

LOEWS CORP
Form 424B5
May 02, 2013
Table of Contents

Filed Pursuant to Rule 424(b)(5)
Registration No. 333-179632

The information in this preliminary prospectus supplement is not complete and may be changed. The preliminary prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus are not an offer to sell these securities and are not soliciting an offer to buy these securities in any jurisdiction where such offer or sale is not permitted.

Subject to Completion, dated May 2, 2013

PRELIMINARY PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT

(To Prospectus Dated February 22, 2012)

\$

Loews Corporation

\$ % Senior Notes due 2023

\$ % Senior Notes due 2043

The 2023 notes will bear interest at the rate of % per year. Interest on the 2023 notes is payable on and of each year, beginning on , 2013. The 2023 notes will mature on , 2023. Interest on the 2023 notes will accrue from , 2013.

The 2043 notes will bear interest at the rate of % per year. Interest on the 2043 notes is payable on and of each year, beginning on , 2013. The 2043 notes will mature on , 2043. Interest on the 2043 notes will accrue from , 2013. We refer to the 2023 notes and the 2043 notes collectively as the notes.

We may redeem some or all of the 2023 notes at any time prior to , (the date that is three months prior to the scheduled maturity date of the 2023 notes) at the make-whole redemption price discussed under the caption Description of Notes Optional Redemption plus accrued interest to the date of redemption. We may redeem some or all of the 2023 notes at any time on or after , (the date that is three months prior to the scheduled maturity date of the 2023 notes) at a price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the 2023 notes redeemed plus accrued interest to the date of redemption.

We may redeem some or all of the 2043 notes at any time prior to , (the date that is six months prior to the scheduled maturity date of the 2043 notes) at the make-whole redemption price discussed under the caption Description of Notes Optional Redemption plus accrued interest to the date of redemption. We may redeem some or all of the 2043 notes at any time on or after , (the date

Edgar Filing: LOEWS CORP - Form 424B5

that is six months prior to the scheduled maturity date of the 2043 notes) at a price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the 2043 notes redeemed plus accrued interest to the date of redemption.

Investing in the notes involves risks. See the section entitled Risk Factors on page S-7 of this prospectus supplement.

The notes will be unsecured, unsubordinated obligations of our company and will rank equally in right of payment with all of our other unsubordinated indebtedness.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or determined if this prospectus supplement or the related prospectus is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

	Per 2023 Note	Total	Per 2043 Note	Total
Public Offering Price	%(1)	\$	%(1)	\$
Underwriting Discount and Commissions	%	\$	%	\$
Proceeds to Loews Corporation (before expenses)	%	\$	%	\$

(1) Plus interest, if any, from , 2013 if settlement occurs after that date.

The underwriters expect to deliver the notes to purchasers on or about , 2013.

Joint Book-running Managers

Barclays

J.P. Morgan

BofA Merrill Lynch

Citigroup
2013

Wells Fargo Securities

Table of Contents

TABLE OF CONTENTS

	Page
Prospectus Supplement	
<u>ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT</u>	S-1
<u>WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION</u>	S-2
<u>PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT SUMMARY</u>	S-3
<u>USE OF PROCEEDS</u>	S-8
<u>RATIO OF EARNINGS TO FIXED CHARGES</u>	S-9
<u>CAPITALIZATION</u>	S-10
<u>SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA</u>	S-12
<u>DESCRIPTION OF NOTES</u>	S-21
<u>UNDERWRITING</u>	S-29
<u>FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS</u>	S-31
<u>LEGAL MATTERS</u>	S-34
<u>EXPERTS</u>	S-34
Prospectus	
<u>ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS</u>	i
<u>FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS</u>	i
<u>LOEWS CORPORATION</u>	1
<u>WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION</u>	2
<u>USE OF PROCEEDS</u>	3
<u>RATIO OF EARNINGS TO FIXED CHARGES</u>	3
<u>DESCRIPTION OF DEBT SECURITIES</u>	4
<u>DESCRIPTION OF CAPITAL STOCK</u>	11
<u>DESCRIPTION OF WARRANTS</u>	16
<u>DESCRIPTION OF SUBSCRIPTION RIGHTS</u>	17
<u>DESCRIPTION OF STOCK PURCHASE CONTRACTS AND STOCK PURCHASE UNITS</u>	18
<u>PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION</u>	19
<u>LEGAL MATTERS</u>	23
<u>EXPERTS</u>	23

Table of Contents

ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT

This document is in two parts. The first part is this prospectus supplement, which describes the specific terms of the notes we are currently offering and certain other matters relating to us and our financial condition. The second part, the prospectus, gives more general information about securities we may offer from time to time, some of which does not apply to the notes we are currently offering. Generally, when we refer to the prospectus, we are referring to both parts of this document combined. The information in this prospectus supplement supersedes any inconsistent information included in the accompanying prospectus.

You should rely only on the information contained in, or incorporated by reference in, this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus. We and the underwriters have not authorized anyone to provide you with different information. We are not making an offer of these securities in any state where the offer is not permitted. The information which appears in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and any documents incorporated by reference may only be accurate as of their respective dates. Our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed since the date of such information.

S-1

Table of Contents

WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

We file annual, quarterly and current reports, proxy statements and other information with the Securities and Exchange Commission, or SEC. You may read and copy any reports or other information that we file with the SEC at its Public Reference Room located at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. You may also receive copies of these documents upon payment of a duplicating fee by writing to the SEC's Public Reference Room. Please call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330 for further information on the Public Reference Room. Our SEC filings are also available to the public from commercial document retrieval services, at our website (www.loews.com) and at the SEC's website (www.sec.gov). Information on our website is not incorporated into this prospectus or our other SEC filings and is not a part of this prospectus or those filings.

The SEC allows us to incorporate by reference the information that we file with them into this prospectus supplement. This means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to other documents filed separately with the SEC, including our annual, quarterly and current reports. The information incorporated by reference is considered to be a part of this prospectus supplement, except for any information that is modified or superseded by information contained in this prospectus supplement or any other subsequently filed document. The information incorporated by reference is an important part of this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. All documents filed (but not those that are furnished) by us with the SEC pursuant to Section 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, prior to the termination of this offering will be incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement and will automatically update and supersede the information in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and any previously filed document.

The following documents have been filed by us with the SEC (File No. 001-06541) and are incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement:

1. Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012;
2. Those portions of our definitive proxy statement filed on April 2, 2013 incorporated by reference in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012; and
3. Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2013.

We will provide without charge to each person, including any beneficial owner, to whom this prospectus supplement is delivered, upon written or oral request, a copy of any or all of the foregoing documents incorporated herein by reference (other than exhibits unless such exhibits are specifically incorporated by reference in such document). Requests for such documents should be directed to Loews Corporation, 667 Madison Avenue, New York, New York 10065-8087, Attention: Corporate Secretary (telephone: (212) 521-2000).

Table of Contents

PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT SUMMARY

This summary highlights selected information about our company and the offering and may not contain all of the information that is important to you. To better understand this offering, you should read this entire document carefully, as well as those additional documents to which we refer you. See **Where You Can Find More Information**. All references to **we**, **our** or **us** in this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus are to Loews Corporation.

About Loews Corporation

We are a holding company. Our subsidiaries are engaged in the following lines of business:

commercial property and casualty insurance (CNA Financial Corporation (**CNA**), a 90% owned subsidiary);

operation of offshore oil and gas drilling rigs (Diamond Offshore Drilling, Inc. (**Diamond Offshore**), a 50.4% owned subsidiary);

transportation and storage of natural gas and natural gas liquids and gathering and processing of natural gas (Boardwalk Pipeline Partners, LP (**Boardwalk Pipeline**), a 55% owned subsidiary);

exploration, production and marketing of natural gas and oil (including condensate and natural gas liquids) (HighMount Exploration & Production LLC (**HighMount**), a wholly owned subsidiary); and

operation of hotels (Loews Hotels Holding Corporation (**Loews Hotels**), a wholly owned subsidiary).

CNA. CNA is an insurance holding company whose primary subsidiaries consist of commercial property and casualty insurance companies. CNA's property and casualty insurance operations are conducted by Continental Casualty Company and The Continental Insurance Company and their respective affiliates. CNA accounted for 65.6%, 63.4% and 63.0% of our consolidated total revenue for the years ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010, respectively, and 67.0% for the three months ended March 31, 2013.

Diamond Offshore. Diamond Offshore is engaged, through its subsidiaries, in the business of operating drilling rigs that are chartered on a contract basis for fixed terms by companies engaged in the exploration and production of hydrocarbons. Diamond Offshore owns 44 offshore rigs. Diamond Offshore accounted for 21.1%, 23.6% and 23.0% of our consolidated total revenue for the years ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010, respectively, and 19.6% for the three months ended March 31, 2013.

Boardwalk Pipeline. Boardwalk Pipeline is engaged in integrated natural gas and natural gas liquids (**NGL**) transportation and storage and natural gas gathering and processing. Boardwalk Pipeline owns and operates three interstate natural gas pipelines with approximately 14,170 miles of interconnected pipelines, 14 underground natural gas storage fields with aggregate working gas capacity of approximately 201 billion cubic feet and eight salt dome NGL storage caverns with aggregate storage capacity of approximately 17.6 million barrels. Boardwalk Pipeline accounted for 8.1%, 8.1% and 7.7% of our consolidated total revenue for the years ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010, respectively, and 8.8% for the three months ended March 31, 2013.

HighMount. HighMount is engaged in the exploration, production and marketing of natural gas and oil (including condensate and natural gas liquids). HighMount accounted for 2.0%, 2.5% and 2.9% of our consolidated total revenue for the years ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010, respectively, and 1.8% for the three months ended March 31, 2013.

Loews Hotels. Loews Hotels, through its subsidiaries, currently operates 19 primarily upper upscale hotels, 17 of which are in the United States and two of which are in Canada. Loews Hotels accounted for 2.7%, 2.4%

S-3

Table of Contents

and 2.1% of our consolidated total revenue for the years ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010, respectively, and 2.5% for the three months ended March 31, 2013.

We derive substantially all of our cash flow from our subsidiaries. We rely upon our invested cash balances and distributions from our subsidiaries to generate the funds necessary to meet our obligations and to declare and pay any dividends to our stockholders. The ability of our subsidiaries to make such payments is subject to, among other things, the availability of sufficient funds in such subsidiaries and applicable state laws (including, in the case of the insurance subsidiaries of CNA, laws and rules governing the payment of dividends by regulated insurance companies), and compliance with covenants in their respective debt agreements. Claims of creditors of our subsidiaries will generally have priority as to the assets of such subsidiaries over our claims and those of our creditors and stockholders.

Our principal executive offices are located at 667 Madison Avenue, New York, New York 10065-8087. Our telephone number is (212) 521-2000.

