directors and paid by us with no assurance as to ever receiving the liquidation value thereof.

***The market for our Series A Preferred Stock may not provide investors with adequate liquidity.***

Liquidity of the market for the Series A Preferred Stock depends on a number of factors, including prevailing interest rates, our financial condition and operating results, the number of holders of the Series A Preferred Stock, the market for similar securities and the interest of securities dealers in making a market in the Series A Preferred Stock. We cannot predict the extent to which investor interest in our Company will maintain a trading market in our Series A Preferred Stock, or how liquid that market will be. If an active market is not maintained, investors may have difficulty selling shares of our Series A Preferred Stock.

***We are generally restricted from issuing shares of other series of preferred stock that rank senior the Series A Preferred Stock as to dividend rights, rights upon liquidation or voting rights, but may do so with the requisite consent of the holders of the Series A Preferred Stock; and, further, no such consent is required for the issuance of additional series of preferred stock ranking pari passu with the Series A Preferred Stock.***

We are allowed to issue shares of other series of preferred stock that rank above the Series A Preferred Stock as to dividend payments and rights upon our liquidation, dissolution or winding up of our affairs, only with the approval of the holders of at least 66.67% of the outstanding Series A Preferred Stock; however, we are allowed to issue additional shares of Series A Preferred Stock and/or additional series of preferred stock that would rank equally to the Series A Preferred Stock as to dividend payments and rights upon our liquidation or winding up of our affairs without first obtaining the approval of the holders of our Series A Preferred Stock. The issuance of additional shares of Series A Preferred Stock and/or additional series of preferred stock could have the effect of reducing the amounts available to the Series A Preferred Stock upon our liquidation or dissolution or the winding up of our affairs. It also may reduce dividend payments on the Series A Preferred Stock if we do not have sufficient funds to pay dividends on all Series A Preferred Stock outstanding and other classes or series of stock with equal or senior priority with respect to dividends. Future issuances and sales of senior or pari passu preferred stock, or the perception that such issuances and sales could occur, may cause prevailing market prices for the Series A Preferred Stock and our Class A common stock to decline and may adversely affect our ability to raise additional capital in the financial markets at times and prices favorable to us.

***Market interest rates may materially and adversely affect the value of the Series A Preferred Stock.***

One of the factors that will influence the price of the Series A Preferred Stock is the dividend yield on the Series A Preferred Stock (as a percentage of the market price of the Series A Preferred Stock) relative to market interest rates. Continued increase in market interest rates may lead prospective purchasers of the Series A Preferred Stock to expect a higher dividend yield (and higher interest rates would likely increase our borrowing costs and potentially decrease funds available for dividend payments). Thus, higher market interest rates could cause the market price of the Series A Preferred Stock to materially decrease.

***Holders of the Series A Preferred Stock may be unable to use the dividends-received deduction and may not be eligible for the preferential tax rates applicable to “qualified dividend income.”***

Distributions paid to corporate U.S. holders of the Series A Preferred Stock may be eligible for the dividends-received deduction, and distributions paid to non-corporate U.S. holders of the Series A Preferred Stock may be subject to tax at the preferential tax rates applicable to “qualified dividend income,” only if we have current or accumulated earnings and profits, as determined for U.S. federal income tax purposes. Additionally, we may not have sufficient current earnings and profits during future fiscal years for the distributions on the Series A Preferred Stock to qualify as dividends for U.S. federal income tax purposes. If the distributions fail to qualify as dividends, U.S. holders would be unable to use the dividends-received deduction and may not be eligible for the preferential tax rates applicable to “qualified dividend income.” If any distributions on the Series A Preferred Stock with respect to any fiscal year are not eligible for the dividends-received deduction or preferential tax rates applicable to “qualified dividend income” because of insufficient current or accumulated earnings and profits, it is possible that the market value of the Series A Preferred Stock might decline.

***Our revenues, operating results and cash flows may fluctuate in future periods and we may fail to meet investor expectations, which may cause the price of our Series A Preferred Stock to decline.***

Variations in our quarterly and year-end operating results are difficult to predict and our income and cash flows may fluctuate significantly from period to period, which may impact our board of directors’ willingness or legal ability to declare a monthly dividend. If our operating results fall below the expectations of investors or securities analysts, the price of our Series A Preferred Stock could decline substantially. Specific factors that may cause fluctuations in our operating results include:

- demand and pricing for our products and services;
- introduction of competing products;
- our operating expenses which fluctuate due to growth of our business;
- timing and popularity of new video content offerings and changes in viewing habits or the emergence of new content distribution platforms; and
- variable sales cycle and implementation periods for content and services.

***A reduction in the credit rating of our Series A Preferred Stock could adversely affect the pricing and liquidity of such stock.***

Any downward revision or withdrawal of the credit rating on our Series A Preferred Stock could materially adversely affect market confidence in such stock and could cause material decreases in the market price of such stock and could diminish market liquidity. Egan-Jones has initially rated our Series A Preferred Stock as BBB(-). See “*Description of Series A Preferred Stock – Credit Rating of Our Series A Preferred Stock.*” Neither Egan-Jones nor any other agency is under any obligation to maintain any rating assigned to our Series A Preferred Stock and such rating could be revised downward or withdrawn at any time for reasons of general market changes or changes in our financial condition or for no reason at all.

***A reduction in the credit rating of our Series A Preferred Stock could adversely affect our ability to borrow from other sources.***

Our borrowing costs and our access to sources of debt financing could be significantly affected by any public credit rating applicable to us or our securities. Ratings, such as that initially assigned by Egan-Jones to our Series A Preferred Stock, can be reduced or withdrawn at any time, giving rise to negative credit implications with respect to our company. A reduction in our credit ratings could increase our borrowing costs and limit our access to the capital markets. This, in turn, could reduce our earnings and adversely affect our liquidity.

***The market price of the Series A Preferred Stock could be substantially affected by various factors.***

The market price of the Series A Preferred Stock could be subject to wide fluctuations in response to numerous factors. The price of the Series A Preferred Stock that will prevail in the market after this offering may be higher or lower than the offering price depending on many factors, some of which are beyond our control and may not be directly related to our operating performance.

These factors include, but are not limited to, the following:

- prevailing interest rates, increases in which may have an adverse effect on the market price of the Series A Preferred Stock;
- trading prices of similar securities;
- our history of timely dividend payments;
- the annual yield from dividends on the Series A Preferred Stock as compared to yields on other financial instruments;
- general economic and financial market conditions;
- government action or regulation;
- the financial condition, performance and prospects of us and our competitors;
- changes in financial estimates or recommendations by securities analysts with respect to us or our competitors in our industry;
- our issuance of additional preferred equity or debt securities; and
- actual or anticipated variations in quarterly operating results of us and our competitors.

As a result of these and other factors, investors who purchase the Series A Preferred Stock in this offering may experience a decrease, which could be substantial and rapid, in the market price of the Series A Preferred Stock, including decreases unrelated to our operating performance or prospects.

***We may redeem the Series A Preferred Stock.***

On or after June 27, 2023, we may, at our option, redeem the Series A Preferred Stock, in whole or in part, at any time or from time to time. Also, upon the occurrence of a Change of Control prior to June 27, 2023, we may, at our option, redeem the Series A Preferred Stock, in whole or in part, within 120 days after the first date on which such Change of Control occurred. We may have an incentive to redeem the Series A Preferred Stock voluntarily if market conditions allow us to issue other preferred stock or debt securities at a rate that is lower than the dividend rate on the Series A Preferred Stock. If we redeem the Series A Preferred Stock, then from and after the redemption date, dividends will cease to accrue on shares of Series A Preferred Stock, the shares of Series A Preferred Stock shall no longer be deemed outstanding and all rights as a holder of those shares will terminate, except the right to receive the redemption price plus accumulated and unpaid dividends, if any, payable upon redemption.

***A holder of Series A Preferred Stock has extremely limited voting rights.***

The voting rights for a holder of Series A Preferred Stock are limited. Our shares of Class A common stock and Class B common stock vote together as a single class and are the only class of our securities that carry full voting rights. Mr. Rouhana, our chairman of the board and chief executive officer, beneficially owns the vast majority of the voting power of our outstanding common stock. As a result, Mr. Rouhana exercises a significant level of control over all matters requiring stockholder approval, including the election of directors, amendment of our certificate of incorporation, and approval of significant corporate transactions. This control could have the effect of delaying or preventing a change of control of our company or changes in management and will make the approval of certain transactions difficult or impossible without his support, which in turn could reduce the price of our Series A Preferred Stock.

Voting rights for holders of the Series A Preferred Stock exist primarily with respect to the ability to elect, voting together with the holders of any other series of our preferred stock having similar voting rights, two additional directors to our board of directors, subject to limitations described in the section of this prospectus entitled “Description of the Series A Preferred Stock—Voting Rights,” in the event that eighteen monthly dividends (whether or not consecutive) payable on the Series A Preferred Stock are in arrears, and with respect to voting on amendments to our certificate of incorporation, including the certificate of designations relating to the Series A Preferred Stock, that materially and adversely affect the rights of the holders of Series A Preferred Stock or authorize, increase or create additional classes or series of our capital stock that are senior to the Series A Preferred Stock. Other than the limited circumstances described in the prospectus and except to the extent required by law, holders of Series A Preferred Stock do not have any voting rights. Please see the section of this prospectus entitled “Description of the Series A Preferred Stock—Voting Rights.”

***The Series A Preferred Stock is not convertible into Class A common stock, including in the event of a Change of Control, and investors will not realize a corresponding upside if the price of the Class A common stock increases.***

The Series A Preferred Stock is not convertible into shares of Class A common stock and earns dividends at a fixed rate. Accordingly, an increase in market price of our Class A common stock will not necessarily result in an increase in the market price of our Series A Preferred Stock. The market value of the Series A Preferred Stock may depend more on dividend and interest rates for other preferred stock, commercial paper and other investment alternatives and our actual and perceived ability to pay dividends on, and in the event of dissolution satisfy the liquidation preference with respect to, the Series A Preferred Stock.

