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CLEAR CHANNEL OUTDOOR HOLDINGS, INC.

(Name of Registrant as Specified In Its Charter)

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This Schedule 14A relates solely to preliminary communications made prior to furnishing stockholders of Clear Channel Outdoor Holdings, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the “Company”) with a definitive proxy statement related to a proposed transaction with Madison Parent Inc., a Delaware corporation (“Parent”), and Madison Merger Sub Inc., a Delaware corporation and a wholly owned subsidiary of Parent (“Merger Sub”) pursuant to which Merger Sub will be merged with and into the Company (the “Merger”), with the Company surviving as a wholly owned subsidiary of Parent.

This Schedule 14A filing consists of:

1. A message from Scott Wells, CEO of the Company, to all Company employees on February 9, 2026.

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From: Scott Wells <CEO@clearchannel.com>

To: All employees

Subject: Clear Channel’s Next Chapter

I’m pleased to share some exciting news: Clear Channel has entered into an agreement to be acquired by Mubadala Capital, a global alternative asset management platform with deep experience in media and technology, in partnership with TWG Global. This transaction means we will become a private company and our stock will no longer be listed on the NYSE after closing. You can read the press release here <https://investor.clearchannel.com/news>

This moment marks the beginning of a new chapter for Clear Channel. It is a recognition of your hard work and dedication to redefining the out-of-home advertising industry. It is also a recognition of the changes we’ve made to transform our business. With strong industry tailwinds, outstanding roadside and airport inventory, and accelerating digital capabilities, we’ve built a solid foundation.

Mubadala Capital brings not only a global investment platform, but also significant resources, and deep experience building and scaling enduring businesses with discipline, while TWG Global brings industry expertise and strong networks in the media, advertising and technology sectors. Together, their support will help us enhance our financial flexibility and support ongoing deleveraging efforts after closing. With lower debt and increased cash flow following the transaction, we’ll be able to invest in the business both organically and inorganically, enabling us to pursue new avenues of growth that will better serve our customers and communities while continuing to stay true to our mission and our values.

We expect the transaction to close by the end of the third quarter of 2026, subject to completion of customary closing conditions. Until closing, we will continue to operate independently as a publicly traded company: it is business as usual. I ask that you remain focused on delivering strong growth and great results for our customers and supporting each other.

We’ll be hosting a webinar town hall tomorrow, Tuesday, February 10th at 12:00PM ET to discuss this announcement in more detail and answer your questions to the extent we are able. Please submit your questions in advance to ceo@clearchannel.com. In the meantime, as a reminder, please direct any external inquiries to Laura Kiernan in Investor Relations. A calendar invite with link to the webinar will be sent following this email.

Thank you for the work you do every day and the contributions you make to our company. We have an incredible team and I am enthusiastic about what is ahead and grateful for your continued dedication as we enter this new chapter together.



IMPORTANT LEGENDS

Cautionary Statement Concerning Forward-Looking Statements

Certain statements in this communication, including statements regarding the proposed acquisition of Clear Channel Outdoor Holdings, Inc. (“Clear Channel” or the “Company”) by the investor group (the “Merger”), common shareholder approvals for the Merger, any expected timetable for completing the Merger, the expected benefits of the Merger and any other statements regarding Clear Channel’s future expectations, beliefs, plans, objectives, financial conditions, assumptions or future events or performance that are not historical fact constitute “forward-looking statements” within the meaning of the Private

Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. The words “expect,” “anticipate,” “estimate,” “believe,” “forecast,” “goal,” “intend,” “objective,” “plan,” “project,” “deliver,” “seek,” “strategy,” “target,” “will” and similar words and expressions are intended to identify such forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements are based on the beliefs and assumptions of management at the time that these statements were prepared and are inherently uncertain. These statements are not guarantees of future performance and are subject to certain risks, uncertainties and other factors, some of which are beyond Clear Channel’s control and are difficult to predict. These risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to: uncertainties associated with the proposed Merger, including the failure to consummate the Merger in a timely manner or at all, could adversely affect Clear Channel’s business, results of operations, financial condition, and the trading price of Clear Channel’s common stock; the occurrence of any event, change or other circumstances that could give rise to the termination of the merger agreement governing the Merger (the “Merger Agreement”), including circumstances requiring Clear Channel to pay a termination fee pursuant to the Merger Agreement; failure to satisfy the conditions precedent to consummate the Merger, including the adoption of the Merger Agreement by the affirmative vote (in person or by proxy) of the holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of Clear Channel’s common stock and obtaining required regulatory approvals; the risk that restrictions on the operation of Clear Channel’s business during the pendency of the Merger may impact Clear Channel’s ability to pursue certain business opportunities or strategic transactions or undertake certain actions Clear Channel might otherwise have taken; potential litigation relating to, or other unexpected costs resulting from, the Merger; the risk that any announcements relating to the Merger could have adverse effects on the market price of Clear Channel’s common stock, credit ratings or operating results; and the risk that the Merger and its announcement could have an adverse effect on the ability of Clear Channel to retain and hire key personnel, to retain customers and to maintain relationships with business partners, suppliers and customers. Clear Channel can give no assurance that the conditions to the Merger will be satisfied or that it will close within the anticipated time period.