S-4

Table of Contents

The Offering

Issuer	Loews Corporation
Notes offered	\$ aggregate principal amount of % Senior Notes due , 2023. \$ aggregate principal amount of % Senior Notes due , 2043. The 2023 notes and the 2043 notes will each constitute a new series of securities. The 2023 notes and the 2043 notes will constitute separate series under the indenture governing the notes.
Maturity date	2023 notes: , 2023. 2043 notes: , 2043.
Interest rate	2023 notes: % per year. 2043 notes: % per year.
Interest payment dates	2023 notes: and of each year, beginning on , 2013. Interest on the 2023 notes will accrue from , 2013. 2043 notes: and of each year, beginning on , 2013. Interest on the 2043 notes will accrue from , 2013.
Ranking	The notes will be our unsecured, unsubordinated obligations and will rank equally in right of payment with all our other unsubordinated debt. The notes will be effectively junior to the debt and other liabilities of our subsidiaries. See Description of Notes.
Optional redemption	We may redeem some or all of the 2023 notes at any time prior to , (the date that is three months prior to the scheduled maturity date of the 2023 notes) at the make-whole redemption price discussed under the caption Description of Notes Optional Redemption plus accrued interest to the date of redemption. We may redeem some or all of the 2023 notes at any time on or after , (the date that is three months prior to the scheduled maturity date of the 2023 notes) at a price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the 2023 notes redeemed plus accrued interest to the date of redemption. We may redeem some or all of the 2043 notes at any time prior to , (the date that is six months prior to the scheduled maturity date of the 2043 notes) at the make-whole redemption price discussed

Edgar Filing: LOEWS CORP - Form 424B5

under the caption "Description of Notes" Optional Redemption plus accrued interest to the date of redemption. We may redeem some or all of the 2043 notes at any time on or after _____, _____ (the date that is six months prior to the scheduled maturity date of the 2043 notes) at a price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the 2043 notes redeemed plus accrued interest to the date of redemption.

Form and denomination

The notes will be issued in fully registered form in denominations of \$2,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof.

S-5

Table of Contents

Further issues

We may from time to time, without the consent of the holders of the notes, issue additional senior debt securities having the same ranking and the same interest rate, maturity and other terms as the notes of either series offered hereby except for the public offering price and issue date and, in some cases, the first interest payment date. See Description of Notes Further Issues.

Use of proceeds

We estimate that the net proceeds, after deducting the underwriters' discounts and commissions and before deducting other estimated offering expenses payable by us, from the offering will be approximately \$. We intend to use the proceeds from the offering for general corporate purposes. See Use of Proceeds.

S-6

Table of Contents

RISK FACTORS

Our business faces many risks. We have described some of the more significant risks which we and our subsidiaries face in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012 and we may describe additional risks in subsequent SEC filings. There also may be additional risks that we do not yet know of or that we do not currently perceive to be significant that may also impact our business or the business of our subsidiaries.

Each of the risks and uncertainties described in our SEC filings could lead to events or circumstances that have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations, cash flows, financial condition or equity and/or the business, results of operations, financial condition or equity of one or more of our subsidiaries.

You should carefully consider and evaluate all of the information included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012 and the other SEC filings incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and any subsequent reports that we may file with the SEC or make available to the public before investing in the notes. Our subsidiaries, CNA, Diamond Offshore and Boardwalk Pipeline, are public companies and file reports with the SEC.

S-7

Table of Contents

USE OF PROCEEDS

We estimate that the net proceeds, after deducting the underwriters discounts and commissions and before deducting other estimated offering expenses payable by us, from the offering will be approximately \$. We intend to use the proceeds from the offering for general corporate purposes.

S-8

Table of Contents**RATIO OF EARNINGS TO FIXED CHARGES**

The table below sets forth our ratio of earnings to fixed charges for the three months ended March 31, 2013 and 2012 and each of the five years in the period ended December 31, 2012, which was computed by dividing pretax income (loss) from continuing operations available for fixed charges (pretax income (loss) from continuing operations before adjustment for noncontrolling interests in consolidated subsidiaries and income or loss from equity investees, plus fixed charges, amortization of capitalized interest, and distributed income of equity investees, less capitalized interest) by fixed charges. Fixed charges include (a) interest expense, (b) capitalized interest, (c) amortization of debt issuance costs, (d) interest credited to policyholder account balances, and (e) one-third of rent expense, which we believe represents the interest factor attributable to rent. Since no preferred stock was outstanding during the periods presented, the ratio of income from continuing operations to fixed charges and preferred stock dividends would be the same as the ratios presented here.

	Three Months Ended March 31,			Year Ended December 31,			
	2013	2012	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008
Ratio of income from continuing operations to fixed charges	3.8x	6.0x	3.3x	4.9x	5.7x	3.9x	2.9x

S-9

Table of Contents**CAPITALIZATION**

The following table sets forth our consolidated capitalization as of March 31, 2013 on an actual basis and as adjusted to give effect to the offering of the notes hereunder. The information presented below should be read in conjunction with the financial statements and related notes thereto included in our reports filed with the SEC that are incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement.

	As of March 31, 2013	
	Actual	As Adjusted
	(Dollars in millions)	
	(unaudited)	
Short-term debt:		
Current portion of long-term debt	\$ 19	\$ 19
Loews Corporation (Parent Company):		
Senior:		
5.3% notes due 2016	400	400
6.0% notes due 2035	300	300
% notes due 2023 offered hereby		
% notes due 2043 offered hereby		
Parent Company debt subtotal	\$ 700	\$
Less unamortized discount	6	6
Parent Company debt, net	\$ 694	\$
CNA Financial:		
Senior:		
5.9% notes due 2014	549	549
6.5% notes due 2016	350	350
7.0% notes due 2018	150	150
7.4% notes due 2019	350	350
5.9% notes due 2020	500	500
5.8% notes due 2021	400	400
7.3% debentures due 2023	243	243
Variable rate note due 2036	30	30
Other senior debt	13	13
	\$ 2,585	\$ 2,585
Diamond Offshore:		
Senior:		
5.2% notes due 2014	250	250
4.9% notes due 2015	250	250
5.9% notes due 2019	500	500
5.7% notes due 2039	500	500
	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500
Boardwalk Pipeline:		
Senior:		
Variable rate revolving credit facility due 2017	370	370
Variable rate term loan due 2017	225	225
4.6% notes due 2015	250	250
5.1% notes due 2015	275	275
5.9% notes due 2016	250	250
5.5% notes due 2017	300	300
6.3% notes due 2017	275	275
5.2% notes due 2018	185	185

S-10

Table of Contents

	As of March 31, 2013	
	Actual	As Adjusted
	(Dollars in millions)	
	(unaudited)	
5.8% notes due 2019	350	350
4.5% notes due 2021	440	440
4.0% notes due 2022	300	300
3.4% notes due 2023	300	300
7.3% debentures due 2027	100	100
	\$ 3,620	\$ 3,620
HighMount:		
Senior:		
Variable rate term loan due 2016	600	600
Variable rate revolving credit facility due 2016	120	120
	\$ 720	\$ 720
Loews Hotels:		
Senior debt, principally mortgages	356	356
Subsidiary debt subtotal	8,781	8,781
Less unamortized discount	38	38
Subsidiary debt, net	\$ 8,743	\$ 8,743
Parent Company and Subsidiaries total debt, net	9,437	
Less current portion of long-term debt	19	19
Total long-term debt	\$ 9,418	\$
Parent Company Stockholders' Equity:		
Preferred stock, \$0.10 par value:		
100,000,000 shares authorized; none issued		
Common stock, \$0.01 par value:		
1,800,000,000 shares authorized; 392,242,941 issued	4	4
Additional paid-in capital	3,589	3,589
Retained earnings	15,410	15,410
Accumulated other comprehensive income	566	566
Subtotal	\$ 19,569	\$ 19,569
Less treasury stock, at cost (2,344,500 shares)	(102)	(102)
Total stockholders' equity	\$ 19,467	\$ 19,467
Total capitalization	\$ 28,904	\$

Table of Contents

SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA

The following table presents selected consolidated financial data for each of the years ended December 31, 2012, 2011, 2010, 2009 and 2008 as well as for the three months ended March 31, 2013 and 2012. We have derived the financial data as of and for the years ended December 31, 2012, 2011, 2010, 2009 and 2008 from our audited consolidated financial statements for such periods. The data for the three months ended March 31, 2013 and 2012 have been derived from our unaudited consolidated financial statements for such periods.

Following the Selected Financial Data are schedules that present our consolidating balance sheet information at March 31, 2013 and December 31, 2012, and consolidating statement of income information for the three month periods ended March 31, 2013 and 2012 and for the years ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010. These schedules present our individual subsidiaries and their contributions to the consolidated financial statements. Amounts presented will not necessarily be the same as those in the individual financial statements of our subsidiaries due to adjustments for purchase accounting, income taxes and minority interests. In addition, many of our subsidiaries use a classified balance sheet which also leads to differences in amounts reported for certain line items.

The Corporate and Other column primarily reflects our investment in our subsidiaries, invested cash portfolio and corporate long-term debt. The elimination adjustments are for intercompany assets and liabilities, interest and dividends, our investment in capital stocks of subsidiaries, and various reclassifications of debit or credit balances to the amounts in consolidation. Purchase accounting adjustments have been pushed down to the appropriate subsidiary.

The following should be read in conjunction with our audited consolidated financial statements and notes thereto contained in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012 and our unaudited consolidated condensed financial statements and notes thereto contained in our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2013, incorporated herein by reference. Operating results for the three months ended March 31, 2013 are not necessarily indicative of results that may be expected for the entire year ending December 31, 2013. See [Where You Can Find More Information](#).

Table of Contents**Loews Corporation****Consolidated Selected Financial Data**

	Three Months Ended March 31, 2013 2012 (unaudited)		2012	Year Ended December 31, 2011 2010 2009 (in millions, except per share data)				2008
Results of Operations:								
Revenues	\$ 3,734	\$ 3,744	\$ 14,552	\$ 14,129	\$ 14,615	\$ 14,117	\$ 13,247	
Income before income tax	\$ 512	\$ 741	\$ 1,399	\$ 2,226	\$ 2,902	\$ 1,728	\$ 594	
Income from continuing operations	\$ 398	\$ 519	\$ 1,110	\$ 1,694	\$ 2,008	\$ 1,384	\$ 585	
Discontinued operations, net					(20)	(2)	4,713	
Net income	398	519	1,110	1,694	1,988	1,382	5,298	
Amounts attributable to noncontrolling interests	(156)	(152)	(542)	(632)	(699)	(819)	(763)	
Net income attributable to Loews Corporation	\$ 242	\$ 367	\$ 568	\$ 1,062	\$ 1,289	\$ 563	\$ 4,535	
Income (loss) attributable to:								
Loews common stock:								
Income (loss) from continuing operations	\$ 242	\$ 367	\$ 568	\$ 1,062	\$ 1,308	\$ 565	\$ (177)	
Discontinued operations, net					(19)	(2)	4,501	
Loews common stock	242	367	568	1,062	1,289	563	4,324	
Former Carolina Group stock:								
Discontinued operations, net							211	
Net income	\$ 242	\$ 367	\$ 568	\$ 1,062	\$ 1,289	\$ 563	\$ 4,535	
Diluted Net Income (Loss) Per Share:								
Loews common stock:								
Income (loss) from continuing operations	\$ 0.62	\$ 0.92	\$ 1.43	\$ 2.62	\$ 3.11	\$ 1.31	\$ (0.37)	
Discontinued operations, net					(0.04)	(0.01)	9.43	
Net income	\$ 0.62	\$ 0.92	\$ 1.43	\$ 2.62	\$ 3.07	\$ 1.30	\$ 9.06	
Former Carolina Group stock:								
Discontinued operations, net	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 1.95	
Financial Position:								
Investments	\$ 53,184	\$ 50,958	\$ 53,048	\$ 49,028	\$ 48,907	\$ 46,034	\$ 38,450	
Total assets	80,614	77,240	80,021	75,268	76,198	73,990	69,791	
Debt	9,437	9,042	9,210	9,001	9,477	9,485	8,258	
Stockholders' equity	19,467	19,428	19,459	18,772	18,386	16,833	13,068	
Cash dividends per share:								
Loews common stock	0.0625	0.0625	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	
Former Carolina Group stock							0.91	
Book value per share of Loews common stock	49.93	48.96	49.67	47.33	44.35	39.60	30.04	
Shares outstanding of Loews common stock	389.90	396.83	391.81	396.59	414.55	425.07	435.09	

