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► EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This intelligence product examines the corporate governance, financial architecture, and controversial institutional associations surrounding **Casino New Brunswick** in Moncton. Currently operated by **Great Canadian Entertainment** and ultimately controlled by **Apollo Global Management** — a New York private equity firm with \$650B+ in assets under management — the facility operates under a provincial revenue-sharing framework directing funds to New Brunswick healthcare, education, and First Nations

programs. The report details the **2023 workplace death of Rodney Frenette** and maps the institutional connection to **Jeffrey Epstein** through Apollo co-founder **Leon Black**. Enhanced with live intelligence as of May 2026, this final version incorporates escalating securities class-action litigation now implicating current CEO **Marc Rowan** directly in the Epstein entanglement — dismantling Apollo's official denial narrative.

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§ 01 – INTRODUCTION & SCOPE

INTRODUCTION

This Open-Source Intelligence (OSINT) operation was initiated in response to a HUMINT directive requesting a comprehensive breakdown of the operational, financial, and ethical landscape of Casino New Brunswick. The investigation covers the period from the facility's first privatization in **October 2015** through the most recent corporate and legal developments of **May 2026**.

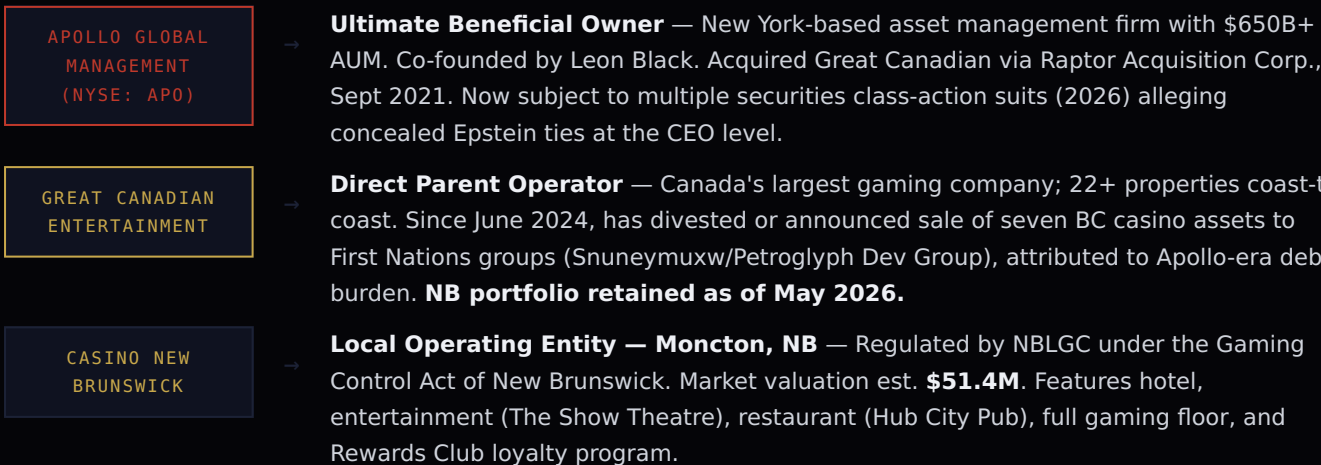
Target parameters include: (1) the current ownership structure under Great Canadian Entertainment and Apollo Global Management; (2) the mechanisms of provincial profit-sharing administered by the **New Brunswick Lotteries and Gaming Corporation (NBLGC)**; (3) a documented review of fatalities on site; and (4) a precise mapping of the institutional link to Jeffrey Epstein — clarifying that this connection exists at the highest tier of corporate beneficial ownership, not through local Moncton operations. All findings are derived exclusively from publicly available sources, with each key finding supported by a minimum of three independent references. The report has been enhanced with live intelligence search conducted on **May 3, 2026**.