***We will have broad discretion in using the proceeds of this offering, and we may not effectively spend the proceeds.***

We will use the net proceeds of this offering for working capital and general corporate purposes to support our growth and may, in our discretion, use a portion of the net proceeds for dividends on our outstanding securities and the repurchase of outstanding Class A common stock in open market transactions in compliance with Rule 10b-18 and private transactions. We have not allocated any specific portion of the net proceeds to any particular purpose, and our management will have the discretion to allocate the proceeds as it determines. We will have significant flexibility and broad discretion in applying the net proceeds of this offering, and we may not apply these proceeds effectively. Our management might not be able to yield a significant return, if any, on any investment of these net proceeds, and you will not have the opportunity to influence our decisions on how to use our net proceeds from this offering.

***Our certificate of incorporation provides, subject to limited exceptions, that the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware is the sole and exclusive forum for certain stockholder litigation matters, which could limit our stockholders’ ability to obtain a favorable judicial forum for disputes with us or our directors, officers, employees or stockholders.***

Our certificate of incorporation requires, to the fullest extent permitted by law, that derivative actions brought in our name, actions against directors, officers and employees for breach of fiduciary duty and other similar actions may be brought only in the Court of Chancery in the State of Delaware (or if the Court of Chancery does not have jurisdiction, another state court located within the State of Delaware, or if no state court located within the State of Delaware has jurisdiction, the federal district court for the District of Delaware) and, if brought outside of Delaware, the stockholder bringing the suit will be deemed to have consented to the personal jurisdiction of the state and federal courts located within the State of Delaware and to service of process on such stockholder’s counsel. Any person or entity purchasing or otherwise acquiring any interest in shares of our capital stock shall be deemed to have notice of and consented to the forum provisions in our certificate of incorporation.

This choice of forum provision may limit a stockholder’s ability to bring a claim in a judicial forum that it finds favorable for disputes with us or any of our directors, officers or employees, which may discourage lawsuits with respect to such claims. We cannot be certain that a court will decide that this provision is either applicable or enforceable, and if a court were to find the choice of forum provision contained in our certificate of incorporation to be inapplicable or unenforceable in an action, we may incur additional costs associated with resolving such action in other jurisdictions, which could harm our business, operating results and financial condition.

Our certificate of incorporation provides that the exclusive forum provision is applicable to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law. Section 27 of the Exchange Act creates exclusive federal jurisdiction over all suits brought to enforce any duty or liability created by the Exchange Act or the rules and regulations thereunder. As a result, we anticipate that the exclusive forum provision will not apply to suits brought to enforce any duty or liability created by the Exchange Act, the Securities Act or any other claim for which the federal courts have exclusive jurisdiction and the exclusive forum provision is not intended to waive our compliance with federal securities laws and the rules and regulations thereunder or bar claims properly brought thereunder.



### **PRIVATE PLACEMENTS OF SERIES A PREFERRED STOCK**

On June 25, 2019 and July 23, 2019, we entered into share purchase agreements (“Share Purchase Agreements”) for the sale of an aggregate of 80,000 shares of Series A Preferred Stock for aggregate net proceeds to us of approximately \$1,840,000. The Share Purchase Agreements contain certain representations, warranties, covenants, and indemnities customary for similar transactions.

We also entered into registration rights agreements (“Registration Rights Agreements”) with the investors pursuant to which we agreed to use our best efforts to register the shares of Series A Preferred Stock for resale by the 90th calendar day following the consummation of each investor’s investment.

### **USE OF PROCEEDS**

All the securities sold under this prospectus will be sold or otherwise disposed of for the account of the selling securityholders, or their pledgees, assignees, or successors-in-interest. We will not receive any of the proceeds from the sale or other disposition of the securities by the selling securityholders.

## SELLING SECURITYHOLDERS

When we refer to “selling securityholders” in this prospectus, we mean the person listed in the table below, and the pledgees, assignees, donees, permitted transferees, successors, and others who later come to hold any of the selling securityholders’ interests in our securities other than through a public sale.

We are registering the resale of securities included in this prospectus in order to permit the selling securityholders to offer the shares of Series A Preferred Stock for resale from time to time. Other than as described in this prospectus, the selling stockholders have not within the past three years had any position, office or other material relationship with us or any of our predecessors or affiliates other than as a holder of our securities. None of the selling stockholders are broker-dealers or affiliates of a broker-dealer.

The following table sets forth, as of the date of this prospectus, the number of shares of Series A Preferred Stock beneficially owned by the selling securityholders prior to the offering.

This table has been prepared based solely on information supplied to us by the selling securityholders, or included in statements on Schedule 13D or 13G or other public documents filed by the selling securityholders with the SEC, and assumes the sale of all the shares offered hereby. The selling securityholders may sell all, some, or none of its shares in this offering. The selling securityholders identified in the table below may have sold, transferred, or otherwise disposed of some or all its shares since the date of this prospectus in transactions exempt from, or not subject to the registration requirements of, the Securities Act. Information concerning the selling securityholders may change from time to time and, if necessary and required, we will amend or supplement this prospectus accordingly.

Selling Securityholder	Shares of Series A Preferred Stock Beneficially Owned Prior to the Offering	Shares of Series A Preferred Stock Being Registered	<u>Beneficial Ownership of Series A Preferred Stock After Offering</u>	
			Shares	Percent (1)
The David S. Nagelberg 2003 Revocable Trust U/A DTD 07/02/03 (2)	48,000	40,000	8,000	*
P.A.W. Small Cap Partners, L.P. (3)	40,000	40,000	0	0

\* Less than 1%.

(1) The percentage of ownership after the offering is calculated based on 1,378,002 shares of Series A Preferred Stock outstanding as of August 21, 2019 (not including shares of Series A Preferred Stock issuable pursuant to the August 2019 Offering).

(2) The business address of this entity is 939 Coast Blvd, Unit 21DE, La Jolla, CA 92037.

(3) The business address of this entity is 4 Greenwich Office Park, 3rd Floor, Greenwich, CT 06831-5153.

## PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

We are registering the securities held by the selling securityholders covered by this prospectus to permit the resale of those securities from time to time after the date of this prospectus.

The selling securityholders, which, as used herein, includes the pledgees, donees, permitted transferees, assignees, successors, and others who later come to hold any of the selling securityholders' interests in our securities other than through a public sale, may, from time to time, sell, transfer, or otherwise dispose of any or all of their securities or interests in such securities on the Nasdaq Global Market or any other stock exchange, market, or trading facility on which the securities are traded, or in private transactions. These dispositions may be at fixed prices, at prevailing market prices at the time of sale, at prices related to the prevailing market price, at varying prices determined at the time of sale, or at negotiated prices.

The selling securityholders may use any one or more of the following methods when disposing of the securities or interests therein:

- ordinary brokerage transactions and transactions in which the broker-dealer solicits purchasers;
- block trades in which the broker-dealer will attempt to sell the securities as agent, but may position and resell a portion of the block as principal to facilitate the transaction;
- purchases by a broker-dealer as principal and resale by the broker-dealer for its account;
- an exchange distribution in accordance with the rules of the applicable exchange;
- privately negotiated transactions;
- settlement of short sales;
- in transactions through broker-dealers that agree with the Selling Shareholders to sell a specified number of such securities at a stipulated price per security;
- through the writing or settlement of options or other hedging transactions, whether through an options exchange or otherwise;
- a combination of any such methods of sale; or
- any other method permitted pursuant to applicable law.

The selling securityholders may also sell securities under Rule 144 or any other exemption from registration under the Securities Act, if available, rather than under this prospectus.

Broker-dealers engaged by the selling securityholders may arrange for other broker-dealers to participate in sales. Broker-dealers may receive commissions or discounts from the selling securityholders (or, if any broker-dealer acts as agent for the subscriber of securities, from the subscriber) in amounts to be negotiated, but, except as set forth in a supplement to this prospectus, in the case of an agency transaction not in excess of a customary brokerage commission in compliance with FINRA Rule 2440, and in the case of a principal transaction a markup or markdown in compliance with FINRA IM-2440.

In connection with the sale of our securities or interests therein, the selling securityholders may enter into hedging transactions with broker-dealers or other financial institutions, which may in turn engage in short sales of the securities in the course of hedging the positions they assume. The selling securityholders may also sell securities short and deliver these securities to close out their short positions, or loan or pledge securities to broker-dealers that in turn may sell these securities. The selling securityholders may also enter into option or other transactions with broker-dealers or other financial institutions or the creation of one or more derivative securities which require the delivery to such broker-dealer or other financial institution of securities offered by this prospectus, which securities such broker-dealer or other financial institution may resell pursuant to this prospectus (as supplemented or amended to reflect such transaction).

The selling securityholders and any underwriters, broker-dealers, or agents that participate in the sale of the securities or interests therein may be “underwriters” within the meaning of Section 2(a)(11) of the Securities Act. Any discounts, commissions, concessions, or profit they earn on any resale of the securities may be underwriting discounts and commissions under the Securities Act. Selling Shareholders who are “underwriters” within the meaning of Section 2(a)(11) of the Securities Act will be subject to the prospectus delivery requirements of the Securities Act. Each Selling Shareholder has informed the Company that it does not have any written or oral agreement or understanding, directly or indirectly, with any person to distribute the securities.

The Company will pay the fees and expenses incurred by the Company incident to the registration of the securities. The Company has agreed to indemnify certain of the selling securityholders against certain losses, claims, damages, and liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act.

We agreed to keep this prospectus effective until the earlier of (i) the date on which the securities may be resold by the selling securityholders without registration and without regard to any volume or manner-of-sale limitations by reason of Rule 144, without the requirement for the Company to be in compliance with the current public information requirement under Rule 144 or any other rule of similar effect, or (ii) all of the securities have been sold pursuant to this prospectus or Rule 144 or any other rule of similar effect.

The securities will be sold only through registered or licensed brokers or dealers if required under applicable state securities laws. In addition, in certain states, the resale securities covered hereby may not be sold unless they have been registered or qualified for sale in the applicable state or an exemption from the registration or qualification requirement is available and is complied with.