Various risks that could cause future results to differ from those expressed by the forward-looking statements included in this communication are described in the section entitled “Item 1A. Risk Factors” of the Company’s reports filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”), including the Company’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2024, as well as other risks and forward-looking statements in the Company’s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended on September 30, 2025, the Company’s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended on June 30, 2025 and the Company’s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended on March 31, 2025 and in other reports and filings with the SEC. You are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date of this communication or the date of any document referred to in this communication. Except as required by applicable law, the Company does not undertake any obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements because of new information, future events or otherwise.

Additional Information and Where to Find It

This communication is being made with respect to the proposed Merger and related transactions (collectively, the “proposed transaction”) involving Clear Channel and Mubadala

Capital. In accordance with the Merger Agreement, a meeting of the common shareholders of Clear Channel will be announced as promptly as practicable to seek Clear Channel common shareholder approval in connection with the proposed transaction. Clear Channel intends to file relevant materials with the SEC, including preliminary and definitive proxy statements relating to the proposed transaction. The definitive proxy statement will be mailed to Clear Channel's common shareholders. This communication is not a substitute for the proxy statement or any other document that may be filed by Clear Channel with the SEC.

BEFORE MAKING ANY DECISION, CLEAR CHANNEL COMMON SHAREHOLDERS ARE URGED TO CAREFULLY READ THE DEFINITIVE PROXY STATEMENT (INCLUDING ANY AMENDMENTS OR SUPPLEMENTS THERETO) AND ANY OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS FILED OR TO BE FILED WITH THE SEC IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROPOSED TRANSACTION OR INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE INTO THE PROXY STATEMENT AS, IF AND WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE BECAUSE THEY WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROPOSED TRANSACTION.

Any vote in respect of resolutions to be proposed at Clear Channel's common shareholder meeting to approve the proposed transaction or other proposals in relation to the proposed transaction should be made only on the basis of the information contained in Clear Channel's proxy statement. You will be able to obtain a free copy of the proxy statement and other related documents (when available) filed by Clear Channel with the SEC at the website maintained by the SEC at www.sec.gov or by accessing the Investor Relations section of Clear Channel's website at <https://investor.clearchannel.com/>.

Participants in the Solicitation

Clear Channel and its directors and executive officers and certain of its employees may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies from Clear Channel's common shareholders in connection with the proposed transaction. Information regarding Clear Channel's directors and executive officers is set forth under the captions "Composition of the Board of Directors," "Proposal 1 — Election of Directors," "Our NEOs," "Compensation Discussion and Analysis," "Compensation Committee Report," "Executive Compensation Tables," "Director Compensation" and "Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management" in the definitive proxy statement for Clear Channel's 2025 Annual Meeting of Shareholders, filed with the SEC on April 10, 2025 (the "Annual Meeting Proxy Statement"), which can be found [here](#), and in Clear Channel's Current Reports on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on [July 23, 2025](#) and [December 19, 2025](#). To the extent the holdings of Clear Channel's securities by its directors or executive officers have changed since the amounts set forth in the Annual Meeting Proxy Statement, such changes have been or will be reflected on Forms 3, 4 and 5, filed with the SEC (which are included in the EDGAR Search Results [here](#)).

These documents may be obtained free of charge from the SEC's website at www.sec.gov or by accessing the Investor Relations section of Clear Channel's website at <https://investor.clearchannel.com/>. Additional information regarding the interests of participants in the solicitation of proxies in connection with the proposed transaction will be included in the proxy statement that Clear Channel expects to file in connection with the proposed transaction and other relevant materials Clear Channel may file with the SEC.