§ 02 – CORPORATE OWNERSHIP STRUCTURE

WHO OWNS THE CASINO

Casino New Brunswick is currently owned and operated by **Great Canadian Entertainment**, a major gaming and hospitality firm headquartered in North York, Ontario. The facility was originally acquired from the Great Canadian Gaming Corporation in **October 2015**, marking the transition to private service provider management under provincial regulatory oversight. In **September 2021**, Apollo Global Management's affiliate "Raptor Acquisition Corp." acquired the entire corporate parent, placing the ultimate beneficial control of Casino NB in the hands of a US private equity giant.

► CORPORATE OWNERSHIP CHAIN



◆ ANALYST NOTE — BC ASSET DIVESTITURE AS FINANCIAL SIGNAL

Since June 2024, Great Canadian has sold Elements Casino Victoria, Casino Nanaimo, and Chances Maple Ridge to the Snuneymuxw First Nation's Petroglyph Development Group, with River Rock Casino Resort and Great Canadian Casino Vancouver also in pending transfer. Industry analysts attribute this mass divestiture directly to the debt load inherited from Apollo's 2021 leveraged buyout. The New Brunswick portfolio — including Casino NB — remains fully retained as of May 2026.

\$51.4M

FACILITY VALUATION
(EST.)

2015

YEAR OF PRIVATIZATION

2021

APOLLO TAKEOVER

22+

GCE PROPERTIES
(NATIONAL)

§ 03 – REVENUE ARCHITECTURE & PROFIT DISTRIBUTION

WHERE THE MONEY GOES

Casino New Brunswick's profit distribution follows a strict regulatory framework administered by the **New Brunswick Lotteries and Gaming Corporation (NBLGC)**. The provincial government receives a designated share of gross gaming revenue, which is subsequently reinvested into provincial social programs. The private operator retains net profits after fulfilling provincial and First Nations obligations.

► REVENUE FLOW (FY 2021-22)

REVENUE STREAM	AMOUNT
Provincial allocation from Casino NB GGR	~\$17.8M
Total NB gaming surplus (healthcare & education)	\$139.6M
First Nations revenue-sharing (same period)	\$13.0M
Retained net profit — Great Canadian / Apollo	Undisclosed

✓ PUBLIC REINVESTMENT CONFIRMED

NBLGC annual reports confirm provincial gaming surpluses are explicitly earmarked for healthcare, post-secondary education, and First Nations economic participation. Casino NB is one of the primary non-tax revenue vehicles in the NB provincial treasury.

While the social reinvestment framework is genuine and documented, the structure creates a dual dynamic: public benefit programs are funded via NBLGC, while a US-based private equity firm with \$650B+ AUM captures the remaining net upside from a provincially-licensed gaming monopoly. The opacity of the private operator's retained profits is an ongoing transparency concern.

§ 04 – OPERATIONAL FATALITY: THE DEATH OF RODNEY FRENETTE

DOCUMENTED DEATH

▲ HIGH-SIGNIFICANCE INCIDENT – CONFIRMED FATALITY

Rodney Frenette, Food & Beverage Manager at Casino New Brunswick, was assaulted while on duty on **March 4, 2023**. He died from his injuries on **March 28, 2023** — 24 days after the assault. This remains the most high-profile death directly associated with the facility's operations.

Mar 4
2023

● The Assault

Rodney Frenette, Food & Beverage Manager, is assaulted while on duty on the casino premises. 50-year-old male suspect is arrested at the scene. RCMP Major Crime Unit assumes jurisdiction.

Mar 28
2023

● Fatality Confirmed

Frenette dies from sustained injuries. CBC News and Canadian Occupational Safety report the death. RCMP Major Crime Unit upgrades the investigation accordingly.

Post-
March 23

● **WorkSafeNB Inspection**

WorkSafeNB conducts on-site inspections to assess compliance with provincial health and safety standards, including workplace violence prevention protocols.

Ongoing

● **No Systemic Pattern Identified**

Beyond this criminal incident, Casino NB has not been linked to broader patterns of operational fatalities or systematic safety failures. Regulatory oversight maintains standard post-incident compliance.