Under applicable rules and regulations under the Exchange Act, any person engaged in the distribution of our Series A Preferred Stock may not simultaneously engage in market making activities with respect to such securities for the applicable restricted period, as defined in Regulation M, prior to the commencement of the distribution. In addition, the selling securityholders will be subject to applicable provisions of the Exchange Act and the rules and regulations thereunder, including Regulation M, which may limit the timing of purchases and sales of the Series A Preferred Stock by the selling securityholders or any other person.

We will make copies of this prospectus available to the selling securityholders and have informed the selling securityholders of the need to deliver a copy of this prospectus to each subscriber at or prior to the time of the sale (including by compliance with Rule 172 under the Securities Act).

## **PUBLIC MARKET FOR OUR SECURITIES**

Our Series A Preferred Stock has been trading on the Nasdaq Global Market under the symbol “CSSEP” since June 27, 2018.

## DESCRIPTION OF SERIES A PREFERRED STOCK

The description of certain terms of the Series A Preferred Stock in this prospectus does not purport to be complete and is in all respects subject to, and qualified in its entirety by references to the relevant provisions of our certificate of incorporation, the amended certificate of designation establishing the terms of our Series A Preferred Stock, our bylaws, and Delaware law.

### General

Our board of directors is authorized, subject to limitations prescribed by Delaware law, to issue preferred stock in one or more series, to establish from time to time the number of shares to be included in each series, and to fix the designation, powers, preferences and rights of the shares of each series and any of its qualifications, limitations or restrictions, in each case without further vote or action by our stockholders. Our board of directors can also increase (but not above the total number of authorized shares of the class) or decrease (but not below the number of shares then outstanding) the number of shares of any series of preferred stock, without any further vote or action by our stockholders. Our board of directors may authorize the issuance of preferred stock with voting or conversion rights that could adversely affect the voting power or other rights of the holders of our common stock or other series of preferred stock. The issuance of preferred stock, while providing flexibility in connection with possible financings, acquisitions and other corporate purposes, could, among other things, have the effect of delaying, deferring or preventing a change in our control of our company and might adversely affect the market price of our common stock and the voting and other rights of the holders of our common stock.

### Series A Preferred Stock

The description of certain terms of the 9.75% Series A Cumulative Redeemable Perpetual Preferred Stock in this prospectus does not purport to be complete and is in all respects subject to, and qualified in its entirety by references to the relevant provisions of our certificate of incorporation, the amended certificate of designations establishing the terms of our Series A Preferred Stock, our bylaws and the DGCL. Copies of our certificate of incorporation, certificate of designations, bylaws and all amendments thereto, are available from us upon request.

#### *General*

On June 29, 2018, we completed an underwritten public offering of our Series A Preferred Stock at an offering price of \$25.00 per share. We initially sold 600,000 shares of Series A Preferred Stock and, on July 10, 2018, we sold an additional 46,497 shares of Series A Preferred Stock as a result of the partial exercise of the underwriters' over-allotment option. Affiliates of William J. Rouhana, Jr., our chief executive officer and chairman of the board, and Amy Newmark, a director, purchased shares in the offering on the same terms as offered to the public. The sale of Series A Preferred Stock generated aggregate net proceeds to us of approximately \$14.8 million. In connection with our acquisition of Pivotshare in August 2018, we issued 134,000 shares of Series A Preferred Stock. On November 19, 2018, we completed an additional underwritten public offering of our Series A Preferred Stock at an offering price of \$25.00 per share. We sold 138,000 shares of Series A Preferred Stock in the offering, including 18,000 shares pursuant to the underwriters' full exercise of their over-allotment option. We sold an aggregate of 379,505 shares of Series A Preferred Stock in various offerings prior to this offering under a shelf registration statement. We also sold an aggregate of 80,000 shares of Series A Preferred Stock in two private placements consummated in June and July 2019 pursuant to an exemption from registration under Section 4(a)(2) of the Securities Act at an offering price of \$25.00 per share. On August 19, 2019, we entered into an underwriting agreement for the sale of 192,174 shares of Series A Preferred Stock in an underwritten offering. On August 20, 2019, we were advised by the underwriters that they would be exercising in full the over-allotment option prescribed by the underwriting agreement for the purchase of 28,826 additional shares of Series A Preferred Stock. We will be issuing an aggregate of 221,000 shares of Series A Preferred Stock at the closing of the offering on August 24, 2019.

As of the date of this prospectus, after giving effect to the August 2019 Public Offering, 1,599,002 shares of our Series A Preferred Stock are outstanding.

Our board of directors may, without the approval of holders of the Series A Preferred Stock or our common stock, designate additional series of authorized preferred stock ranking junior to or on parity with the Series A Preferred Stock or designate additional shares of the Series A Preferred Stock and authorize the issuance of such shares. Designation of preferred stock ranking senior to the Series A Preferred Stock will require approval of the holders of Series A Preferred Stock, as described below in "*Voting Rights*."

The registrar, transfer agent, and dividend and redemption price disbursing agent in respect of the Series A Preferred Stock is Continental Stock Transfer & Trust Company.

#### *Listing*

Our Series A Preferred Stock has been approved for listing on the Nasdaq Global Market under the symbol "CSSEP".

### ***No Maturity, Sinking Fund or Mandatory Redemption***

The Series A Preferred Stock has no stated maturity and will not be subject to any sinking fund or mandatory redemption. Shares of the Series A Preferred Stock will remain outstanding indefinitely unless we decide to redeem or otherwise repurchase them. We are not required to set aside funds to redeem the Series A Preferred Stock.

### ***Ranking***

The Series A Preferred Stock will rank, with respect to rights to the payment of dividends and the distribution of assets upon our liquidation, dissolution or winding up:

- senior to all classes or series of our common stock and to all other equity securities issued by us other than equity securities referred to in the next two bullet points below;
- on a parity with all equity securities issued by us with terms specifically providing that those equity securities rank on a parity with the Series A Preferred Stock with respect to rights to the payment of dividends and the distribution of assets upon our liquidation, dissolution or winding up;
- junior to all equity securities issued by us with terms specifically providing for ranking senior to the Series A Preferred Stock with respect to rights to the payment of dividends and the distribution of assets upon our liquidation, dissolution or winding up (please see the section entitled “*Voting Rights*” below); and
- effectively junior to all our existing and future indebtedness (including indebtedness convertible to our common stock or preferred stock) and to any indebtedness and other liabilities of (as well as any preferred equity interests held by others in) our existing subsidiaries.

### ***Dividends***

Holders of shares of the Series A Preferred Stock are entitled to receive, when, as and if declared by our board of directors, out of funds of the Company legally available for the payment of dividends, cumulative cash dividends at the rate of 9.75% of the \$25.00 per share liquidation preference per annum (equivalent to \$2.4375 per annum per share). Dividends on the Series A Preferred Stock shall be payable monthly on the 15th day of each month; provided that if any dividend payment date is not a business day, as defined in the certificate of designations, then the dividend that would otherwise have been payable on that dividend payment date may be paid on the next succeeding business day and no interest, additional dividends or other sums will accrue on the amount so payable for the period from and after that dividend payment date to that next succeeding business day. Any dividend payable on the Series A Preferred Stock, including dividends payable for any partial dividend period, will be computed on the basis of a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months; however, the shares of Series A Preferred Stock offered hereby will be credited as having accrued dividends since the first day of the calendar month in which they are issued. Dividends will be payable to holders of record as they appear in our stock records for the Series A Preferred Stock at the close of business on the applicable record date, which shall be the last day of the calendar month, whether or not a business day, immediately preceding the month in which the applicable dividend payment date falls. As a result, holders of shares of Series A Preferred Stock will not be entitled to receive dividends on a dividend payment date if such shares were not issued and outstanding on the applicable dividend record date.

No dividends on shares of Series A Preferred Stock shall be authorized by our board of directors or paid or set apart for payment by us at any time when the terms and provisions of any agreement of ours, including any agreement relating to our indebtedness, prohibit the authorization, payment or setting apart for payment thereof or provide that the authorization, payment or setting apart for payment thereof would constitute a breach of the agreement or a default under the agreement, or if the authorization, payment or setting apart for payment shall be restricted or prohibited by law.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, dividends on the Series A Preferred Stock will accrue whether or not we have earnings, whether or not there are funds legally available for the payment of those dividends and whether or not those dividends are declared by our board of directors. No interest, or sum in lieu of interest, will be payable in respect of any dividend payment or payments on the Series A Preferred Stock that may be in arrears, and holders of the Series A Preferred Stock will not be entitled to any dividends in excess of full cumulative dividends described above. Any dividend payment made on the Series A Preferred Stock shall first be credited against the earliest accumulated but unpaid dividend due with respect to those shares.

Future distributions on our common stock and preferred stock, including the Series A Preferred Stock, will be at the discretion of our board of directors and will depend on, among other things, our results of operations, cash flow from operations, financial condition and capital requirements, any debt service requirements and any other factors our board of directors deems relevant. Accordingly, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to make cash distributions on our preferred stock or what the actual distributions will be for any future period.

Unless full cumulative dividends on all shares of Series A Preferred Stock have been or contemporaneously are declared and paid or declared and a sum sufficient for the payment thereof has been or contemporaneously is set apart for payment for all past dividend periods, no dividends (other than in shares of common stock or in shares of any series of preferred stock that we may issue ranking junior to the Series A Preferred Stock as to the payment of dividends and the distribution of assets upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up) shall be declared or paid or set aside for payment upon shares of our common stock or preferred stock that we may issue ranking junior to, or on a parity with, the Series A Preferred Stock as to the payment of dividends or the distribution of assets upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up. Nor shall any other distribution be declared or made upon shares of our common stock or preferred stock that we may issue ranking junior to, or on a parity with, the Series A Preferred Stock as to the payment of dividends or the distribution of assets upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up. Also, any shares of our common stock or preferred stock that we may issue ranking junior to or on a parity with the Series A Preferred Stock as to the payment of dividends or the distribution of assets upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up shall not be redeemed, purchased or otherwise acquired for any consideration (or any moneys paid to or made available for a sinking fund for the redemption of any such shares) by us (except by conversion into or exchange for our other capital stock that we may issue ranking junior to the Series A Preferred Stock as to the payment of dividends and the distribution of assets upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up).

