



UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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Mail Stop 3010

March 19, 2010

Douglas A. Neis
Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer
The Marcus Corporation
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**Re: The Marcus Corporation
Form 10-K for Fiscal Year Ended May 28, 2009
Filed August 11, 2009
Definitive 14A
Filed September 4, 2009
File No. 001-12604**

Dear Mr. Neis:

We have reviewed your filing and have the following comments. Where indicated, we think you should revise your document in response to these comments. If you disagree, we will consider your explanation as to why our comment is inapplicable or a revision is unnecessary. Please be as detailed as necessary in your explanation. In some of our comments, we may ask you to provide us with information so we may better understand your disclosure. After reviewing this information, we may raise additional comments.

Please understand that the purpose of our review process is to assist you in your compliance with the applicable disclosure requirements and to enhance the overall disclosure in your filing. We look forward to working with you in these respects. We welcome any questions you may have about our comments or any other aspect of our review. Feel free to call us at the telephone numbers listed at the end of this letter.

Definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A

Compensation Discussion and Analysis, page 11

Total Compensation, page 14

1. You disclose that for fiscal 2009, the total direct compensation (i.e., salary and annual cash bonus) paid to your named executive officers generally fell between the 50th and 75th percentile of the total direct compensation amounts paid to executives holding equivalent positions at your surveyed group of benchmarked sectors and that in establishing these relative levels of compensation, your compensation committee believed that this relative level of total direct compensation reflected the highly experienced nature of your senior executive team and was consistent with our corporate financial performance, the individual performance of your named executive officers and your prior shareholder return. Please provide further disclosure regarding how your corporate performance and your prior shareholder return relate to your compensation committee's decision to pay your named executive officers direct compensation that generally fell between the 50th and 75th percentile of the total direct compensation amounts paid to executives holding equivalent positions at your surveyed group of benchmarked sectors. For example, did your corporate performance and your prior shareholder return generally fall between the 50th and 75th percentile of your surveyed group of benchmarked sectors? Please provide this disclosure in future filings and tell us how you plan to comply.
2. Please explain the reasons that your compensation committee for fiscal 2009 tried to equate the relative level of long-term incentive awards to approximately 50% to 90% of each officer's base salary. Please provide this disclosure in future filings and tell us how you plan to comply.

Elements of Compensation, page 15

Base Salary, page 15

3. We note your disclosure of what factors you consider when evaluating and adjusting the salaries of your named executive officers. On an individual basis, please more specifically explain why for fiscal 2009, Douglas A. Neis, Bruce J. Olson, William J. Otto and Thomas F. Kissinger received increases of 11.1%, 8.0%, 6.7% and 14.3%, respectively, in their base salaries. For example, what factors led to Mr. Kissinger receiving a 14.3% increase in base salary while Mr. Otto received only a 6.7% increase in base salary? Please provide similar disclosure for fiscal 2010. Please provide this disclosure in future filings and tell us how you plan to comply.

As appropriate, please amend your filing and respond to these comments within 10 business days or tell us when you will provide us with a response. You may wish to provide us with marked copies of the amendment to expedite our review. Please furnish a cover letter with your amendment that keys your responses to our comments and provides any requested information. Detailed cover letters greatly facilitate our review. Please understand that we may have additional comments after reviewing your amendment and responses to our comments.

We urge all persons who are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of the disclosure in the filing to be certain that the filing includes all information required under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and that they have provided all information investors require for an informed investment decision. Since the company and its management are in possession of all facts relating to a company's disclosure, they are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of the disclosures they have made.

In connection with responding to our comments, please provide, in writing, a statement from the company acknowledging that:

- the company is responsible for the adequacy and accuracy of the disclosure in the filing;
- staff comments or changes to disclosure in response to staff comments do not foreclose the Commission from taking any action with respect to the filing; and
- the company may not assert staff comments as a defense in any proceeding initiated by the Commission or any person under the federal securities laws of the United States.

In addition, please be advised that the Division of Enforcement has access to all information you provide to the staff of the Division of Corporation Finance in our review of your filing or in response to our comments on your filing.

Please contact Phil Rothenberg at (202) 551-3466 or me at (202) 551-3655 with any questions.

Sincerely,

Sonia Barros
Special Counsel