Table of Contents**Loews Corporation****Consolidating Balance Sheet Information**

March 31, 2013 (in millions) (unaudited)	CNA Financial	Diamond Offshore	Boardwalk Pipeline	HighMount	Loews Hotels	Corporate and Other	Eliminations	Total
Assets:								
Investments	\$ 47,593	\$ 1,433	\$	\$ 10	\$ 63	\$ 4,085	\$	\$ 53,184
Cash	123	24	4	7	10	11		179
Receivables	8,861	489	87	48	25	101	(6)	9,605
Property, plant and equipment	295	4,973	7,250	1,055	585	46		14,204
Deferred income taxes	46			794			(840)	
Goodwill	115	20	271	584	3			993
Investments in capital stocks of subsidiaries						17,094	(17,094)	
Other assets	735	338	317	19	94	17	9	1,529
Deferred acquisition costs of insurance subsidiaries	641							641
Separate account business	279							279
Total assets	\$ 58,688	\$ 7,277	\$ 7,929	\$ 2,517	\$ 780	\$ 21,354	\$ (17,931)	\$ 80,614
Liabilities and Equity:								
Insurance reserves	\$ 39,893	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 39,893
Payable to brokers	325	1	5	14		393		738
Short-term debt	13				6			19
Long-term debt	2,558	1,489	3,607	720	350	694		9,418
Deferred income taxes		492	635		38	561	(831)	895
Other liabilities	3,254	643	379	122	23	239	(6)	4,654
Separate account business	279							279
Total liabilities	46,322	2,625	4,626	856	417	1,887	(837)	55,896
Total stockholders' equity	11,129	2,357	1,586	1,661	361	19,467	(17,094)	19,467
Noncontrolling interests	1,237	2,295	1,717		2			5,251
Total equity	12,366	4,652	3,303	1,661	363	19,467	(17,094)	24,718
Total liabilities and equity	\$ 58,688	\$ 7,277	\$ 7,929	\$ 2,517	\$ 780	\$ 21,354	\$ (17,931)	\$ 80,614

Table of Contents**Loews Corporation****Consolidating Balance Sheet Information**

December 31, 2012 (in millions)	CNA Financial	Diamond Offshore	Boardwalk Pipeline	HighMount	Loews Hotels	Corporate and Other	Eliminations	Total
Assets:								
Investments	\$ 47,636	\$ 1,435	\$ 1	\$ 8	\$ 33	\$ 3,935	\$	\$ 53,048
Cash	156	53	3	2	10	4		228
Receivables	8,516	503	89	69	25	183	(19)	9,366
Property, plant and equipment	297	4,870	7,252	1,136	333	47		13,935
Deferred income taxes	119			734			(853)	
Goodwill	118	20	271	584	3			996
Investments in capital stocks of subsidiaries						16,936	(16,936)	
Other assets	730	366	330	22	84	4	2	1,538
Deferred acquisition costs of insurance subsidiaries	598							598
Separate account business	312							312
Total assets	\$ 58,482	\$ 7,247	\$ 7,946	\$ 2,555	\$ 488	\$ 21,109	\$ (17,806)	\$ 80,021
Liabilities and Equity:								
Insurance reserves	\$ 40,005	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 40,005
Payable to brokers	61			10		134		205
Short-term debt	13				6			19
Long-term debt	2,557	1,489	3,539	710	203	693		9,191
Deferred income taxes		483	619		37	552	(851)	840
Other liabilities	3,260	675	432	120	42	263	(19)	4,773
Separate account business	312							312
Total liabilities	46,208	2,647	4,590	840	288	1,642	(870)	55,345
Total stockholders' equity	11,058	2,331	1,624	1,715	200	19,467	(16,936)	19,459
Noncontrolling interests	1,216	2,269	1,732					5,217
Total equity	12,274	4,600	3,356	1,715	200	19,467	(16,936)	24,676
Total liabilities and equity	\$ 58,482	\$ 7,247	\$ 7,946	\$ 2,555	\$ 488	\$ 21,109	\$ (17,806)	\$ 80,021

Table of Contents**Loews Corporation****Consolidating Statement of Income Information****Three Months Ended****March 31, 2013**
(in millions)

	CNA Financial	Diamond Offshore	Boardwalk Pipeline	HighMount	Loews Hotels	Corporate and Other	Eliminations	Total
--	--------------------------	-----------------------------	-------------------------------	------------------	-------------------------	--------------------------------	---------------------	--------------

(unaudited)

Revenues:

Insurance premiums	\$ 1,764	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 1,764
Net investment income	633	1				7		641
Intercompany interest and dividends						182	(182)	
Investment gains	24							24
Contract drilling revenues		700						700
Other	82	31	329	68	94	1		605
Total	2,503	732	329	68	94	190	(182)	3,734

Expenses:

Insurance claims and policyholders' benefits	1,429							1,429
Amortization of deferred acquisition costs	328							328
Contract drilling expenses		375						375
Other operating expenses	340	144	190	202	91	15		982
Interest	42	8	40	5	3	10		108
Total	2,139	527	230	207	94	25		3,222

Income (loss) before income tax	364	205	99	(139)		165	(182)	512
Income tax (expense) benefit	(113)	(36)	(22)	51		6		(114)
Net income (loss)	251	169	77	(88)		171	(182)	398
Amounts attributable to noncontrolling interests	(25)	(87)	(44)					(156)

Net income (loss) attributable to Loews Corporation	\$ 226	\$ 82	\$ 33	\$ (88)	\$	\$ 171	\$ (182)	\$ 242
---	--------	-------	-------	---------	----	--------	----------	--------

Table of Contents**Loews Corporation****Consolidating Statement of Income Information****Three Months Ended**

March 31, 2012 (in millions)	CNA Financial	Diamond Offshore	Boardwalk Pipeline	HighMount	Loews Hotels	Corporate and Other	Eliminations	Total
(unaudited)								
Revenues:								
Insurance premiums	\$ 1,649	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 1,649
Net investment income	648	2				76		726
Intercompany interest and dividends						170	(170)	
Investment gains	32							32
Contract drilling revenues		755						755
Other	72	39	314	76	80	2	(1)	582
Total	2,401	796	314	76	80	248	(171)	3,744
Expenses:								
Insurance claims and policyholders benefits	1,381							1,381
Amortization of deferred acquisition costs	295							295
Contract drilling expenses		397						397
Other operating expenses	317	132	181	107	71	12	(1)	819
Interest	42	15	41	3	2	10	(2)	111
Total	2,035	544	222	110	73	22	(3)	3,003
Income (loss) before income tax	366	252	92	(34)	7	226	(168)	741
Income tax (expense) benefit	(115)	(73)	(22)	12	(3)	(21)		(222)
Net income (loss)	251	179	70	(22)	4	205	(168)	519
Amounts attributable to noncontrolling interests	(25)	(92)	(35)					(152)
Net income (loss) attributable to Loews Corporation	\$ 226	\$ 87	\$ 35	\$ (22)	\$ 4	\$ 205	\$ (168)	\$ 367

Table of Contents**Loews Corporation****Consolidating Statement of Income Information****Year Ended**

December 31, 2012 (in millions)	CNA Financial	Diamond Offshore	Boardwalk Pipeline	HighMount	Loews Hotels	Corporate and Other	Eliminations	Total
Revenues:								
Insurance premiums	\$ 6,882	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 6,882
Net investment income	2,282	5			1	61		2,349
Intercompany interest and dividends						683	(683)	
Investment gains (losses)	60		(3)					57
Contract drilling revenues		2,936						2,936
Other	323	131	1,187	297	396	1	(7)	2,328
Total	9,547	3,072	1,184	297	397	745	(690)	14,552
Expenses:								
Insurance claims and policyholders benefits	5,896							5,896
Amortization of deferred acquisition costs	1,274							1,274
Contract drilling expenses		1,537						1,537
Other operating expenses	1,327	572	717	919	372	106	(7)	4,006
Interest	170	46	166	14	11	40	(7)	440
Total	8,667	2,155	883	933	383	146	(14)	13,153
Income (loss) before income tax	880	917	301	(636)	14	599	(676)	1,399
Income tax (expense) benefit	(247)	(223)	(70)	229	(7)	29		(289)
Net income (loss)	633	694	231	(407)	7	628	(676)	1,110
Amounts attributable to noncontrolling interests	(63)	(357)	(122)					(542)
Net income (loss) attributable to Loews Corporation	\$ 570	\$ 337	\$ 109	\$ (407)	\$ 7	\$ 628	\$ (676)	\$ 568

Table of Contents**Loews Corporation****Consolidating Statement of Income Information****Year Ended**

December 31, 2011 (in millions)	CNA Financial	Diamond Offshore	Boardwalk Pipeline	HighMount	Loews Hotels	Corporate and Other	Eliminations	Total
Revenues:								
Insurance premiums	\$ 6,603	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 6,603
Net investment income	2,054	7			1	1		2,063
Intercompany interest and dividends						624	(624)	
Investment gains (losses)	(19)	1		(34)				(52)
Contract drilling revenues		3,254						3,254
Other	325	73	1,144	390	336	(2)	(5)	2,261
Total	8,963	3,335	1,144	356	337	623	(629)	14,129
Expenses:								
Insurance claims and policyholders benefits	5,489							5,489
Amortization of deferred acquisition costs	1,176							1,176
Contract drilling expenses		1,549						1,549
Other operating expenses	1,234	535	760	245	311	87	(5)	3,167
Interest	185	73	173	46	9	44	(8)	522
Total	8,084	2,157	933	291	320	131	(13)	11,903
Income before income tax	879	1,178	211	65	17	492	(616)	2,226
Income tax (expense) benefit	(244)	(250)	(57)	(24)	(4)	47		(532)
Net income	635	928	154	41	13	539	(616)	1,694
Amounts attributable to noncontrolling interests	(78)	(477)	(77)					(632)
Net income attributable to Loews Corporation	\$ 557	\$ 451	\$ 77	\$ 41	\$ 13	\$ 539	\$ (616)	\$ 1,062

Table of Contents**Loews Corporation****Consolidating Statement of Income Information****Year Ended****December 31, 2010**
(in millions)

	CNA Financial	Diamond Offshore	Boardwalk Pipeline	HighMount	Loews Hotels	Corporate and Other	Eliminations	Total
Revenues:								
Insurance premiums	\$ 6,515	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 6,515
Net investment income	2,316	3	1		1	187		2,508
Intercompany interest and dividends						720	(720)	
Investment gains (losses)	86			(30)				56
Contract drilling revenues		3,230						3,230
Other	291	128	1,128	455	307	(3)		2,306
Total	9,208	3,361	1,129	425	308	904	(720)	14,615
Expenses:								
Insurance claims and policyholders benefits	4,985							4,985
Amortization of deferred acquisition costs	1,168							1,168
Contract drilling expenses		1,391						1,391
Other operating expenses	1,777	546	695	258	296	80		3,652
Interest	157	91	151	61	10	55	(8)	517
Total	8,087	2,028	846	319	306	135	(8)	11,713
Income before income tax	1,121	1,333	283	106	2	769	(712)	2,902
Income tax expense	(335)	(413)	(73)	(48)	(1)	(24)		(894)
Income from continuing operations	786	920	210	58	1	745	(712)	2,008
Discontinued operations, net	(20)							(20)
Net income	766	920	210	58	1	745	(712)	1,988
Amounts attributable to noncontrolling interests	(129)	(474)	(96)					(699)
Net income attributable to Loews Corporation	\$ 637	\$ 446	\$ 114	\$ 58	\$ 1	\$ 745	\$ (712)	\$ 1,289

Table of Contents

DESCRIPTION OF NOTES

The following description of the particular terms of the notes supplements the description of the general terms of the debt securities set forth under the heading "Description of Debt Securities" in the accompanying prospectus. If the descriptions are inconsistent, the information in this prospectus supplement replaces the information in the accompanying prospectus. Capitalized terms used in this prospectus supplement that are not otherwise defined have the meanings given to them in the accompanying prospectus. The following statements with respect to the notes are summaries of the provisions of the notes and the indenture. We urge you to read the documents in their entirety because they, and not this description, will define your rights as holders of the notes.