When dividends are not paid in full (or a sum sufficient for such full payment is not so set apart) upon the Series A Preferred Stock and the shares of any other series of preferred stock that we may issue ranking on a parity as to the payment of dividends with the Series A Preferred Stock, all dividends declared upon the Series A Preferred Stock and any other series of preferred stock that we may issue ranking on a parity as to the payment of dividends with the Series A Preferred Stock shall be declared pro rata so that the amount of dividends declared per share of Series A Preferred Stock and such other series of preferred stock that we may issue shall in all cases bear to each other the same ratio that accrued dividends per share on the Series A Preferred Stock and such other series of preferred stock that we may issue (which shall not include any accrual in respect of unpaid dividends for prior dividend periods if such preferred stock does not have a cumulative dividend) bear to each other. No interest, or sum of money in lieu of interest, shall be payable in respect of any dividend payment or payments on the Series A Preferred Stock that may be in arrears.

#### **Liquidation Preference**

In the event of our voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution or winding up, the holders of shares of Series A Preferred Stock will be entitled to be paid out of the assets we have legally available for distribution to our shareholders, subject to the preferential rights of the holders of any class or series of our capital stock we may issue ranking senior to the Series A Preferred Stock with respect to the distribution of assets upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up, a liquidation preference of \$25.00 per share, plus an amount equal to any accumulated and unpaid dividends to, but not including, the date of payment, before any distribution of assets is made to holders of our common stock or any other class or series of our capital stock we may issue that ranks junior to the Series A Preferred Stock as to liquidation rights.

In the event that, upon any such voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution or winding up, our available assets are insufficient to pay the amount of the liquidating distributions on all outstanding shares of Series A Preferred Stock and the corresponding amounts payable on all shares of other classes or series of our capital stock that we may issue ranking on a parity with the Series A Preferred Stock in the distribution of assets, then the holders of the Series A Preferred Stock and all other such classes or series of capital stock shall share ratably in any such distribution of assets in proportion to the full liquidating distributions to which they would otherwise be respectively entitled.



We will use commercially reasonable efforts to provide written notice of any such liquidation, dissolution or winding up no fewer than 10 days prior to the payment date. After payment of the full amount of the liquidating distributions to which they are entitled, the holders of Series A Preferred Stock will have no right or claim to any of our remaining assets. The consolidation or merger of us with or into any other corporation, trust or entity or of any other entity with or into us, or the sale, lease, transfer or conveyance of all or substantially all of our property or business, shall not be deemed a liquidation, dissolution or winding up of us (although such events may give rise to the special optional redemption to the extent described below).

### ***Redemption***

The Series A Preferred Stock is not redeemable by us prior to June 27, 2023, except as described below under “—Special Optional Redemption.”

Optional Redemption. On and after June 27, 2023, we may, at our option, upon not less than 30 nor more than 60 days’ written notice, redeem the Series A Preferred Stock, in whole or in part, at any time or from time to time, for cash at a redemption price equal to \$25.00 per share, plus any accumulated and unpaid dividends thereon to, but not including, the date fixed for redemption.

Special Optional Redemption. Upon the occurrence of a Change of Control, we may, at our option, upon not less than 30 nor more than 60 days’ written notice, redeem the Series A Preferred Stock, in whole or in part, within 120 days after the first date on which such Change of Control occurred, for cash at a redemption price of \$25.00 per share, plus any accumulated and unpaid dividends thereon to, but not including, the redemption date.

A “Change of Control” is deemed to occur when the following have occurred and are continuing:

- the acquisition by any person, including any syndicate or group deemed to be a “person” under Section 13(d)(3) of the Exchange Act (other than Mr. Rouhana, the chairman of our board of directors, our chief executive officer and our principal stockholder, any member of his immediate family, and any “person” or “group” under Section 13(d)(3) of the Exchange Act, that is controlled by Mr. Rouhana or any member of his immediate family, any beneficiary of the estate of Mr. Rouhana, or any trust, partnership, corporate or other entity controlled by any of the foregoing), of beneficial ownership, directly or indirectly, through a purchase, merger or other acquisition transaction or series of purchases, mergers or other acquisition transactions of our stock entitling that person to exercise more than 50% of the total voting power of all our stock entitled to vote generally in the election of our directors (except that such person will be deemed to have beneficial ownership of all securities that such person has the right to acquire, whether such right is currently exercisable or is exercisable only upon the occurrence of a subsequent condition); and
- following the closing of any transaction referred to above, neither we nor the acquiring or surviving entity has a class of common securities (or American Depositary Receipts representing such securities) listed on the NYSE, the NYSE American, or Nasdaq, or listed or quoted on an exchange or quotation system that is a successor to the NYSE, the NYSE American, or Nasdaq.

Redemption Procedures. In the event we elect to redeem Series A Preferred Stock, the notice of redemption will be mailed to each holder of record of Series A Preferred Stock called for redemption at such holder’s address as it appears on our stock transfer records, not less than 30 nor more than 60 days prior to the redemption date, and will state the following:

- the redemption date;
- the number of shares of Series A Preferred Stock to be redeemed;
- the redemption price;
- the place or places where certificates (if any) for the Series A Preferred Stock are to be surrendered for payment of the redemption price;

- that dividends on the shares to be redeemed will cease to accumulate on the redemption date;
- whether such redemption is being made pursuant to the provisions described above under “—*Optional Redemption*” or “—*Special Optional Redemption*”; and
- if applicable, that such redemption is being made in connection with a Change of Control and, in that case, a brief description of the transaction or transactions constituting such Change of Control.

If less than all of the Series A Preferred Stock held by any holder are to be redeemed, the notice mailed to such holder shall also specify the number of shares of Series A Preferred Stock held by such holder to be redeemed. No failure to give such notice or any defect thereto or in the mailing thereof shall affect the validity of the proceedings for the redemption of any shares of Series A Preferred Stock except as to the holder to whom notice was defective or not given.

Holders of Series A Preferred Stock to be redeemed shall surrender the Series A Preferred Stock at the place designated in the notice of redemption and shall be entitled to the redemption price and any accumulated and unpaid dividends payable upon the redemption following the surrender. If notice of redemption of any shares of Series A Preferred Stock has been given and if we have irrevocably set aside the funds necessary for redemption in trust for the benefit of the holders of the shares of Series A Preferred Stock so called for redemption, then from and after the redemption date (unless default shall be made by us in providing for the payment of the redemption price plus accumulated and unpaid dividends, if any), dividends will cease to accrue on those shares of Series A Preferred Stock, those shares of Series A Preferred Stock shall no longer be deemed outstanding and all rights of the holders of those shares will terminate, except the right to receive the redemption price plus accumulated and unpaid dividends, if any, payable upon redemption. If any redemption date is not a business day, then the redemption price and accumulated and unpaid dividends, if any, payable upon redemption may be paid on the next business day and no interest, additional dividends or other sums will accrue on the amount payable for the period from and after that redemption date to that next business day. If less than all of the outstanding Series A Preferred Stock is to be redeemed, the Series A Preferred Stock to be redeemed shall be selected pro rata (as nearly as may be practicable without creating fractional shares) or by any other equitable method we determine.

In connection with any redemption of Series A Preferred Stock, we shall pay, in cash, any accumulated and unpaid dividends to, but not including, the redemption date, unless a redemption date falls after a dividend record date and prior to the corresponding dividend payment date, in which case each holder of Series A Preferred Stock at the close of business on such dividend record date shall be entitled to the dividend payable on such shares on the corresponding dividend payment date notwithstanding the redemption of such shares before such dividend payment date. Except as provided above, we will make no payment or allowance for unpaid dividends, whether or not in arrears, on shares of the Series A Preferred Stock to be redeemed.

No shares of Series A Preferred Stock shall be redeemed unless full cumulative dividends on all shares of Series A Preferred Stock have been or contemporaneously are declared and paid and all outstanding shares of Series A Preferred Stock are simultaneously redeemed. We shall not otherwise purchase or acquire directly or indirectly any shares of Series A Preferred Stock (except by exchanging it for our capital stock ranking junior to the Series A Preferred Stock as to the payment of dividends and distribution of assets upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up); provided, however, that the foregoing shall not prevent the purchase or acquisition by us of shares of Series A Preferred Stock pursuant to a purchase or exchange offer made on the same terms to holders of all outstanding shares of Series A Preferred Stock.

Subject to applicable law, we may purchase shares of Series A Preferred Stock in the open market, by tender or by private agreement. Any shares of Series A Preferred Stock that we acquire may be retired and reclassified as authorized but unissued shares of preferred stock, without designation as to class or series, and may thereafter be reissued as any class or series of preferred stock.

### *Voting Rights*

Holders of the Series A Preferred Stock do not have any voting rights, except as set forth below or as otherwise required by law.

On each matter on which holders of Series A Preferred Stock are entitled to vote, each share of Series A Preferred Stock will be entitled to one vote. In instances described below where holders of Series A Preferred Stock vote with holders of any other class or series of our preferred stock as a single class on any matter, the Series A Preferred Stock and the shares of each such other class or series will have one vote for each \$25.00 of liquidation preference (excluding accumulated dividends) represented by their respective shares.