Sources: CBC News – cbc.ca/news/canada/new-brunswick/moncton-casino-death-rcmp-1.6800741 | Canadian Occupational Safety – thesafetymag.com/ca/... | WorkSafeNB Workplace Violence Prevention Standards

§ 05 – EPSTEIN NETWORK MAPPING: THE APOLLO-BLACK-EPSTEIN NEXUS

EPSTEIN CONNECTION

The connection between Casino New Brunswick and Jeffrey Epstein is **institutional, not local**. It exists at the highest tier of corporate beneficial ownership and runs through Apollo Global Management and co-founder Leon Black. This section maps the documented financial and communications ties identified via open-source investigation.

► PRINCIPAL ACTOR TABLE

ACTOR	ROLE	DOCUMENTED EPSTEIN LINK	CURRENT STATUS (MAY 2026)
Leon Black	Apollo Co-Founder; former CEO/Chairman	Paid Epstein ~\$158M in fees (2012–2017); wired \$50M+ post-2008 conviction	Resigned 2021; Named defendant, Feldman v. Apollo; holds 7.0% APO stock
Marc Rowan	Apollo CEO (current)	FT (Feb 2026): consulted Epstein on Apollo tax affairs and "inversion" deals throughout 2010s	Named in securities litigation, leading Apollo's legal defense
Brad Wechsler	Head, Black Family Office	Directed Apollo's tax chief to copy Epstein on emails; include him on calls for "substantive expertise"	Named in litigation disclosures
Apollo Global Mgmt	Ultimate Beneficial Owner, Casino NB	Epstein received internal Apollo financial documents; hosted meetings between Apollo execs and intl. private banks	Defendant: Feldman v. Apollo No. 1:26-cv-01692 (SDNY)

► ANATOMY OF APOLLO'S DENIAL — AND ITS COLLAPSE

On October 30, 2020, Leon Black declared on Apollo's earnings call: "*Apollo never did any business with Epstein.*" This became the firm's official position for five years. In early 2026, US DOJ Epstein file release dismantled this narrative entirely.

▲ SPECIFIC DOCUMENTED ACTS

- Black's family office forwarded internal **Athene Holding** share offering documents to Epstein (2014).
- Epstein proposed tax savings of up to **\$300M** for Apollo's co-founders, charging a 25% success fee.
- Epstein requested and received internal Apollo financial documents (confirmed by DOJ files, Feb 2026).

◆ INSTITUTIONAL LIABILITY CASCADE

Teachers' unions controlling **\$27.5B+** in Apollo commitments urged SEC investigation (Feb 17, 2026). Apollo shares fell approx. **5% (\$5.99/share)** in two days following Feb 2026 disclosures — closing at \$113.73. Multiple securities class-action suits are now competing in SDNY for lead plaintiff status.

- Epstein hosted meetings between Apollo executives and **international private banks** at his Manhattan townhouse.

✓ LOCAL OPERATIONAL ISOLATION – CONFIRMED

No direct link between Casino New Brunswick's Moncton operations and Jeffrey Epstein has ever been established. Casino NB's management, staff, and NB regulatory bodies had no documented involvement in or awareness of these arrangements. The Epstein connection is entirely a function of beneficial ownership structure — flowing upward through the corporate chain, not downward through local operations.

§ 06 — LIVE INTELLIGENCE UPDATE: SEARCHED MAY 3, 2026

2026 DEVELOPMENTS

● LIVE UPDATE — ALL SOURCES VERIFIED MAY 3, 2026

This section incorporates real-time open-source intelligence not available at the time of original report generation. All findings were retrieved via live web searches on the date of this document's finalization.

► THE APOLLO-EPSTEIN DISCLOSURE CASCADE (FEB-MAY 2026)

Feb 1
2026

● **Financial Times "Tax Bombshell"**

FT publishes "Apollo chief Marc Rowan consulted Epstein on firm's tax affairs," citing DOJ file releases showing Epstein received internal Apollo financial documents and communicated with senior decision-makers on sensitive matters. Apollo stock falls 5.7% over two days (\$7.89/share closing at \$126.85).