The notes will be issued under our senior indenture, dated as of March 1, 1986, between Loews Corporation and The Bank of New York Mellon, as successor to JPMorgan Chase Bank N.A. (formerly The Chase Manhattan Bank (National Association)) as trustee, as supplemented by a first supplemental indenture, dated as of March 30, 1993, and a second supplemental indenture, dated as of February 18, 1997. References to the senior indenture in this section will mean the senior indenture as so supplemented. The 2023 notes and the 2043 notes will each constitute a separate series under the senior indenture. You can obtain copies of the senior indenture and the supplements thereto by following the directions described under the heading "Where You Can Find More Information" on page S-2 of this prospectus supplement.

General

The notes offered by this prospectus supplement are each a series of U.S. dollar-denominated senior debt securities as described in the accompanying prospectus. There is no limit on the aggregate principal amount of senior debt securities that we may issue under the senior indenture.

We will issue the notes in denominations of \$2,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof.

The trustee, through its corporate trust office in the Borough of Manhattan, City of New York (in such capacity, the "paying agent") will act as our paying agent and Security Registrar with respect to the notes. The current location of such corporate trust office is 101 Barclay Street, 8W, New York, New York 10286, Attn: Corporate Trust. So long as the notes are issued in the form of a Global Security, payments of principal, interest and premium, if any, will be made by us through the paying agent to The Depository Trust Company.

The notes will not be entitled to any sinking fund.

2023 Notes

The 2023 notes offered hereby will be issued in an aggregate principal amount of \$. The 2023 notes will bear interest at % per annum and will mature on , 2023. Interest on the 2023 notes will accrue from , 2013. Interest on the 2023 notes will be payable semi-annually in arrears on and of each year, commencing , 2013, to the persons in whose names the notes are registered at the close of business on the preceding or , as the case may be. Interest will be computed on the basis of a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months. The 2023 notes will constitute a new series of securities under the senior indenture.

2043 Notes

The 2043 notes will initially be issued in an aggregate principal amount of \$. The 2043 notes will bear interest at % per annum and will mature on , 2043. Interest will accrue on the 2043 notes from , 2013. Interest on the 2043 notes will be payable semi-annually in arrears on and of each year, commencing , 2013, to the persons in whose names the notes are registered at the close of business on the preceding or , as the case may be. Interest will be computed on the basis of a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months. The 2043 notes will constitute a new series of securities under the senior indenture.

Table of Contents

Further Issues

We may from time to time, without the consent of the holders of the notes, issue additional senior debt securities having the same ranking and the same interest rate, maturity and other terms as the notes of either series offered hereby except for the public offering price and issue date and, in some cases, the first interest payment date, provided that if such additional senior debt securities are not fungible with the notes of a series for U.S. federal income tax purposes, such additional senior debt securities will have a separate CUSIP, ISIN or Common Code (as applicable) so that they are distinguishable from the notes of such series. Any such additional senior debt securities will, together with the then outstanding notes of such series, constitute a single class of notes under the senior indenture, and as such will vote together on matters under the senior indenture. No additional notes of a series may be issued if an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing with respect to such series of notes.

Ranking of Notes; Holding Company Structure

The notes will be unsecured and will rank *pari passu* in right of payment with all other unsubordinated indebtedness of Loews Corporation from time to time outstanding. As of March 31, 2013:

none of our indebtedness was secured;

approximately \$700 million aggregate principal amount of our indebtedness would have ranked equally with the notes; and

none of our indebtedness would have been subordinated to the notes.

Loews is a holding company with no direct operations. We derive substantially all of our cash flow from our subsidiaries. We rely upon our invested cash balances and distributions from our subsidiaries to generate the funds necessary to meet our obligations, including our obligations under the notes, and to declare and pay any dividends to our stockholders. The ability of our subsidiaries to make such payments is subject to, among other things, the availability of sufficient funds in such subsidiaries and applicable state laws (including, in the case of the insurance subsidiaries of CNA, laws and rules governing the payment of dividends by regulated insurance companies), and compliance with covenants in their respective debt agreements. Claims of creditors of our subsidiaries will generally have priority as to the assets of such subsidiaries over our claims and those of our creditors and stockholders. The senior indenture does not limit the ability of our subsidiaries to incur limitations on their ability to pay dividends or make other distributions to us.

Since Loews is a holding company, the right of Loews, and hence the rights of creditors and stockholders of Loews, to participate in any distribution of assets of any subsidiary upon its liquidation or reorganization or otherwise is subject to prior claims of creditors of the subsidiary, except to the extent that claims of Loews itself as a creditor of the subsidiary may be recognized. As of March 31, 2013, Loews's subsidiaries had approximately \$8.8 billion aggregate principal amount of long-term debt outstanding. The senior indenture does not limit our ability or the ability of our subsidiaries to incur additional indebtedness.

Optional Redemption

We may redeem the 2023 notes prior to _____, (the date that is three months prior to the scheduled maturity date of the 2023 notes), in whole or in part, at a make-whole redemption price, calculated by us, equal to the greater of:

(1) 100% of the principal amount of the 2023 notes to be redeemed; and

(2) the sum of the present values of the remaining scheduled payments of principal and interest (other than interest accruing to the date of redemption) on the 2023 notes being redeemed, discounted to the redemption date on a semi-annual basis (assuming a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months) at the Treasury Rate plus basis points.

Table of Contents

At any time on or after _____, (the date that is three months prior to the scheduled maturity of the 2023 notes), we may, in whole or in part, redeem the 2023 notes (including any additional 2023 notes) at our option at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount thereof.

We may redeem the 2043 notes prior to _____, (the date that is six months prior to the scheduled maturity date of the 2043 notes), in whole or in part, at a make-whole redemption price (calculated by us) equal to the greater of:

- (1) 100% of the principal amount of the 2043 notes to be redeemed; and
- (2) the sum of the present values of the remaining scheduled payments of principal and interest (other than interest accruing to the date of redemption) on the 2043 notes being redeemed, discounted to the redemption date on a semi-annual basis (assuming a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months) at the Treasury Rate plus basis points.

At any time on or after _____, (the date that is six months prior to the scheduled maturity of the 2043 notes), we may, in whole or in part, redeem the 2043 notes (including any additional 2043 notes) at our option at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount thereof.

In the case of any redemption, we will pay accrued interest on the principal amount of the notes being redeemed to the redemption date.

Comparable Treasury Issue means, with respect to each series of notes, the United States Treasury security selected by an Independent Investment Banker as having a maturity comparable to the remaining term (Remaining Life) of the notes being redeemed that would be utilized, at the time of selection and in accordance with customary financial practice, in pricing new issues of corporate notes of comparable maturity to the remaining term of such notes.

Comparable Treasury Price means, with respect to any redemption date, (1) the average of five Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations for such redemption date, after excluding the highest and lowest Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations, or (2) if we obtain fewer than five such Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations, the average of all such quotations.

Independent Investment Banker means one of the Reference Treasury Dealers that Loews appoints to act as the Independent Investment Banker from time to time.

Reference Treasury Dealer means (1) Barclays Capital Inc. and J.P. Morgan Securities LLC and, in each case, their respective successors; provided, however, that if any of the foregoing ceases to be a primary U.S. Government securities dealer in New York City (a Primary Treasury Dealer), Loews will appoint another primary Treasury Dealer as a substitute and (2) any other Primary Treasury Dealers selected by Loews.

Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations means, for each Reference Treasury Dealer and any redemption date, the average, as determined by us, of the bid and asked prices for the Comparable Treasury Issue (expressed in each case as a percentage of its principal amount) quoted in writing to us by the Reference Treasury Dealer at 5:00 p.m. New York City time on the third business day preceding the redemption date for the notes being redeemed.

Treasury Rate means, with respect to any redemption date, the rate per year equal to: (1) the yield, under the heading which represents the average for the immediately preceding week, appearing in the most recently published statistical release designated H.15(519) or any successor publication which is published weekly by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and which establishes yields on actively traded United States Treasury securities adjusted to constant maturity under the caption Treasury Constant Maturities, for the maturity corresponding to the Comparable Treasury Issue; provided however that, if no maturity is within three

Table of Contents

months before or after the Remaining Life of the notes to be redeemed, yields for the two published maturities most closely corresponding to the Comparable Treasury Issue shall be determined and the Treasury Rate shall be interpolated or extrapolated from those yields on a straight line basis, rounding to the nearest month; or (2) if such release (or any successor release) is not published during the week preceding the calculation date or does not contain such yields, the rate per year equal to the semiannual equivalent yield to maturity of the Comparable Treasury Issue, calculated using a price for the Comparable Treasury Issue (expressed as a percentage of its principal amount) equal to the Comparable Treasury Price for such redemption date. The Treasury Rate shall be calculated on the third business day preceding the redemption date.

If Loews elects to redeem less than all of a series of notes, then the trustee will select the particular notes of that series to be redeemed in a manner it deems appropriate and fair. However, so long as notes are held in the name of Cede & Co., then such selection shall be made in accordance with the operating procedures of DTC.

Notice of any redemption will be mailed at least 30 days but not more than 60 days before the date of redemption to each holder of the series of notes to be redeemed. The notice of redemption for a series of notes will state, among other things, the amount of notes to be redeemed, the redemption date, the redemption price and the place or places that payment will be made upon presentation and surrender of notes to be redeemed. Unless we default in payment of the redemption price, on and after the date of redemption, interest will cease to accrue on the notes of that series or the portions called for redemption.

Covenants

We may not consolidate with or merge into any other corporation or sell our assets substantially as an entirety, unless:

either we shall be the continuing corporation or the corporation formed by such consolidation or into which we are merged or the corporation which acquires our assets is organized in the United States and expressly assumes the due and punctual payment of the principal of (and premium, if any) and interest on all the notes and the performance of every covenant of the senior indenture to be performed by us; and

immediately after giving effect to such transaction, no Event of Default, and no event which after notice or lapse of time or both would become an Event of Default, has happened and is continuing.

Upon any such consolidation, merger or sale, the successor corporation formed by such consolidation, or into which we are merged or to which such sale is made, will succeed to, and be substituted for, us under the senior indenture (Sections 801, 802).

Other than the covenant described above, the senior indenture does not contain any covenants or other provisions designed to afford holders of the notes protection in the event of a takeover, recapitalization or a highly leveraged transaction involving us.