Whenever dividends on any shares of Series A Preferred Stock are in arrears for eighteen or more monthly dividend periods, whether or not consecutive, the number of directors constituting our board of directors will be automatically increased by two (if not already increased by two by reason of the election of directors by the holders of any other class or series of our preferred stock we may issue upon which like voting rights have been conferred and are exercisable and with which the Series A Preferred Stock is entitled to vote as a class with respect to the election of those two directors) and the holders of Series A Preferred Stock (voting separately as a class with all other classes or series of preferred stock we may issue upon which like voting rights have been conferred and are exercisable and which are entitled to vote as a class with the Series A Preferred Stock in the election of those two directors) will be entitled to vote for the election of those two additional directors (the "preferred stock directors") at a special meeting called by us at the request of the holders of record of at least 25% of the outstanding shares of Series A Preferred Stock or by the holders of any other class or series of preferred stock upon which like voting rights have been conferred and are exercisable and which are entitled to vote as a class with the Series A Preferred Stock in the election of those two preferred stock directors (unless the request is received less than 90 days before the date fixed for the next annual or special meeting of shareholders, in which case, such vote will be held at the earlier of the next annual or special meeting of shareholders), and at each subsequent annual meeting until all dividends accumulated on the Series A Preferred Stock for all past dividend periods and the then current dividend period have been fully paid or declared and a sum sufficient for the payment thereof set aside for payment. In that case, the right of holders of the Series A Preferred Stock to elect any directors will cease and, unless there are other classes or series of our preferred stock upon which like voting rights have been conferred and are exercisable, any preferred stock directors elected by holders of the Series A Preferred Stock shall immediately resign and the number of directors constituting the board of directors shall be reduced accordingly. In no event shall the holders of Series A Preferred Stock be entitled under these voting rights to elect a preferred stock director that would cause us to fail to satisfy a requirement relating to director independence of any national securities exchange or quotation system on which any class or series of our capital stock is listed or quoted. For the avoidance of doubt, in no event shall the total number of preferred stock directors elected by holders of the Series A Preferred Stock (voting separately as a class with all other classes or series of preferred stock we may issue upon which like voting rights have been conferred and are exercisable and which are entitled to vote as a class with the Series A Preferred Stock in the election of such directors) under these voting rights exceed two. Any person nominated to serve as a director of our company under the foregoing terms shall be reasonably acceptable to our company.

If a special meeting is not called by us within 30 days after request from the holders of Series A Preferred Stock as described above, then the holders of record of at least 25% of the outstanding Series A Preferred Stock may designate a holder to call the meeting at our expense.

If, at any time when the voting rights conferred upon the Series A Preferred Stock are exercisable, any vacancy in the office of a preferred stock director shall occur, then such vacancy may be filled only by a written consent of the remaining preferred stock director, or if none remains in office, by vote of the holders of record of the outstanding Series A Preferred Stock and any other classes or series of preferred stock upon which like voting rights have been conferred and are exercisable and which are entitled to vote as a class with the Series A Preferred Stock in the election of the preferred stock directors. Any preferred stock director elected or appointed may be removed only by the affirmative vote of holders of the outstanding Series A Preferred Stock and any other classes or series of preferred stock upon which like voting rights have been conferred and are exercisable and which classes or series of preferred stock are entitled to vote as a class with the Series A Preferred Stock in the election of the preferred stock directors, such removal to be effected by the affirmative vote of a majority of the votes entitled to be cast by the holders of the outstanding Series A Preferred Stock and any such other classes or series of preferred stock, and may not be removed by the holders of the common stock.

So long as any shares of Series A Preferred Stock remain outstanding, we will not, without the affirmative vote or consent of the holders of at least 66.67% of the votes entitled to be cast by the holders of the Series A Preferred Stock outstanding at the time, given in person or by proxy, either in writing or at a meeting (voting together as a class with all other series of parity preferred stock that we may issue upon which like voting rights have been conferred and are exercisable), (a) authorize or create, or increase the authorized or issued amount of, any class or series of capital stock ranking senior to the Series A Preferred Stock with respect to payment of dividends or the distribution of assets upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up or reclassify any of our authorized capital stock into such shares, or create, authorize or issue any obligation or security convertible into or evidencing the right to purchase any such shares; or (b) unless redeeming all Series A Preferred Stock in connection with such action, amend, alter, repeal or replace our certificate of incorporation, including by way of a merger, consolidation or otherwise in which we may or may not be the surviving entity, so as to materially and adversely affect and deprive holders of Series A Preferred Stock of any right, preference, privilege or voting power of the Series A Preferred Stock (each, an "Event"). An increase in the amount of the authorized preferred stock, including the Series A Preferred Stock, or the creation or issuance of any additional Series A Preferred Stock or other series of preferred stock that we may issue, or any increase in the amount of authorized shares of such series, in each case ranking on a parity with or junior to the Series A Preferred Stock with respect to payment of dividends or the distribution of assets upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up, shall not be deemed an Event and will not require us to obtain 66.67% of the votes entitled to be cast by the holders of the Series A Preferred Stock and all such other similarly affected series, outstanding at the time (voting together as a class).

The foregoing voting provisions will not apply if, at or prior to the time when the act with respect to which such vote would otherwise be required shall be affected, all outstanding shares of Series A Preferred Stock shall have been redeemed or called for redemption upon proper notice and sufficient funds shall have been deposited in trust to affect such redemption.

Except as expressly stated in the certificate of designations or as may be required by applicable law, the Series A Preferred Stock do not have any relative, participating, optional or other special voting rights or powers and the consent of the holders thereof shall not be required for the taking of any corporate action.

#### ***Information Rights***

During any period in which we are not subject to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act and any shares of Series A Preferred Stock are outstanding, we will use our best efforts to (i) make available on our corporate investor webpage, copies of the Annual Reports on Form 10-K and Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q that we would have been required to file with the SEC pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act if we were subject thereto (other than any exhibits that would have been required) and (ii) promptly, upon request, supply copies of such reports to any holders of Series A Preferred Stock. We will use our best effort to provide the information to the holders of the Series A Preferred Stock within 15 days after the respective dates by which a periodic report on Form 10-K or Form 10-Q, as the case may be, in respect of such information would have been required to be filed with the SEC, if we were subject to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act, in each case, based on the dates on which we would be required to file such periodic reports if we were a "non-accelerated filer" within the meaning of the Exchange Act.

#### ***No Conversion Rights***

The Series A Preferred Stock is not convertible into our common stock or any other security.

#### ***No Preemptive Rights***

No holders of the Series A Preferred Stock will, as holders of Series A Preferred Stock, have any preemptive rights to purchase or subscribe for our common stock or any other security.

### ***Book-Entry Procedures***

DTC acts as securities depository for our outstanding Series A Preferred Stock. With respect to the Series A Preferred Stock offered hereunder, we will issue one or more fully registered global securities certificates in the name of DTC's nominee, Cede & Co. These certificates will represent the total aggregate number of shares of Series A Preferred Stock. We will deposit these certificates with DTC or a custodian appointed by DTC. We will not issue certificates to you for the shares of Series A Preferred Stock that you purchase, unless DTC's services are discontinued as described below.

Title to book-entry interests in the Series A Preferred Stock will pass by book-entry registration of the transfer within the records of DTC in accordance with its procedures. Book-entry interests in the securities may be transferred within DTC in accordance with procedures established for these purposes by DTC. Each person owning a beneficial interest in shares of the Series A Preferred Stock must rely on the procedures of DTC and the participant through which such person owns its interest to exercise its rights as a holder of the Series A Preferred Stock.

DTC has advised us that it is a limited-purpose trust company organized under the New York Banking Law, a member of the Federal Reserve System, a "clearing corporation" within the meaning of the New York Uniform Commercial Code and a "clearing agency" registered under the provisions of Section 17A of the Exchange Act. DTC holds securities that its participants ("Direct Participants") deposit with DTC. DTC also facilitates the settlement among Direct Participants of securities transactions, such as transfers and pledges in deposited securities through electronic computerized book-entry changes in Direct Participants' accounts, thereby eliminating the need for physical movement of securities certificates. Direct Participants include securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, clearing corporations, and certain other organizations. Access to the DTC system is also available to others such as securities brokers and dealers, including the underwriters, banks and trust companies that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a Direct Participant, either directly or indirectly ("Indirect Participants"). The rules applicable to DTC and its Direct and Indirect Participants are on file with the SEC.

When you purchase shares of Series A Preferred Stock within the DTC system, the purchase must be by or through a Direct Participant. The Direct Participant will receive a credit for the Series A Preferred Stock on DTC's records. You will be considered to be the "beneficial owner" of the Series A Preferred Stock. Your beneficial ownership interest will be recorded on the Direct and Indirect Participants' records, but DTC will have no knowledge of your individual ownership. DTC's records reflect only the identity of the Direct Participants to whose accounts shares of Series A Preferred Stock are credited.

You will not receive written confirmation from DTC of your purchase. The Direct or Indirect Participants through whom you purchased the Series A Preferred Stock should send you written confirmations providing details of your transactions, as well as periodic statements of your holdings. The Direct and Indirect Participants are responsible for keeping an accurate account of the holdings of their customers like you.

Transfers of ownership interests held through Direct and Indirect Participants will be accomplished by entries on the books of Direct and Indirect Participants acting on behalf of the beneficial owners.

Conveyance of notices and other communications by DTC to Direct Participants, by Direct Participants to Indirect Participants, and by Direct Participants and Indirect Participants to beneficial owners will be governed by arrangements among them, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time.

We understand that, under DTC's existing practices, in the event that we request any action of the holders, or an owner of a beneficial interest in a global security, such as you, desires to take any action that a holder is entitled to take under our certificate of incorporation (including the certificate of designations designating the Series A Preferred Stock), DTC would authorize the Direct Participants holding the relevant shares to take such action, and those Direct Participants and any Indirect Participants would authorize beneficial owners owning through those Direct and Indirect Participants to take such action or would otherwise act upon the instructions of beneficial owners owning through them.

Any redemption notices with respect to the Series A Preferred Stock will be sent to Cede & Co. If less than all of the outstanding shares of Series A Preferred Stock are being redeemed, DTC will reduce each Direct Participant's holdings of shares of Series A Preferred Stock in accordance with its procedures.

In those instances where a vote is required, neither DTC nor Cede & Co. itself will consent or vote with respect to the shares of Series A Preferred Stock. Under its usual procedures, DTC would mail an omnibus proxy to us as soon as possible after the record date. The omnibus proxy assigns Cede & Co.'s consenting or voting rights to those Direct Participants whose accounts the shares of Series A Preferred Stock are credited to on the record date, which are identified in a listing attached to the omnibus proxy.