Feb 17
2026

● **SEC Investigation Demanded**

Two major US teachers' unions — controlling \$27.5B+ in Apollo commitments — formally urge the SEC to investigate Apollo's "lack of candor" over its Epstein entanglement, citing the gap between Apollo's public denials and internal communications revealed by DOJ files.

Feb 18
2026

● **Apollo Issues Client Letter**

Apollo publishes a defensive letter asserting "neither Marc Rowan nor anyone else at Apollo (excluding Leon Black) had either a business or personal relationship with Epstein." Plaintiffs' counsel and SEC petitioners dispute this characterization.

Feb 21
2026

● **CNN "Tangled" Report**

CNN publishes new details: Epstein allegedly hosted meetings between Apollo executives and international private banks at his Manhattan townhouse and received internal financial documents — expanding the scope of alleged misconduct beyond Black alone to include current CEO Rowan.

March
2026

● **Securities Class Action Filed — SDNY**

Feldman v. Apollo Global Management, Inc., et al., No. 1:26-cv-01692 (SDNY). Class period: **May 10, 2021 - Feb 21, 2026**

. Multiple law firms compete for lead plaintiff: Hagens Berman, Levi & Korsinsky, Glancy Prongay, Wolke & Rotter, Rosen Law Firm, SueWallSt. Plaintiff deadline: May 1, 2026.

Apr–May
2026

● **Multiplying Investor Alerts & Litigation**

Five+ law firms issue investor alerts. Core allegations: (1) Apollo's "never did business with Epstein" claim was materially false; (2) current CEO Marc Rowan maintained undisclosed Epstein ties; (3) concealment caused quantifiable investor losses when the truth emerged through DOJ disclosures.

May
2026

● **Casino NB Portfolio — Retained and Active**

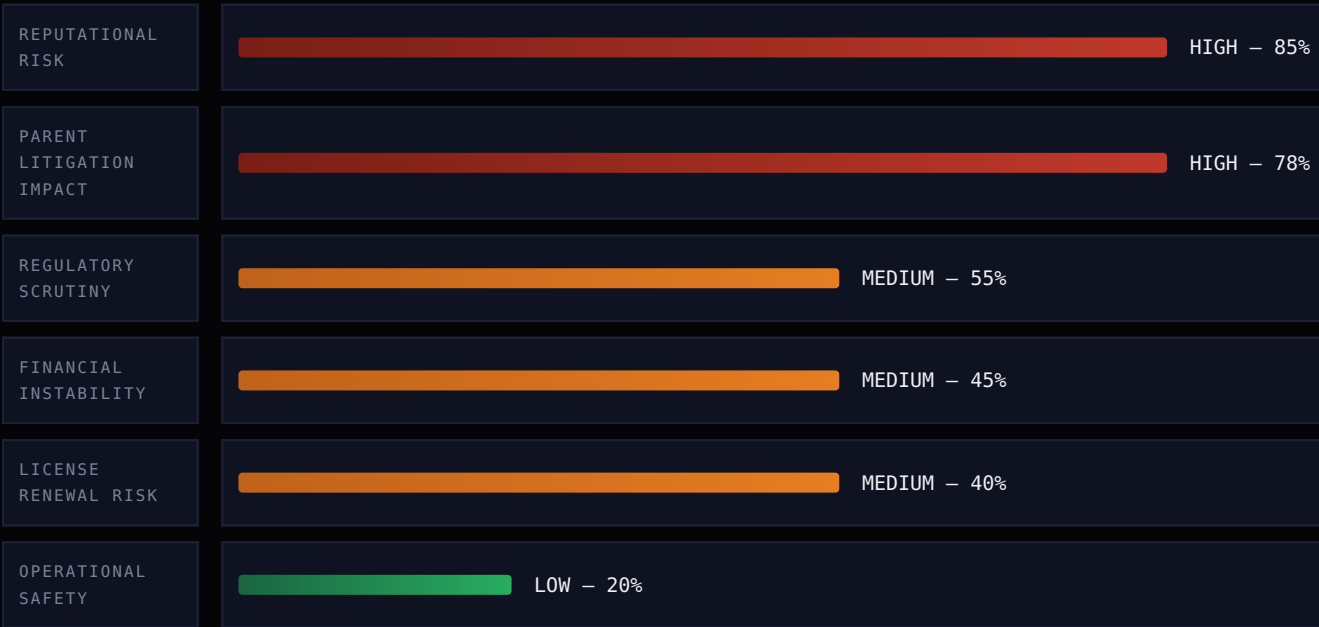
Despite divestiture of seven BC casino properties since June 2024, Great Canadian Entertainment's New Brunswick operations — including Casino New Brunswick — remain fully active and retained. BC selloff attributed to Apollo-era debt service pressure, not operational failure in NB.