The senior indenture does not contain any covenants or provisions that will restrict us or our subsidiaries from incurring, assuming or becoming liable with respect to any indebtedness or other obligations, or from paying dividends or making other distributions on Loews capital stock or purchasing or redeeming Loews' capital stock. The senior indenture does not contain any financial ratios or specified levels of net worth or liquidity to which we must adhere. In addition, the senior indenture does not contain any provision which would require us to offer to repurchase or redeem or otherwise modify the terms of the notes upon a change in control or other events involving our company that may adversely affect our creditworthiness or the value of the notes.

Events of Default

The following will be Events of Default with respect to either series of notes:

default in any payment of interest on that series of notes when due, continued for 30 days;

Table of Contents

default in any payment of principal and premium, if any, of such series of notes when due;

default in the performance, or breach, of any covenant or warranty of ours applicable to such series of notes continued for 60 days after written notice to us by the trustee or the holders of at least 25% in principal amount of such notes;

default resulting in the acceleration of any indebtedness of ours for money borrowed in excess of \$100,000,000 under the terms of the instrument under which such indebtedness is or may be outstanding, if such acceleration is not rescinded or annulled within 10 days after notice to us by the trustee or the holders of at least 25% in principal amount of such series of notes; and

certain events of bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization (Section 501).

No Event of Default with respect to a particular series of notes necessarily constitutes an Event of Default with respect to any other series of notes issued under the senior indenture (Section 501).

The trustee will, within 90 days after the occurrence of any default with respect to either series of notes, give to the holders thereof notice of such default known to the trustee, unless such default has been cured or waived (the term default for this purpose means any event which is, or after notice or lapse of time, or both, would become, an Event of Default); provided that, except in the case of a default in the payment of principal of (or premium, if any) or interest on any of the notes of a particular series, the trustee will be protected in withholding such notice if and so long as it in good faith determines that the withholding of such notice is in the interest of the holders of the notes of that series (Section 602).

We will be required to furnish to the trustee each year a statement as to the fulfillment by us of our obligations under the senior indenture (Section 1004).

The holders of a majority in principal amount of the outstanding notes of a particular series may waive certain defaults with respect to the notes of that series and may direct the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the trustee or exercising any trust or power conferred on the trustee, provided that such direction shall not be in conflict with any rule of law or with the senior indenture (Sections 512, 513). The trustee has the right to decline to follow any such direction if the trustee in good faith determines that the proceeding so directed would be unjustly prejudicial to the holders of the notes of that series not joining in any such direction or would involve the trustee in personal liability. The senior indenture provides that in case an Event of Default occurs and is continuing with respect to a particular series of notes, the trustee will be required to exercise any of its rights and powers under such indenture with the degree of care and skill such as a prudent man would exercise in the conduct of his own affairs (Section 601). Subject to such provisions, the trustee will be under no obligation to exercise any of its rights or powers under the senior indenture at the direction of any of the holders of that series of notes unless such holders have offered to the trustee reasonable security or indemnity against the costs, expenses and liabilities which might be incurred by the trustee in complying with such direction (Section 603).

If an Event of Default occurs and is continuing with respect to a series of notes, the trustee or the holders of at least 25% in principal amount of the notes of that series may declare the notes of that series due and payable (Section 502).

The senior indenture provides that no holder of the notes of a particular series may institute any action against us under the senior indenture (except actions for payment of overdue principal or interest or premium, if any) unless the holders of at least 25% in principal amount of the notes of that series have requested the trustee to institute such action and have offered the trustee reasonable indemnity, and the trustee has not instituted such action within 60 days of such request (Section 507).

Table of Contents

Defeasance

The discharge, defeasance and covenant defeasance provisions of the senior indenture described under Description of Debt Securities Defeasance in the accompanying prospectus will apply to each series of the notes.

Modification of Indenture

The modification and amendment provisions of the senior indenture described under Description of Debt Securities Modification of the Indentures will apply to each series of the notes.

Governing Law

The senior indenture and the notes are governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New York.

Book-Entry System

The Depository Trust Company (or DTC), New York, New York, will act as securities depository for each series of the notes. Each of the 2023 notes and the 2043 notes will be issued as fully registered Global Securities registered in the name of Cede & Co. (DTC's partnership nominee) or such other name as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC.

Beneficial interests in the notes will be shown on, and transfers thereof will be effected only through, records maintained by DTC and its direct and indirect participants. Investors may elect to hold interests in the notes through DTC if they are participants in the DTC system, or indirectly through organizations which are participants in the DTC system.

DTC has informed us that DTC is:

a limited-purpose trust company organized under the New York Banking Law;

a banking organization within the meaning of 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 pursuant to the provisions of Section 17A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

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, which eliminates the need for physical movement of securities certificates. Direct Participants include securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, clearing corporations, and certain other organizations. DTC is owned by a number of its Direct Participants and by the New York Stock Exchange, Inc., the American Stock Exchange LLC, and the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. Access to the DTC system is also available to others such as securities brokers and dealers, 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 Securities and Exchange Commission.

Purchases of notes under the DTC system must be made by or through Direct Participants, which receive a credit for the notes on DTC's records. The ownership interest of each actual purchaser of each note (a Beneficial

Table of Contents

Owner) is in turn to be recorded on the Direct and Indirect Participants' records. Beneficial Owners will not receive written confirmations from DTC of their purchase, but Beneficial Owners are expected to receive written confirmations providing details of the transaction, as well as periodic statements of their holdings, from the Direct or Indirect Participant through which the Beneficial Owner entered into the transaction. Transfers of ownership interests in the notes are to be accomplished by entries made on the books of Direct and Indirect Participants acting on behalf of Beneficial Owners. Beneficial Owners will not receive certificates representing their ownership interests in notes except in the event that use of the book-entry system for the notes is discontinued. As a result, the ability of a person having a beneficial interest in the notes to pledge such interest to persons or entities that do not participate in the DTC system, or to otherwise take actions with respect to such interest, may be affected by the lack of a physical certificate evidencing such interest. In addition, the laws of some states require that certain persons take physical delivery in definitive form of securities that they own and that security interests in negotiable instruments can only be perfected by delivery of certificates representing the instruments. Consequently, the ability to transfer notes evidenced by the global notes will be limited to such extent.

To facilitate subsequent transfers, all notes deposited by Direct Participants with DTC are registered in the name of DTC's partnership nominee, Cede & Co. or such other name as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. The deposit of notes with DTC and their registration in the name of Cede & Co. or such other nominee do not effect any change in beneficial ownership. DTC has no knowledge of the actual Beneficial Owners of the notes. DTC's records reflect only the identity of the Direct Participants to whose accounts such notes are credited, which may or may not be the Beneficial Owners. The Direct and Indirect Participants will remain responsible for keeping account of their holdings on behalf of their customers.

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.

Neither DTC nor Cede & Co. (nor such other DTC nominee) will consent or vote with respect to the notes. Under its usual procedures, DTC mails an Omnibus Proxy to the issuer as soon as possible after the record date. The Omnibus Proxy assigns Cede & Co.'s consenting or voting rights to those Direct Participants to whose accounts the notes are credited on the record date (identified in a listing attached to the Omnibus Proxy).

Payments of principal, interest and premium, if any, on the notes will be made to Cede & Co., or such other nominee as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. DTC's practice is to credit Direct Participants' accounts, upon DTC's receipt of funds and corresponding detail information from us on the payment date in accordance with their respective holdings shown on DTC's records. Payments by 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" and will be the responsibility of such Participant and not of DTC, or us, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time. Payment of redemption proceeds, distributions, and dividends to Cede & Co. (or such other nominee as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC) is our responsibility and disbursement of such payments to Direct Participants will be the responsibility of DTC, and disbursement of such payments to the Beneficial Owners will be the responsibility of Direct and Indirect Participants.

Investors electing to hold their notes through DTC will follow the settlement practices applicable to U.S. corporate debt obligations. The securities custody accounts of investors will be credited with their holdings on the settlement date against payment in same-day funds within DTC effected in U.S. dollars.

Secondary market sales of book-entry interests in the notes between DTC Participants will occur in the ordinary way in accordance with DTC rules and will be settled using the procedures applicable to United States corporate debt obligations in DTC's Settlement System.

Table of Contents

If DTC is at any time unwilling, unable or ineligible to continue as depository and a successor depository is not appointed by us within 90 days, we will issue individual notes in exchange for the Global Security representing such notes. In addition, we may, at any time and in our sole discretion, determine not to have the notes represented by one or more Global Securities and, in such event, will issue individual notes in exchange for the Global Security or Securities representing the notes. Individual notes will be issued in denominations of \$2,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof. See Description of Debt Securities Global Securities in the accompanying prospectus.

We will not have any responsibility or obligation to participants in the DTC system or the persons for whom they act as nominees with respect to the accuracy of the records of DTC, its nominee or any Direct or Indirect Participant with respect to any ownership interest in the notes, or with respect to payments to or providing of notice for the Direct Participants, the Indirect Participants or the beneficial owners of the notes.

The information in this section concerning DTC and its book-entry systems has been obtained from sources that we believe to be reliable. Neither we, the trustee nor the underwriters, dealers or agents are responsible for the accuracy or completeness of this information.

S-28

Table of Contents**UNDERWRITING**

Barclays Capital Inc., J.P. Morgan Securities LLC, Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated Citigroup Global Markets Inc. and Wells Fargo Securities, LLC are acting as joint book-running managers of the offering. Subject to the terms and conditions stated in the underwriting agreement dated the date of this prospectus supplement, each underwriter below has, severally and not jointly, agreed to purchase, and we have agreed to sell to that underwriter the respective principal amounts of notes set forth opposite the underwriter's name.

Underwriter	Principal Amount of the 2023 Notes	Principal Amount of the 2043 Notes
Barclays Capital Inc.	\$	\$
J.P. Morgan Securities LLC		
Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated		
Citigroup Global Markets Inc.		
Wells Fargo Securities, LLC		
Total	\$	\$

The underwriting agreement provides that the obligations of the underwriters to purchase the notes included in this offering are subject to approval of legal matters by counsel and to other conditions. The underwriters are obligated to purchase all the notes if they purchase any of the notes.

The underwriters propose to offer the notes directly to the public at the applicable public offering prices set forth on the cover page of this prospectus and may offer the notes to dealers at the applicable public offering price less a concession not to exceed % of the principal amount of the 2023 notes (in the case of the 2023 notes) and % of the principal amount of the 2043 notes (in the case of the 2043 notes). The underwriters may allow, and dealers may reallow a concession, not to exceed % of the principal amount of the 2023 notes (in the case of the 2023 notes) and % of the principal amount of the 2043 notes (in the case of the 2043 notes) on sales to other dealers.

The following table shows the underwriting discounts and commissions that we are to pay to the underwriters in connection with this offering (expressed as a percentage of the principal amount of each series of notes).

	Paid by Loews
Per 2023 note	%
Per 2043 note	%

In connection with the offering, Barclays Capital Inc., J.P. Morgan Securities LLC and Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated may purchase and sell the notes in the open market. These transactions may include over-allotment, syndicate covering transactions and stabilizing transactions. Over-allotment involves syndicate sales of notes in excess of the principal amount of notes to be purchased by the underwriters in the offering, which creates a syndicate short position. Syndicate covering transactions involve purchases of the notes in the open market after the distribution has been completed in order to cover syndicate short positions. Stabilizing transactions consist of certain bids or purchases of notes made for the purpose of preventing or retarding a decline in the market price of the notes while the offering is in progress.

Any of these activities may have the effect of preventing or retarding a decline in the market price of the notes. They may also cause the price of the notes to be higher than the price that would otherwise exist in the open market in the absence of these transactions. The underwriters may conduct these transactions in the over-the-counter market or otherwise. If the underwriters commence any of these transactions, they may discontinue them at any time.