Dividends on the Series A Preferred Stock are made directly to DTC's nominee (or its successor, if applicable). DTC's practice is to credit participants' accounts on the relevant payment date in accordance with their respective holdings shown on DTC's records unless DTC has reason to believe that it will not receive payment on that payment date.

Payments by Direct and Indirect Participants to beneficial owners will be governed by standing instructions and customary practices, as is the case with securities held for the accounts of customers in bearer form or registered in "street name." These payments will be the responsibility of the participant and not of DTC, us or any agent of ours.

DTC may discontinue providing its services as securities depository with respect to the Series A Preferred Stock at any time by giving reasonable notice to us. Additionally, we may decide to discontinue the book-entry only system of transfers with respect to the Series A Preferred Stock. In that event, we will print and deliver certificates in fully registered form for the Series A Preferred Stock. If DTC notifies us that it is unwilling to continue as securities depository, or it is unable to continue or ceases to be a clearing agency registered under the Exchange Act and a successor depository is not appointed by us within 90 days after receiving such notice or becoming aware that DTC is no longer so registered, we will issue the Series A Preferred Stock in definitive form, at our expense, upon registration of transfer of, or in exchange for, such global security.

According to DTC, the foregoing information with respect to DTC has been provided to the financial community for informational purposes only and is not intended to serve as a representation, warranty or contract modification of any kind.

#### ***Global Clearance and Settlement Procedures***

Initial settlement for the Series A Preferred Stock will be made in immediately available funds. Secondary market trading among DTC's participants occurs in the ordinary way in accordance with DTC's rules and will be settled in immediately available funds using DTC's Same-Day Funds Settlement System.

#### ***Credit Rating of Our Series A Preferred Stock***

Our Series A Preferred Stock has been rated BBB(-) by Egan-Jones Rating Co., a Nationally Recognized Statistical Rating Organization ("NRSRO"). The Series A Preferred Stock has not been rated by any other NRSRO or other agency. A securities rating reflects only the view of a rating agency and is not a recommendation to buy, sell, or hold the Series A Preferred Stock. Any rating may be subject to revision upward or downward or withdrawal at any time by a rating agency if such rating agency decides that circumstances warrant that change. Each rating should be evaluated independently of any other rating. No report of any rating agency is being incorporated herein by reference.

The credit ratings assigned by Egan-Jones are based, in varying degrees, on the following considerations:

- Likelihood of payment-capacity and willingness of the obligor to meet its financial commitment on an obligation in accordance with the terms of the obligation;
- Nature of and provisions of the obligation; and
- Protection afforded by, and relative position of, the obligation in the event of bankruptcy, reorganization, or other arrangement under the laws of bankruptcy and other laws affecting creditors' rights.

Credit ratings assigned by Egan-Jones are expressed in terms of default risk. The rating scale utilized by Egan-Jones is as follows:

- **AAA**— An obligation rated "AAA" has the highest rating assigned by Egan-Jones. The obligor's capacity to meet its financial commitment on the obligation is extremely strong.

- **AA** — An obligation rated “AA” differs from the highest-rated obligations only to a small degree. The obligor’s capacity to meet its financial commitment on the obligation is very strong.
- **A** — An obligation rated “A” is somewhat more susceptible to the adverse effects of changes in circumstances and economic conditions than obligations in higher-rated categories. However, the obligor’s capacity to meet its financial commitment on the obligation is still strong.
- **BBB** — An obligation rated “BBB” exhibits adequate protection parameters. However, adverse economic conditions or changing circumstances are more likely to lead to a weakened capacity of the obligor to meet its financial commitment on the obligation.
- **BB, B, CCC, CC, and C** — Obligations rated “BB”, “B”, “CCC”, “CC”, and “C” are regarded as having significant speculative characteristics. “BB” indicates the least degree of speculation and “C” the highest. While such obligations will likely have some quality and protective characteristics, these may be outweighed by large uncertainties or major exposures to adverse conditions.
- **D** — An obligation rated “D” is in payment default. The “D” rating category is used when payments on an obligation are not made on the date due even if the applicable grace period has not expired, unless Egan-Jones believes that such payments will be made during such grace period. The “D” rating also will be used upon the filing of a bankruptcy petition or the taking of a similar action if payments on an obligation are jeopardized.
- **Plus (+) or minus (-)** — The ratings from “AA” to “CCC” may be modified by the addition of a plus (+) or minus (-) sign to show relative standing within the major rating categories.

#### **Certain Provisions in our Certificate of Incorporation**

Article Twelve of our certificate of incorporation provides that, unless we consent in writing to the selection of an alternative forum, the sole and exclusive forum for any stockholder (including a beneficial owner) to bring (i) any derivative action or proceeding brought on behalf of our company, (ii) any action asserting a claim of breach of a fiduciary duty owed by any director, officer or other employee of our company to our company or its stockholders, (iii) any action asserting a claim arising pursuant to any provision of the Delaware General Corporation Law or our charter documents, or (iv) any action asserting a claim governed by the internal affairs doctrine shall be the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware (or if the Court of Chancery does not have jurisdiction, another state court located within the State of Delaware, or if no state court located within the State of Delaware has jurisdiction, the federal district court for the District of Delaware) in all cases subject to the court’s having personal jurisdiction over the indispensable parties named as defendants. While this provision is intended to include all actions, excluding any arising under the Securities Act of 1933, the Exchange Act of 1934 and any other claim for which the federal courts have exclusive jurisdiction, there is uncertainty as to whether a court would enforce this provision. . See *“Risk Factors — Our certificate of incorporation provides, subject to limited exceptions, that the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware is the sole and exclusive forum for certain stockholder litigation matters, which could limit our stockholders’ ability to obtain a favorable judicial forum for disputes with us or our directors, officers, employees or stockholders.”*

#### **Trading Market**

Our Series A Preferred Stock is traded on the Nasdaq Global Market under the symbol “CSSEP.”

#### **Transfer Agent**

The transfer agent for our Series A Preferred Stock to be issued in this offering is Continental Stock Transfer & Trust Company, located at 1 State Street, 30th Floor, New York, NY 10004.

## CERTAIN U.S. FEDERAL INCOME TAX CONSIDERATIONS

The following discussion summarizes certain U.S. federal income tax considerations that may be applicable to “U.S. holders” and “non-U.S. holders” (each as defined below) with respect to the initial purchase, ownership and disposition of the Series A Preferred Stock offered by this prospectus. This discussion only applies to purchasers who purchase and hold the Series A Preferred Stock as a capital asset within the meaning of Section 1221 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”) (generally property held for investment). This discussion does not describe all of the tax consequences that may be relevant to each purchaser or holder of the Series A Preferred Stock in light of his, her, or its particular circumstances.

This discussion is based upon provisions of the Code, U.S. Treasury regulations, rulings and judicial decisions as of the date hereof. These authorities may change, perhaps retroactively, which could result in U.S. federal income tax consequences different from those summarized below. This discussion does not address all aspects of U.S. federal income taxation (such as the alternative minimum tax) and does not describe any foreign, state, local or other tax considerations that may be relevant to a purchaser or holder of the Series A Preferred Stock in light of their particular circumstances. In addition, this discussion does not describe the U.S. federal income tax consequences applicable to a purchaser or a holder of the Series A Preferred Stock who is subject to special treatment under U.S. federal income tax laws (including, a corporation that accumulates earnings to avoid U.S. federal income tax, a pass-through entity or an investor in a pass-through entity, a tax-exempt entity, pension or other employee benefit plans, financial institutions or broker-dealers, persons holding the Series A Preferred Stock as part of a hedging or conversion transaction or straddle, a person subject to the alternative minimum tax, an insurance company, former U.S. citizens or former long-term U.S. residents). We cannot assure you that a change in law will not significantly alter the tax considerations that we describe in this discussion.

If a partnership (or any other entity treated as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes) holds the Series A Preferred Stock, the U.S. federal income tax treatment of a partner of that partnership generally will depend upon the status of the partner and the activities of the partnership. If you are a partnership or a partner of a partnership holding the Series A Preferred Stock, you should consult your tax advisors as to the particular U.S. federal income tax consequences of acquiring, holding and disposing of the Series A Preferred Stock.

You should consult your own tax advisor concerning the U.S. federal income tax consequences to you of acquiring, owning, and disposing of these securities, as well as any tax consequences arising under the laws of any state, local, foreign, or other tax jurisdiction and the possible effects of changes in U.S. federal or other tax laws.

### **U.S. Holders**

Subject to the qualifications set forth above, the following discussion summarizes certain U.S. federal income tax considerations that may relate to the purchase, ownership and disposition of the Series A Preferred Stock by “U.S. holders.” You are a “U.S. holder” if you are a beneficial owner of Series A Preferred Stock and you are for U.S. federal income tax purposes:

- an individual citizen or resident of the United States;
- a corporation (or other entity treated as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes) created or organized in or under the laws of the United States, any state thereof or the District of Columbia;
- an estate the income of which is subject to U.S. federal income taxation regardless of its source; or
- a trust if it (i) is subject to the primary supervision of a court within the United States and one or more United States persons have the authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust or (ii) has a valid election in effect under applicable United States Treasury regulations to be treated as a United States person.



### ***Distributions in General***

If distributions are made with respect to the Series A Preferred Stock, such distributions will be treated as dividends to the extent of our current or accumulated earnings and profits as determined under the Code. Any portion of a distribution that exceeds such earnings and profits will first be applied to reduce a U.S. holder's tax basis in the Series A Preferred Stock on a share-by-share basis, and the excess will be treated as gain from the disposition of the Series A Preferred Stock, the tax treatment of which is discussed below under "Certain U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations – U.S. Holders: Disposition of Series A Preferred Stock, Including Redemptions."

