

LAS VEGAS -- The Cosmopolitan of Las Vegas is opening to the public on the Las Vegas Strip, giving Sin City its last major casino-resort for at least a little while.

The resort owned by German lender Deutsche Bank opened Wednesday night with bettors placing their first wager

about 8 p.m. Casino executives plan an unveiling party with VIPs and hotel guests earlier in the night. The celebration is expected to culminate with a pool-side concert with Brandon Flowers, the frontman for rock band The Killers. The \$3.9 billion resort is opening at a time when Nevada is attempting to rebound from a battered economy dependent on tourism. More visitors have come so far this year than in 2009 or 2008, but more casinos on the Strip have made competition much tougher.

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