We estimate that our total expenses of this offering will be \$, excluding the underwriters' discounts and commissions.

Table of Contents

The underwriters and their affiliates have performed investment and commercial banking and advisory services for us and our subsidiaries from time to time for which they have received customary fees and expenses. The underwriters and/or their affiliates may, from time to time, engage in transactions with and perform services for us in the ordinary course of their business.

In addition, in the ordinary course of their business activities, the underwriters and their affiliates may make or hold a broad array of investments and actively trade debt and equity securities (or related derivative securities) and financial instruments (including bank loans) for their own account and for the accounts of their customers. Such investments and securities activities may involve securities and/or instruments of ours and our affiliates. If any of the underwriters or their affiliates has a lending relationship with us, certain of those underwriters or their affiliates may hedge their credit exposure to us consistent with their customary risk management policies. Typically, such underwriters and their affiliates would hedge such exposure by entering into transactions which consist of either the purchase of credit default swaps or the creation of short positions in our securities, including potentially the notes offered hereby. Any such credit default swaps or short positions could adversely affect future trading prices of the notes offered hereby. The underwriters and their affiliates may also make investment recommendations and/or publish or express independent research views in respect of such securities or financial instruments and may hold, or recommend to clients that they acquire, long and/or short positions in such securities and instruments.

We have agreed to indemnify the underwriters against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act of 1933, or to contribute to payments the underwriters may be required to make because of any of those liabilities.

S-30

Table of Contents

FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Investors are cautioned that certain statements contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement constitute forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 (the "Act"). Forward-looking statements include, without limitation, any statement that may project, indicate or imply future results, events, performance or achievements, and may contain the words "expect," "intend," "plan," "anticipate," "estimate," "believe," "will be," "will continue," "will likely result," and similar expressions. In addition, any statement concerning future financial performance (including future revenues, earnings or growth rates), ongoing business strategies or prospects, and possible actions taken by us or our subsidiaries, which may be provided by management are also forward-looking statements as defined by the Act.

Forward-looking statements are based on current expectations and projections about future events and are inherently subject to a variety of risks and uncertainties, many of which are beyond our control, that could cause actual results to differ materially from those anticipated or projected. These risks and uncertainties include, among others:

Risks and uncertainties primarily affecting us and our insurance subsidiaries

the risks and uncertainties associated with CNA's loss reserves, as outlined under Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations—Results of Operations by Business Segment—CNA Financial—Reserves—Estimates and Uncertainties in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012, including the sufficiency of the reserves and the possibility for future increases, which would be reflected in the results of operations in the period that the need for such adjustment is determined;

the risk that the other parties to the transaction in which, subject to certain limitations, CNA ceded its legacy A&EP liabilities will not fully perform their obligations to CNA, the uncertainty in estimating loss reserves for A&EP liabilities and the possible continued exposure of CNA to liabilities for A&EP claims that are not covered under the terms of the transaction;

the performance of reinsurance companies under reinsurance contracts with CNA;

the impact of competitive products, policies and pricing and the competitive environment in which CNA operates, including changes in CNA's book of business;

product and policy availability and demand and market responses, including the level of ability to obtain rate increases and decline or non-renew underpriced accounts, to achieve premium targets and profitability and to realize growth and retention estimates;

general economic and business conditions, including recessionary conditions that may decrease the size and number of CNA's insurance customers and create additional losses to CNA's lines of business, especially those that provide management and professional liability insurance, as well as surety bonds, to businesses engaged in real estate, financial services and professional services, and inflationary pressures on medical care costs, construction costs and other economic sectors that increase the severity of claims;

conditions in the capital and credit markets, including continuing uncertainty and instability in these markets, as well as the overall economy, and their impact on the returns, types, liquidity and valuation of CNA's investments;

conditions in the capital and credit markets that may limit CNA's ability to raise significant amounts of capital on favorable terms, as well as restrictions on our ability or willingness to provide additional capital support to CNA;

Table of Contents

the possibility of changes in CNA's ratings by ratings agencies, including the inability to access certain markets or distribution channels and the required collateralization of future payment obligations as a result of such changes, and changes in rating agency policies and practices;

regulatory limitations, impositions and restrictions upon CNA, including the effects of assessments and other surcharges for guaranty funds and second-injury funds, other mandatory pooling arrangements and future assessments levied on insurance companies as well as the new federal financial regulatory reform of the insurance industry established by the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act;

increased operating costs and underwriting losses arising from the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and the related amendments in the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act, as well as health care reform proposals at the state level;

regulatory limitations and restrictions, including limitations upon CNA's ability to receive dividends from its insurance subsidiaries imposed by regulatory authorities, including regulatory capital adequacy standards;

weather and other natural physical events, including the severity and frequency of storms, hail, snowfall and other winter conditions, natural disasters such as hurricanes and earthquakes, as well as climate change, including effects on weather patterns, greenhouse gases, sea, land and air temperatures, sea levels, rain and snow;

regulatory requirements imposed by coastal state regulators in the wake of hurricanes or other natural disasters, including limitations on the ability to exit markets or to non-renew, cancel or change terms and conditions in policies, as well as mandatory assessments to fund any shortfalls arising from the inability of quasi-governmental insurers to pay claims;

man-made disasters, including the possible occurrence of terrorist attacks and the effect of the absence or insufficiency of applicable terrorism legislation on coverages;

the unpredictability of the nature, targets, severity or frequency of potential terrorist events, as well as the uncertainty as to CNA's ability to contain its terrorism exposure effectively; and

the occurrence of epidemics.

Risks and uncertainties primarily affecting us and our energy subsidiaries

the impact of changes in worldwide demand for oil and natural gas and oil and gas price fluctuations on E&P activity, including possible write-downs of the carrying value of natural gas and NGL properties and impairments of goodwill and reduced demand for offshore drilling services;

the continuing effects of the Macondo well blowout, including, without limitation, the impact on drilling in the U.S. Gulf of Mexico, related delays in permitting activities and related regulations and market developments;

timing and cost of completion of rig upgrades, construction projects and other capital projects, including delivery dates and drilling contracts;

changes in foreign and domestic oil and gas exploration, development and production activity;

risks of international operations, compliance with foreign laws and taxation policies and expropriation or nationalization of equipment and assets;

government policies regarding exploration and development of oil and gas reserves;

market conditions in the offshore oil and gas drilling industry, including utilization levels and dayrates;

timing and duration of required regulatory inspections for offshore oil and gas drilling rigs;

S-32

Table of Contents

the risk of physical damage to rigs and equipment caused by named windstorms in the U.S. Gulf of Mexico;

the availability, cost limits and adequacy of insurance and indemnification;

the impact of new pipelines or new gas supply sources on competition and basis spreads on Boardwalk Pipeline's pipeline systems, which may impact its ability to maintain or replace expiring gas transportation and storage contracts and to sell short term capacity on its pipelines;

the costs of maintaining and ensuring the integrity and reliability of Boardwalk Pipeline's pipeline systems;

the impact of current and future environmental laws and regulations and exposure to environmental liabilities including matters related to global climate change;

regulatory issues affecting natural gas transmission, including ratemaking and other proceedings particularly affecting Boardwalk Pipeline's gas transmission subsidiaries;

the timing, cost, scope and financial performance of Boardwalk Pipeline's recent, current and future acquisitions and growth projects, including the expansion into new product lines and geographical areas; and

the development of additional natural gas reserves and changes in reserve estimates.

Risks and uncertainties affecting us and our subsidiaries generally

general economic and business conditions;

risks of war, military operations, other armed hostilities, terrorist acts or embargoes;

potential changes in accounting policies by the Financial Accounting Standards Board, the Securities and Exchange Commission or regulatory agencies for any of our subsidiaries' industries which may cause us or our subsidiaries to revise their financial accounting and/or disclosures in the future, and which may change the way analysts measure our and our subsidiaries' business or financial performance;

the impact of regulatory initiatives and compliance with governmental regulations, judicial rulings and jury verdicts;

the results of financing efforts by us and our subsidiaries, including any additional investments by us in our subsidiaries;

the ability of customers and suppliers to meet their obligations to us and our subsidiaries;

Edgar Filing: LOEWS CORP - Form 424B5

the consummation of contemplated transactions and agreements;

the successful integration, transition and management of acquired businesses;

the outcome of pending or future litigation, including any tobacco-related suits to which we are or may become a party;

possible casualty losses;

the availability of indemnification by Lorillard and its subsidiaries for any tobacco-related liabilities that we may incur as a result of tobacco-related lawsuits or otherwise, as provided in the separation agreement between Lorillard and Loews; and

potential future asset impairments.

Developments in any of these areas, which we describe more fully elsewhere in documents incorporated by reference into this prospectus, could cause our results to differ materially from results that have been or may be

S-33

Table of Contents

anticipated or projected. Given these risks and uncertainties, investors should not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements speak only as of the date the statement was made and we expressly disclaim any obligation or undertaking to update these statements to reflect any change in our expectations or beliefs or any change in events, conditions or circumstances on which any forward-looking statement is based.

LEGAL MATTERS

Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP, New York, New York, and Gary W. Garson, Senior Vice President, Secretary and General Counsel of Loews Corporation, are acting as legal counsel to us in connection with this offering. As of May 1, 2013, Mr. Garson owned options to purchase 33,750 shares of Loews common stock and 247,496 stock appreciation rights. Cravath, Swaine & Moore LLP, New York, New York, is representing the underwriters in connection with this offering.

EXPERTS

The consolidated financial statements and the related financial statement schedules, and management's report on the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement from our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2012, have been audited by Deloitte & Touche LLP, independent registered public accounting firm, as stated in their report, which is incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement, and have been so incorporated in reliance upon the report of such firm given upon their authority as experts in accounting and auditing.

S-34

Table of Contents

PROSPECTUS

LOEWS CORPORATION

Debt Securities

Preferred Stock

Common Stock

Warrants

Subscription Rights

Stock Purchase Contracts

Stock Purchase Units

Loews Corporation may offer from time to time (i) unsecured senior or subordinated debt securities, (ii) preferred stock, (iii) common stock, (iv) warrants to purchase debt securities, preferred stock, common stock or other securities, (v) subscription rights to purchase debt securities, preferred stock, common stock or other securities, (vi) stock purchase contracts obligating holders to purchase from or sell to us common stock or preferred stock at a future date or dates, and (vii) stock purchase units, each consisting of a stock purchase contract and any combination of debt securities or debt obligations of third parties, including U.S. Treasury securities, which would secure the holder's obligation to purchase from or to sell to us, as the case may be, preferred stock or common stock under the stock purchase contract.

We will provide the terms of these securities in supplements to this prospectus. You should read this prospectus and any applicable prospectus supplement carefully before you invest in our securities.

Our common stock is listed for trading on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol **L**. If we decide to seek a listing of any debt securities, preferred stock or warrants offered by this prospectus, the applicable prospectus supplement will disclose the exchange or market on which such securities will be listed, if any, or where we have made an application for listing, if any.

Our principal office is located at 667 Madison Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10065-8087. Our telephone number is (212) 521-2000.