Under current law, dividends received by individual holders of the Series A Preferred Stock will be subject to a reduced maximum tax rate of 20% if such dividends are treated as "qualified dividend income" for U.S. federal income tax purposes. Individual shareholders should consult their own tax advisors regarding the implications of these rules in light of their particular circumstances.

Dividends received by corporate shareholders generally will be eligible for the dividends-received deduction. Each domestic corporate holder of the Series A Preferred Stock is urged to consult with its tax advisors with respect to the eligibility for and the amount of any dividends received deduction and the application of Code Section 1059 to any dividends it may receive on the Series A Preferred Stock.

### ***Constructive Distributions on Series A Preferred Stock***

A distribution by a corporation of its stock may be deemed made with respect to its preferred stock in certain circumstances, even when no distribution of cash or property occurs, and such a deemed distribution is treated as a distribution of property to which Section 301 of the Code applies. If a corporation issues preferred stock that may be redeemed at a price higher than its issue price, the excess (a "redemption premium") is treated under certain circumstances as a constructive distribution (or series of constructive distributions) of additional preferred stock. The constructive distribution of property equal to the redemption premium would accrue without regard to the holder's method of accounting for U.S. federal income tax purposes at a constant yield determined under principles similar to the determination of original issue discount ("OID") pursuant to Treasury regulations under Sections 1271 through 1275 of the Code (the "OID Rules"). The constructive distributions of property would be treated for U.S. federal income tax purposes as actual distributions of the Series A Preferred Stock that would constitute a dividend, return of capital or capital gain to the holder of the stock in the same manner as cash distributions described under "Certain U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations - U.S. Holders: Distributions in General." The application of principles similar to those applicable to debt instruments with OID to a redemption premium for the Series A Preferred Stock is uncertain.

We have the right to call the Series A Preferred Stock for redemption on or after June 27, 2023 (the "call option"), and have the option to redeem the Series A Preferred Stock upon any Change of Control (the "contingent call option"). The stated redemption price of the Series A Preferred Stock upon any redemption pursuant to our call option or contingent call option is equal to \$25.00 per share, plus any accrued and unpaid dividends and is payable in cash.

If the redemption price of the Series A Preferred Stock exceeds the issue price of the Series A Preferred Stock upon any redemption pursuant to our call option or contingent call option, the excess will be treated as a redemption premium that may result in certain circumstances in a constructive distribution or series of constructive distributions to U.S. holders of additional Series A Preferred Stock. Assuming that the issue price of the Series A Preferred Stock is determined under principles similar to the OID Rules, the issue price for the Series A Preferred Stock should be the initial offering price to the public (excluding bond houses and brokers) at which a substantial amount of the Series A Preferred Stock is sold.

A redemption premium for the Series A Preferred Stock should not result in constructive distributions to U.S. holders of the Series A Preferred Stock if the redemption premium is less than a de minimis amount as determined under principles similar to the OID Rules. A redemption premium for the Series A Preferred Stock should be considered de minimis if such premium is less than 0.0025 of the Series A Preferred Stock's liquidation value of \$25.00 at maturity, multiplied by the number of complete years to maturity. Because the determination under the OID Rules of a maturity date for the Series A Preferred Stock is unclear, the remainder of this discussion assumes that the Series A Preferred Stock is issued with a redemption premium greater than a de minimis amount.

The call option should not require constructive distributions of the redemption premium, if based on all of the facts and circumstances as of the issue date, a redemption pursuant to the call option is not more likely than not to occur. The Treasury regulations provide that an issuer's right to redeem will not be treated as more likely than not to occur if: (i) the issuer and the holder of the stock are not related within the meaning of Section 267(b) or Section 707(b) of the Code (substituting "20%" for the phrase "50%"); (ii) there are no plans, arrangements, or agreements that effectively require or are intended to compel the issuer to redeem the stock; and (iii) exercise of the right to redeem would not reduce the yield on the stock determined using principles applicable to the determination of OID under the OID Rules. The fact that a redemption right is not within the safe harbor described in the preceding sentence does not mean that an issuer's right to redeem is more likely than not to occur and the issuer's right to redeem must still be tested under all the facts and circumstances to determine if it is more likely than not to occur. We do not believe that a redemption pursuant to the call option should be treated as more likely than not to occur under the foregoing test. Accordingly, no U.S. holder of the Series A Preferred Stock should be required to recognize constructive distributions of the redemption premium because of our call option.

Prospective holders of the Series A Preferred Stock should consult their own tax advisors regarding the potential implications of the constructive distribution rules.

#### ***Disposition of Series A Preferred Stock, Including Redemptions***

Upon any sale, exchange, redemption (except as discussed below) or other disposition of the Series A Preferred Stock, a U.S. holder will recognize capital gain or loss equal to the difference between the amount realized by the U.S. holder and the U.S. holder's adjusted tax basis in the Series A Preferred Stock. Such capital gain or loss will be long-term capital gain or loss if the U.S. holder's holding period for the Series A Preferred Stock is longer than one year. A U.S. holder should consult its own tax advisors with respect to applicable tax rates and netting rules for capital gains and losses. Certain limitations exist on the deduction of capital losses by both corporate and non-corporate taxpayers.

A redemption of your Series A Preferred Stock for cash will be treated as a sale or exchange if it (1) results in a "complete termination" of your interest in our stock, (2) is not "essentially equivalent to a dividend" with respect to you, or (3) is "substantially disproportionate" with respect to you, each within the meaning of Section 302(b) of the Code. In determining whether any of these tests have been met, stock considered to be owned by you by reason of certain constructive ownership rules, as well as shares actually owned by you, must generally be taken into account. If you do not own (actually or constructively) any additional Series A Preferred Stock or our common stock, or own only an insubstantial percentage of our stock, and do not participate in our control or management, a redemption of your Series A Preferred Stock will generally qualify for sale or exchange treatment. Otherwise, the redemption may be taxable as a dividend to the extent of our current or accumulated earnings and profits as discussed above with respect to distributions generally. Because the determination as to whether any of the alternative tests of Section 302(b) of the Code will be satisfied with respect to any particular U.S. holder depends upon the facts and circumstances at the time that the determination must be made, prospective U.S. holders are advised to consult their own tax advisors regarding the tax treatment of a redemption. If a redemption of Series A Preferred Stock is treated as an exchange, it will be taxable as described in the preceding paragraph. If a redemption is treated as a distribution, the entire amount received will be treated as a distribution and will be taxable as described under the caption "—Distributions in General" above.

#### ***Additional Medicare Contribution Tax***

An additional tax of 3.8% generally will be imposed on the "net investment income" of U.S. holders who meet certain requirements and are individuals, estates or certain trusts. Among other items, "net investment income" generally includes gross income from dividends and net gain attributable to the disposition of certain property, such as shares of our Series A Preferred Stock. In the case of individuals, this tax will only apply to the lesser of (i) the individual's "net investment income" or (ii) the excess of such individual's modified adjusted gross income over \$200,000 (\$250,000 for married couples filing a joint return and surviving spouses, and \$125,000 for married individuals filing a separate return). U.S. holders should consult their tax advisors regarding the possible applicability of this additional tax in their particular circumstances.

### ***Information Reporting and Backup Withholding***

Information reporting and backup withholding may apply with respect to payments of dividends on the Series A Preferred Stock and to certain payments of proceeds on the sale or other disposition of the Series A Preferred Stock. Certain non-corporate U.S. holders may be subject to U.S. backup withholding (currently at a rate of 24%) on payments of dividends on the Series A Preferred Stock and certain payments of proceeds on the sale or other disposition of the Series A Preferred Stock unless the beneficial owner thereof furnishes the payor or its agent with a taxpayer identification number, certified under penalties of perjury, and certain other information, or otherwise establishes, in the manner prescribed by law, an exemption from backup withholding. U.S. backup withholding tax is not an additional tax. Any amounts withheld under the backup withholding rules may be allowed as a refund or a credit against a U.S. holder's U.S. federal income tax liability, which may entitle the U.S. holder to a refund, provided the U.S. holder timely furnishes the required information to the Internal Revenue Service.

### **Non-U.S. Holders**

Subject to the qualifications set forth above, the following discussion summarizes certain U.S. federal income tax consequences of the purchase, ownership and disposition of the Series A Preferred Stock by certain "Non-U.S. holders." You are a "Non-U.S. holder" if you are a beneficial owner of the Series A Preferred Stock and you are not a "U.S. holder."

### ***Distributions on the Series A Preferred Stock***

If distributions are made with respect to the Series A Preferred Stock, such distributions will be treated as dividends to the extent of our current and accumulated earnings and profits as determined under the Code and may be subject to withholding as discussed below. Any portion of a distribution that exceeds our current and accumulated earnings and profits will first be applied to reduce the Non-U.S. holder's basis in the Series A Preferred Stock and, to the extent such portion exceeds the Non-U.S. holder's basis, the excess will be treated as gain from the disposition of the Series A Preferred Stock, the tax treatment of which is discussed below under "Certain U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations — Non-U.S. Holders: Disposition of Series A Preferred Stock, Including Redemptions." In addition, if we are a U.S. real property holding corporation, i.e. a "USRPHC," and any distribution exceeds our current and accumulated earnings and profits, we will need to choose to satisfy our withholding requirements either by treating the entire distribution as a dividend, subject to the withholding rules in the following paragraph (and withhold at a minimum rate of 30% or such lower rate as may be specified by an applicable income tax treaty for distributions from a USRPHC), or by treating only the amount of the distribution equal to our reasonable estimate of our current and accumulated earnings and profits as a dividend, subject to the withholding rules in the following paragraph, with the excess portion of the distribution subject to withholding at a rate of 15% or such lower rate as may be specified by an applicable income tax treaty as if such excess were the result of a sale of shares in a USRPHC (discussed below under "Certain U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations — Non-U.S. Holders: Disposition of Series A Preferred Stock, Including Redemptions"), with a credit generally allowed against the Non-U.S. holder's U.S. federal income tax liability in an amount equal to the amount withheld from such excess.