▲ CRITICAL LEGAL OVERLAP — CLASS PERIOD VS. APOLLO OWNERSHIP OF CASINO NB

The securities class action class period begins **May 10, 2021** — the same period as Apollo's acquisition of Great Canadian (closed Sept 2021). This means every allegedly false statement Apollo made about its Epstein ties occurred during its period of ownership and ultimate beneficial control over Casino New Brunswick. Any future adverse findings against Apollo in this litigation apply firm-wide — including to its role as ultimate beneficial owner of the Moncton facility.

§ 07 — RISK ASSESSMENT MATRIX

RISK PROFILE



§ 08 — STRATEGIC INSIGHTS & INTELLIGENCE ASSESSMENT

ASSESSMENT

◆ INSIGHT 01 — THE DUAL-NATURE ASSET

Casino New Brunswick is simultaneously a provincial public-good mechanism and a private profit extraction vehicle. Its NBLGC-governed revenue-sharing framework — directing funds to healthcare, education, and First Nations — is genuine. However, the ultimate beneficiary of net profits is Apollo Global Management, whose founders are now at the centre of the most high-profile corporate misconduct investigation in recent US financial history.

▲ INSIGHT 02 — PRIMARY THREAT IS REPUTATIONAL, NOT OPERATIONAL

The facility itself maintains standard post-incident regulatory compliance. The most significant risk is **reputational and structural**: the acceleration of 2026 litigation implicating current CEO Marc Rowan — not merely the departed Leon Black — escalates the ethical exposure substantially. Provincial regulators and the NBLGC may face growing pressure to scrutinize the ethical suitability of Apollo as ultimate beneficial owner of a provincially-licensed gaming facility.

✓ INSIGHT 03 — THE EPSTEIN LINK IS STRUCTURAL, NOT OPERATIONAL

Any investigation or advocacy targeting the Epstein connection must be directed at the provincial government's licensing relationship with Apollo-controlled entities — not at local casino staff or NB management. Casino NB's personnel and NB regulatory bodies bear no documented connection to Epstein-linked activities.

◆ INSIGHT 04 — BC ASSET SELLOFF AS FORWARD INDICATOR

The ongoing mass divestiture of GCE's BC properties signals Apollo-level financial pressure from the 2021 leveraged buyout debt. If litigation losses, SEC action, or further reputational damage accelerate that pressure, the NB casino portfolio could become a divestiture candidate. The NBLGC and the NB Legislature should proactively monitor ownership change scenarios to avoid an opaque distressed-sale scenario.

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- **Gaming Control Act of New Brunswick** — Legislative framework governing casino operations and revenue-sharing
- **The Dechert Report (2021)** — Full independent review of Leon Black's financial relationship with Epstein
- **Apollo Global Management 10-K Filings (2022-2026)** — Disclosure of gaming assets, regulatory risks, and Epstein litigation
- **WorkSafeNB Workplace Violence Prevention Guide** — Context for safety protocols in service and gaming industries

▷ MANDATORY AI DISCLOSURE — DUAL-SYSTEM GENERATION

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