Investing in these securities involves risks. Please see the section entitled **Risk Factors in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011, which is incorporated by reference herein, and the risk factors included in our other periodic reports and in prospectus supplements relating to specific offerings of securities that we file with the Securities and Exchange Commission.**

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or determined if this prospectus or any accompanying prospectus supplement is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

The date of this prospectus is February 22, 2012

Table of Contents

TABLE OF CONTENTS

<u>ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS</u>	i
<u>FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS</u>	i
<u>LOEWS CORPORATION</u>	1
<u>WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION</u>	2
<u>USE OF PROCEEDS</u>	3
<u>RATIO OF EARNINGS TO FIXED CHARGES</u>	3
<u>DESCRIPTION OF DEBT SECURITIES</u>	4
<u>DESCRIPTION OF CAPITAL STOCK</u>	11
<u>DESCRIPTION OF WARRANTS</u>	16
<u>DESCRIPTION OF SUBSCRIPTION RIGHTS</u>	17
<u>DESCRIPTION OF STOCK PURCHASE CONTRACTS AND STOCK PURCHASE UNITS</u>	18
<u>PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION</u>	19
<u>LEGAL MATTERS</u>	23
<u>EXPERTS</u>	23

ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS

This prospectus is part of a registration statement that we filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") using a shelf registration process. Under this shelf process, we may sell any combination of the securities described in this prospectus in one or more offerings. This prospectus provides you with a general description of the securities we may offer. We will provide the terms of these securities in supplements to this prospectus. The prospectus supplement may also add, update, or change information contained in this prospectus. We urge you to read both this prospectus and any prospectus supplement together with additional information described in the section entitled "Where You Can Find More Information."

In this prospectus, the words "we," "us," "our," and "Loews" refer to Loews Corporation, and "our board of directors" refers to the board of directors of Loews Corporation.

FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This prospectus, any accompanying prospectus supplement and the information incorporated by reference in this prospectus include forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 (the "Securities Act") and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act"). These forward-looking statements are based on our management's beliefs and assumptions and on information currently available to our management. Forward-looking statements include information concerning our possible or assumed future results of operations and statements preceded by, followed by or that include the words "believes," "expects," "anticipates," "intends," "plans," "estimates" or similar expressions.

Forward-looking statements involve risks, uncertainties and assumptions. Actual results may differ materially from those expressed in these forward-looking statements. Factors that could cause actual results to differ from these forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, those discussed elsewhere in this prospectus, any accompanying prospectus supplement and the documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus. You should not put undue reliance on any forward-looking statements. We do not have any intention or obligation to update forward-looking statements after we distribute this prospectus.

Table of Contents

LOEWS CORPORATION

We are a holding company. Our subsidiaries are engaged in the following lines of business:

commercial property and casualty insurance (CNA Financial Corporation (CNA), a 90% owned subsidiary);

operation of offshore oil and gas drilling rigs (Diamond Offshore Drilling, Inc. (Diamond Offshore), a 50.4% owned subsidiary);

exploration, production and marketing of natural gas and oil (including condensate and natural gas liquids) (HighMount Exploration & Production LLC (HighMount), a wholly-owned subsidiary);

interstate transportation and storage of natural gas (Boardwalk Pipeline Partners, LP (Boardwalk Pipeline), a 61% owned subsidiary);
and

operation of hotels (Loews Hotels Holding Corporation (Loews Hotels), a wholly-owned subsidiary).

CNA. CNA is an insurance holding company whose primary subsidiaries consist of commercial property and casualty insurance companies. CNA's property and casualty insurance operations are conducted by Continental Casualty Company and The Continental Insurance Company and their respective affiliates. CNA accounted for 63.4%, 63.0% and 60.0% of our consolidated total revenue for the years ended December 31, 2011, 2010 and 2009, respectively.

Diamond Offshore. Diamond Offshore is engaged, through its subsidiaries, in the business of owning and operating drilling rigs that are used in the drilling of offshore oil and gas wells on a contract basis for companies engaged in exploration and production of hydrocarbons. Diamond Offshore owns 49 offshore rigs. Diamond Offshore accounted for 23.6%, 23.0% and 25.9% of our consolidated total revenue for the years ended December 31, 2011, 2010 and 2009, respectively.

HighMount. HighMount is engaged in the exploration, production and marketing of natural gas and oil (including condensate and natural gas liquids), primarily in the Permian Basin in Texas. HighMount accounted for 2.5%, 2.9% and 4.4% of our consolidated total revenue for the years ended December 31, 2011, 2010 and 2009, respectively.

Boardwalk Pipeline. Boardwalk Pipeline is engaged in the interstate transportation and storage of natural gas. Boardwalk Pipeline owns and operates three interstate natural gas pipelines with approximately 14,200 miles of interconnected pipelines, directly serving customers in 12 states and indirectly serving customers throughout the northeastern and southeastern United States through numerous interconnections with unaffiliated pipelines. Boardwalk Pipeline accounted for 8.1%, 7.7% and 6.4% of our consolidated total revenue for the years ended December 31, 2011, 2010 and 2009, respectively.

Loews Hotels. Loews Hotels currently operates 17 hotels, 15 of which are in the United States and two of which are in Canada. Loews Hotels accounted for 2.4%, 2.1% and 2.0% of our consolidated total revenue for the years ended December 31, 2011, 2010 and 2009, respectively.

We derive substantially all of our cash flow from our subsidiaries. We rely upon our invested cash balances and distributions from our subsidiaries to generate the funds necessary to meet our obligations and to declare and pay any dividends to our shareholders. The ability of our subsidiaries to make such payments is subject to, among other things, the availability of sufficient funds in such subsidiaries and applicable state laws (including, in the case of the insurance subsidiaries of CNA, laws and rules governing the payment of dividends by regulated insurance companies). Claims of creditors of our subsidiaries will generally have priority as to the assets of such subsidiaries over our claims and those of our creditors and shareholders.

Our principal executive offices are located at 667 Madison Avenue, New York, New York 10065-8087. Our telephone number is (212) 521-2000.

Table of Contents

WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

We file annual, quarterly and current reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC. You may read and copy any reports or other information that we file with the SEC at its Public Reference Room located at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington D.C. 20549. You may also receive copies of these documents upon payment of a duplicating fee by writing to the SEC's Public Reference Room. Please call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330 for further information on the Public Reference Room. Our SEC filings are also available to the public from commercial documents retrieval services, at our website (www.loews.com) and at the SEC's website (www.sec.gov). Information on our website is not incorporated into this prospectus or our other SEC filings and is not a part of this prospectus or those filings.

The SEC allows us to incorporate by reference the information that we file with them into this prospectus. This means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to other documents filed separately with the SEC, including our annual, quarterly and current reports. The information incorporated by reference is considered to be a part of this prospectus, except for any information that is modified or superseded by information contained in this prospectus or any other subsequently filed document. The information incorporated by reference is an important part of this prospectus and any accompanying prospectus supplement. All documents filed (but not those that are furnished) by us with the SEC pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act after the initial filing of the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part and, with respect to any offering of securities pursuant hereto prior to the termination of such offering, will be incorporated by reference into this prospectus and will automatically update and supersede the information in this prospectus, any accompanying prospectus supplement and any previously filed document.

The following documents have been filed by us with the SEC (File No. 1-6541) and are incorporated by reference into this prospectus:

Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011; and

The description of the common stock contained in a registration statement filed under the Exchange Act.

We will provide without charge to each person, including any beneficial owner, to whom this prospectus is delivered, upon written or oral request, a copy of any or all of the foregoing documents incorporated herein by reference (other than exhibits unless such exhibits are specifically incorporated by reference in such documents). Requests for such documents should be directed to Loews Corporation, 667 Madison Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10065-8087, Attention: Corporate Secretary (telephone: (212) 521-2000).

No person is authorized to give any information or represent anything not contained in this prospectus, any accompanying prospectus supplement and any applicable free writing prospectus. We are only offering the securities in places where sales of those securities are permitted. The information contained in this prospectus, any accompanying prospectus supplement and any applicable free writing prospectus, as well as information incorporated by reference herein, is current only as of the date of that information. Our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed since that date.

Table of Contents**USE OF PROCEEDS**

Unless otherwise specified in connection with a particular offering of securities, the net proceeds from the sale of the securities offered by this prospectus will be used for general corporate purposes.

RATIO OF EARNINGS TO FIXED CHARGES

The table below sets forth our ratio of earnings to fixed charges for each of the five years in the period ended December 31, 2011, which was computed by dividing pretax income from continuing operations available for fixed charges (pretax income from continuing operations before adjustment for noncontrolling interests in consolidated subsidiaries and income or loss from equity investees, plus fixed charges, amortization of capitalized interest, and distributed income of equity investees, less capitalized interest) by fixed charges. Fixed charges include (a) interest expense, (b) capitalized interest, (c) amortization of debt issuance costs, (d) interest credited to policyholder account balances, and (e) one-third of rent expense, which we believe represents the interest factor attributable to rent. Since no shares of preferred stock were outstanding during the periods presented, the ratio of income from continuing operations to fixed charges and preferred stock dividends would be the same as the ratios presented here.

	Years Ended December 31,				
	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
Ratio of earnings to fixed charges	4.9x	5.7x	3.9x	2.9x	8.4x

Table of Contents

DESCRIPTION OF DEBT SECURITIES

This prospectus describes certain general terms and provisions of the debt securities. The debt securities will constitute either unsecured senior debt or unsecured subordinated debt. We will issue debt securities that will be senior debt under an indenture dated as of March 1, 1986 between us and The Bank of New York Mellon (as successor to The Chase Manhattan Bank, National Association), as trustee, as supplemented by a first supplemental indenture on March 30, 1993 and a second supplemental indenture on February 18, 1997 (as supplemented, the senior indenture). We will issue debt securities that will be subordinated debt under an indenture dated as of December 1, 1985 between us and The Bank of New York Mellon (as successor to Manufacturers Hanover Trust Company), as the trustee, as supplemented by a first supplemental indenture on February 18, 1997, a second supplemental indenture on February 18, 1997 and a third supplemental indenture on September 16, 1997 (as supplemented, the subordinated indenture). This prospectus refers to the senior indenture and the subordinated indenture individually as the indenture and collectively as the indentures. The term trustee refers to the trustee under each indenture, as appropriate.

The indentures are subject to and governed by the Trust Indenture Act of 1939. The indentures are substantially identical, except for the provisions relating to subordination, which are included only in the subordinated indenture. The following summary of the material provisions of the indentures and the debt securities is not complete and is subject to, and is qualified in its entirety by reference to, all of the provisions of the indentures, each of which has been filed as an exhibit to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part. We urge you to read the indenture that is applicable to you because it, and not the summary below, defines your rights as a holder of debt securities. You can obtain copies of the indentures by following the directions described in the section entitled Where You Can Find More Information.

In the summary below, we have included references to section numbers of the indentures so that you can easily locate those provisions. Unless otherwise noted, the referenced section numbers are the same in each indenture. Capitalized terms used in the summary below have the meanings specified in the indentures. The referenced sections of the indentures and the definitions of capitalized terms are incorporated by reference in the following summary.

General

The senior debt securities will rank equally with all of our other unsecured and unsubordinated debt. The subordinated debt securities will be subordinated in right of payment to our Senior Indebtedness. For additional information, see Subordination below. As of December 31, 2011, approximately \$0.7 billion aggregate principal amount of Loews's existing debt would have ranked senior to the subordinated debt securities and equally with the senior debt securities. As of December 31, 2011, none of Loews's existing debt would have been subordinated to the senior debt securities and have ranked equally with the subordinated debt securities. The indentures do not limit the amount of debt, either secured or unsecured, which may be issued by us under the indentures or otherwise. The debt securities may be issued in one or more series with the same or various maturities and may be sold at par, a premium or an original issue discount. Debt securities sold at an original issue discount may bear no interest or interest at a rate which is below market rates.