Dividends paid to a Non-U.S. holder of the Series A Preferred Stock will be subject to withholding of U.S. federal income tax at a 30% rate or such lower rate as may be specified by an applicable income tax treaty. However, dividends that are effectively connected with the conduct of a trade or business by the Non-U.S. holder within the United States (and, where a tax treaty applies, are attributable to a permanent establishment maintained by the Non-U.S. holder in the United States) are not subject to the withholding tax, provided that certain certification and disclosure requirements are satisfied including completing Internal Revenue Service Form W-8ECI (or other applicable form). Instead, such dividends are subject to U.S. federal income tax on a net income basis in the same manner as if the Non-U.S. holder were a United States person as defined under the Code, unless an applicable income tax treaty provides otherwise. Any such effectively connected dividends received by a foreign corporation may be subject to an additional "branch profits tax" at a 30% rate or such lower rate as may be specified by an applicable income tax treaty. A Non-U.S. holder of the Series A Preferred Stock who wishes to claim the benefit of an applicable treaty rate and avoid backup withholding, as discussed below, for dividends will be required to (i) complete Internal Revenue Service Form W-8BEN or Form W-8BEN-E (or other applicable form) and certify under penalty of perjury that such holder is not a United States person as defined under the Code and is eligible for treaty benefits, or (ii) if the Series A Preferred Stock is held through certain foreign intermediaries, satisfy the relevant certification requirements of applicable Treasury regulations. A Non-U.S. holder of the Series A Preferred Stock eligible for a reduced rate of U.S. withholding tax pursuant to an income tax treaty may obtain a refund of any excess amounts withheld by timely filing an appropriate claim for refund with the Internal Revenue Service.

### *Disposition of Series A Preferred Stock, Including Redemptions*

Any gain realized by a Non-U.S. holder on the disposition of the Series A Preferred Stock will not be subject to U.S. federal income or withholding tax unless:

- the gain is effectively connected with a trade or business of the Non-U.S. holder in the United States (and, if required by an applicable income tax treaty, is attributable to a permanent establishment maintained by the Non-U.S. holder in the United States);
- the Non-U.S. holder is an individual who is present in the United States for 183 days or more in the taxable year of disposition, and certain other conditions are met; or
- we are or have been a USRPHC for U.S. federal income tax purposes, as such term is defined in Section 897(c) of the Code, and such Non-U.S. holder owned directly or pursuant to attribution rules at any time during the five-year period ending on the date of disposition more than 5% of the Series A Preferred Stock. This assumes that the Series A Preferred Stock is regularly traded on an established securities market, within the meaning of Section 897(e)(3) of the Code.

A Non-U.S. holder described in the first bullet point immediately above will generally be subject to tax on the net gain derived from the sale under regular U.S. federal income tax rates in the same manner as if the Non-U.S. holder were a United States person as defined under the Code, and if it is a corporation, may also be subject to the branch profits tax equal to 30% of its effectively connected earnings and profits or at such lower rate as may be specified by an applicable income tax treaty. An individual Non-U.S. holder described in the second bullet point immediately above will be subject to a flat 30% tax (or at such reduced rate as may be provided by an applicable treaty) on the gain derived from the sale, which may be offset by U.S. source capital losses, even though the individual is not considered a resident of the United States. A Non-U.S. holder described in the third bullet point above will be subject to U.S. federal income tax under regular U.S. federal income tax rates with respect to the gain recognized in the same manner as if the Non-U.S. holder were a United States person as defined under the Code. If a Non-U.S. holder is subject to U.S. federal income tax on any sale, exchange, redemption (except as discussed below), or other disposition of the Series A Preferred Stock, such a Non-U.S. holder will recognize capital gain or loss equal to the difference between the amount realized by the Non-U.S. holder and the Non-U.S. holder's adjusted tax basis in the Series A Preferred Stock. Such capital gain or loss will be long-term capital gain or loss if the Non-U.S. holder's holding period for the Series A Preferred Stock is longer than one year. A Non-U.S. holder should consult its own tax advisors with respect to applicable tax rates and netting rules for capital gains and losses. Certain limitations exist on the deduction of capital losses by both corporate and non-corporate taxpayers. The receipt of any redemption proceeds attributable to any accrued but unpaid dividends on the Series A Preferred Stock generally will be subject to the rules discussed above in "Certain U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations — Non-U.S. Holders: Distributions on the Series A Preferred Stock." A payment made in redemption of the Series A Preferred Stock may be treated as a dividend, rather than as payment in exchange for the Series A Preferred Stock, in the same circumstances discussed above under "Certain U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations — U.S. Holders: Disposition of Series A Preferred Stock, Including Redemptions." Each Non-U.S. holder of the Series A Preferred Stock should consult its own tax advisors to determine whether a payment made in redemption of the Series A Preferred Stock will be treated as a dividend or as payment in exchange for the Series A Preferred Stock.

### ***Information reporting and backup withholding***

We must report annually to the Internal Revenue Service and to each Non-U.S. holder the amount of dividends paid to such Non-U.S. holder and the tax withheld with respect to such dividends, regardless of whether withholding was required. Copies of the information returns reporting such dividends and withholding may also be made available to the tax authorities in the country in which the Non-U.S. holder resides under the provisions of an applicable income tax treaty. A Non-U.S. holder will not be subject to backup withholding on dividends paid to such Non-U.S. holder as long as such Non-U.S. holder certifies under penalty of perjury that it is a Non-U.S. holder (and the payor does not have actual knowledge or reason to know that such Non-U.S. holder is a United States person as defined under the Code), or such Non-U.S. holder otherwise establishes an exemption. Depending on the circumstances, information reporting and backup withholding may apply to the proceeds received from a sale or other disposition of the Series A Preferred Stock unless the beneficial owner certifies under penalty of perjury that it is a Non-U.S. holder (and the payor does not have actual knowledge or reason to know that the beneficial owner is a United States person as defined under the Code), or such owner otherwise establishes an exemption. U.S. backup withholding tax is not an additional tax. Any amounts withheld under the backup withholding rules may be allowed as a refund or a credit against a Non-U.S. holder's U.S. federal income tax liability provided the required information is timely furnished to the Internal Revenue Service.

### ***Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act***

Sections 1471 through 1474 of the Code (provisions which are commonly referred to as "FATCA"), generally impose a 30% withholding tax on dividends on Series A Preferred Stock paid on or after July 1, 2014, and the gross proceeds of a sale or other disposition of Series A Preferred Stock paid on or after January 1, 2019, to: (i) a foreign financial institution (as that term is defined in Section 1471(d)(4) of the Code) unless that foreign financial institution enters into an agreement with the U.S. Treasury Department to collect and disclose information regarding U.S. account holders of that foreign financial institution (including certain account holders that are foreign entities that have U.S. owners) and satisfies other requirements; and (ii) specified other foreign entities unless such an entity certifies that it does not have any substantial U.S. owners or provides the name, address and taxpayer identification number of each substantial U.S. owner and such entity satisfies other specified requirements. Non-U.S. holders should consult their own tax advisors regarding the application of FATCA to them and whether it may be relevant to their purchase, ownership and disposition of Series A Preferred Stock.

## **LEGAL MATTERS**

The validity of the securities offered will be passed upon for us by Graubard Miller, New York, New York. Graubard Miller and certain of its partners and family members own equity interests in CSS Holdings, our ultimate parent company, and in CSS Entertainment.

## **EXPERTS**

The consolidated financial statements Chicken Soup for the Soul Entertainment, Inc., and subsidiaries incorporated in this prospectus by reference to the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2018 have been so incorporated in reliance on the report of Rosenfield and Company, PLLC, an independent registered public accounting firm, as set forth in their report thereon, given on the authority of said firm as experts in auditing and accounting.

## WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

We have filed with the SEC a registration statement on Form S-1 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, with respect to the securities that we are offering under this prospectus. It is important for you to read and consider all of the information contained in the registration statement and you should refer to our registration statement and its exhibits for further information.

We file annual, quarterly, and current reports, proxy statements, and other information with the SEC. Our SEC filings are available to the public over the internet at the SEC's web site at <http://www.sec.gov>.

## INCORPORATION OF DOCUMENTS BY REFERENCE

The SEC allows us to incorporate by reference the information we file with it, which means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to those documents. The information incorporated by reference is an important part of this prospectus, and information that we file later with the SEC will automatically update and supersede this information. This prospectus incorporates by reference our documents listed below and any future filings we make with the SEC under Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14, or 15(d) of the Exchange Act, until all of the securities are sold.

- our annual report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2018 filed with the SEC on [April 1, 2019](#) and amended under Form 10-K/A on [April 30, 2019](#) and [June 4, 2019](#);
- our quarterly reports on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended June 30, 2019 filed with the SEC on [August 14, 2019](#);
- our current reports on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on [April 24, 2019](#), [May 15, 2019](#) (as amended on [July 30, 2019](#)), [May 21, 2019](#), [June 17, 2019](#), [June 18, 2019](#), [July 16, 2019](#), [July 29, 2019](#), [July 30, 2019](#), [August 14, 2019](#), and [August 21, 2019](#); and
- our registration statement on Form 8-A effective on [June 26, 2018](#), registering our Series A Preferred Stock under Section 12(b) of the Exchange Act.

Any statement contained in a document filed before the date of this prospectus and incorporated by reference herein shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes of this prospectus to the extent that a statement contained herein modifies or supersedes such statement. Any statement so modified or superseded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this prospectus. Any information that we file with the SEC pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14, or 15(d) of the Exchange Act after the date of this prospectus and before the termination of the offering described herein will automatically update and supersede the information contained in this prospectus. Notwithstanding the foregoing, we are not incorporating any document or portion thereof or information deemed to have been furnished and not filed in accordance with SEC rule.

We will provide you with a copy of any or all of the information that has been incorporated by reference in this prospectus, without charge, upon written or oral request directed to Chicken Soup for the Soul Entertainment, Inc. 132 E. Putnam Ave., Floor 2W, Cos Cob, Connecticut 06807, telephone number (203) 861-4000. You may also access the documents incorporated by reference as described under "Where You Can Find More Information."