Since Loews is a holding company, the right of Loews, and hence the rights of the creditors and shareholders of Loews, to participate in any distribution of assets of any subsidiary upon its liquidation or reorganization or otherwise is accordingly subject to prior claims of creditors of the subsidiary, except to the extent that claims of Loews itself as a creditor of the subsidiary may be recognized. As of December 31, 2011, Loews's subsidiaries had approximately \$8.3 billion aggregate principal amount of debt outstanding. The indentures do not prohibit us or our subsidiaries from incurring debt or agreeing to limitations on their ability to pay dividends or make other distributions to us.

The applicable prospectus supplement or free writing prospectus, as the case may be, relating to a series of debt securities will describe the terms of such debt securities being offered, including (to the extent such terms are applicable to such debt securities):

designation, aggregate principal amount, denomination and currency or currency unit;

date of maturity;

Table of Contents

currency or currency units for which such debt securities may be purchased and in which principal of, premium, if any, and any interest will or may be payable;

interest rate or rates (or the manner of calculation thereof), if any;

the times at which any such interest will be payable;

the place or places where the principal and interest, if any, will be payable;

any redemption provisions, including, if applicable, the terms of any optional make-whole redemption provisions;

any sinking fund provisions;

whether and under what circumstances we will pay additional amounts on such debt securities held by a person who is not a U.S. person in respect of any tax, assessment or governmental charge withheld or deducted and, if so, whether we will have the option to redeem such debt securities rather than pay such additional amounts;

whether and under what circumstances we may from time to time, without the consent of holders of debt securities, issue additional debt securities, having the same ranking and the same interest rate, maturity and other terms as the debt securities being offered, except for the issue price and issue date and, in some cases, the first interest payment date, whereby such additional securities will, together with the then outstanding debt securities, constitute a single class of debt securities under the indentures, and will vote together on matters under the senior indenture;

federal income tax consequences;

whether and under what circumstances we will issue the debt securities in whole or in part as Global Securities as described below under Global Securities;

applicable conversion or exchange privileges; and

any other specific terms of the offered debt securities, including any terms which may be required by or advisable under United States laws or regulations.

For purposes of this prospectus, U.S. person means a citizen, national or resident of the United States of America, its territories, possessions and all areas subject to its jurisdiction (the United States), a corporation, partnership or other entity created or organized in or under the laws of the United States or any political subdivision thereof, or an estate or trust, the income of which is subject to United States federal income tax regardless of its source.

Debt securities may be presented for exchange, and registered debt securities may be presented for transfer, in the manner, at the places and subject to the restrictions set forth in the debt securities and as summarized in the applicable prospectus supplement or free writing prospectus. Such services will be provided without charge, other than any tax or other governmental charge payable in connection with such exchange or transfer, but subject to the limitations provided in the applicable indenture.

Optional Make-Whole Redemption of Debt Securities

Unless otherwise specified in connection with any particular offering of debt securities, we may redeem any such debt securities in whole at any time or in part from time to time, at our option, at a make-whole redemption price equal to the greater of:

- (1) 100% of the principal amount of the debt securities being redeemed; and
- (2) the sum of the present values of the remaining scheduled payments of the principal and interest (other than interest accruing to the date of redemption) on the debt securities being redeemed, discounted to the redemption date on a semi-annual basis (assuming a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months) at the Treasury Rate plus a spread as indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement or free writing prospectus, as calculated by a Reference Treasury Dealer.

Table of Contents

In each case, we will pay accrued interest on the principal amount of the debt securities being redeemed to the redemption date.

Comparable Treasury Issue means, with respect to the particular series of debt securities, the United States Treasury security selected by an Independent Investment Banker as having a maturity comparable to the remaining term (Remaining Life) of the debt securities being redeemed that would be utilized, at the time of selection and in accordance with customary financial practice, in pricing new issues of corporate debt securities of comparable maturity to the remaining term of such debt securities.

Comparable Treasury Price means, with respect to any redemption date, (1) the average of five Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations for such redemption date, after excluding the highest and lowest Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations, or (2) if the trustee obtains fewer than five such Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations, the average of all such quotations.

Independent Investment Banker means one of the Reference Treasury Dealers that we appoint to act as the Independent Investment Banker from time to time.

Reference Treasury Dealer means any entity that is a primary U.S. Government securities dealer in New York City and that is selected by us.

Reference Treasury Dealer Quotations means, for each Reference Treasury Dealer and any redemption date, the average, as determined by the trustee, of the bid and asked prices for the Comparable Treasury Issue (expressed in each case as a percentage of its principal amount) quoted in writing to the trustee by the Reference Treasury Dealer at 5:00 p.m. New York City time on the third business day preceding the redemption date for the debt securities being redeemed.

Treasury Rate means, with respect to any redemption date, the rate per year equal to the semiannual equivalent yield to maturity of the Comparable Treasury Issue, calculated using a price for the Comparable Treasury Issue (expressed as a percentage of its principal amount) equal to the Comparable Treasury Price for such redemption date.

If we elect to redeem less than all of a series of debt securities, then the trustee will select the particular debt securities of that series to be redeemed in a manner it deems appropriate and fair.

Notice of any redemption will be mailed at least 30 days but not more than 60 days before the date of redemption to each holder of the series of debt securities to be redeemed. The notice of redemption for a series of debt securities will state, among other things, the amount of debt securities to be redeemed, the redemption date, the redemption price and the place or places that payment will be made upon presentation and surrender of the debt securities to be redeemed. Unless we default in payment of the redemption price, on and after the date of redemption, interest will cease to accrue on the debt securities of that series or the portions called for redemption.

Subordination

The indebtedness represented by the subordinated debt securities is subordinated in right of payment to existing and future Senior Indebtedness, as described in the subordinated indenture and any accompanying prospectus supplement or free writing prospectus (Section 1301 of the subordinated indenture). The term Senior Indebtedness means:

all indebtedness for money borrowed incurred by us, unless the terms of the instrument or instruments by which such indebtedness is incurred or created expressly provide that such indebtedness is subordinate to the subordinated debt securities or that such indebtedness is not superior in right of payment to the subordinated debt securities;

any other indebtedness, obligation or liability incurred by us (including any guaranty, endorsement or other contingent obligation of ours in respect of, or to purchase, or otherwise acquire, any obligation of another), direct or indirect, absolute or contingent, or matured or unmatured, which is specifically designated by us as Senior Indebtedness in the instruments evidencing such indebtedness, obligation or liability at the time of its issuance or incurrence; or

Table of Contents

any deferral, renewal or extension of any of the foregoing (Section 101 of the subordinated indenture).

By reason of such subordination, in the event of dissolution, insolvency, bankruptcy or other similar proceedings, upon any distribution of assets, (i) the holders of subordinated debt securities will be required to pay over their share of such distribution in respect of the subordinated debt securities to the holders of Senior Indebtedness until such Senior Indebtedness is paid in full and (ii) creditors of ours who are not holders of Senior Indebtedness may recover less, ratably, than holders of Senior Indebtedness, and may recover more, ratably, than holders of subordinated debt securities (Section 1301 of the subordinated indenture).

Conversion and Exchange

The terms, if any, on which debt securities of any series will be convertible into or exchangeable for our common stock, our preferred stock, another series of our debt securities, other securities, property or cash, or a combination of any of the foregoing, will be summarized in the applicable prospectus supplement or free writing prospectus, as the case may be, relating to such series of debt securities. Such terms may include provisions for conversion or exchange, either on a mandatory basis, at the option of the holder, or at our option, in which the number of shares or amount of our common stock, our preferred stock, another series of our debt securities, other securities, property or cash to be received by the holders of the debt securities would be calculated according to the factors and at such time as summarized in the related prospectus supplement or free writing prospectus.

Global Securities

Debt securities of a series may be issued in whole or in part in the form of one or more Global Securities that will be deposited with, or on behalf of, a depository (the "Depository") identified in applicable prospectus supplement or free writing prospectus, as the case may be, relating to such series. Unless otherwise specified by us, the Depository will be The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York. Global Securities may be issued only in fully registered form and may be issued in either temporary or permanent form. Unless and until it is exchanged in whole or in part for the individual debt securities that it represents, a Global Security may not be transferred except as a whole by the Depository for such Global Security to a nominee of such Depository or by a nominee of such Depository to such Depository or another nominee of such Depository or by the Depository or any nominee of such Depository to a successor Depository or any nominee of such successor.

The specific terms of the depository arrangement with respect to a series of debt securities will be summarized in the applicable prospectus supplement or free writing prospectus, as the case may be, relating to such series. We anticipate that the following provisions will generally apply to depository arrangements.

Upon the issuance of a Global Security, the Depository for such Global Security or its nominee will credit on its book-entry registration and transfer system the respective principal amounts of the individual debt securities represented by such Global Security to the accounts of persons that have accounts with the Depository ("Participants"). Such accounts shall be designated by the underwriters, dealers or agents with respect to such debt securities or by us if such debt securities are offered and sold directly by us. Ownership of beneficial interests in a Global Security will be limited to Participants or persons that may hold interests through Participants. Ownership of beneficial interests in such Global Security will be shown on, and the transfer of that ownership will be effected only through, records maintained by the applicable Depository or its nominee (with respect to interests of Participants) and records of Participants (with respect to interests of persons who hold through Participants).

So long as the Depository for a Global Security or its nominee is the registered owner of such Global Security, the Depository or such nominee, as the case may be, will be considered the sole owner or holder of the debt securities represented by such Global Security for all purposes under the applicable indenture. Except as provided below, owners of beneficial interests in a Global Security will not be entitled to have any of the individual debt securities of the series represented by such Global Security registered in their names, will not receive or be entitled to receive physical delivery of any such debt securities of such series in definitive form and will not be considered the owners or holders of such debt securities under the applicable indenture.

Payments of principal of and any premium and any interest on individual debt securities represented by a Global Security registered in the name of a Depository or its nominee will be made to the Depository or its nominee, as the case may be, as the registered owner of the Global Security representing such debt securities.

Table of Contents

None of Loews, the trustee, any paying agent or the security registrar for such debt securities will have any responsibility or liability for any aspect of the records relating to or payments made on account of beneficial ownership interests in the Global Security for such debt securities or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing any records relating to such beneficial ownership interests.

We expect that the Depository for a series of debt securities or its nominee, upon receipt of any payment of principal, premium or interest in respect of a permanent Global Security representing any of such debt securities, immediately will credit Participants' accounts with payments in amounts proportionate to their respective beneficial interests in the principal amount of such Global Security for such debt securities as shown on the records of such Depository or its nominee. We also expect that payments by Participants to owners of beneficial interests in such Global Security held through such Participants will be governed by standing instructions and customary practices, as is now the case with securities held for the accounts of customers registered in street name. Such payments will be the responsibility of such Participants.

If a Depository for a series of debt securities is at any time unwilling, unable or ineligible to continue as depository and a successor depository is not appointed by us within 90 days, we will issue individual debt securities of such series in exchange for the Global Security representing such series of debt securities. In addition, we may, at any time and in our sole discretion, subject to any limitations described in the applicable prospectus supplement or free writing prospectus, as the case may be, relating to such series of debt securities, determine not to have any debt securities of such series represented by one or more Global Securities and, in such event, will issue individual debt securities of such series in exchange for the Global Security or Securities representing such series of debt securities. Individual debt securities of such series so issued will be issued in denominations, unless otherwise specified by us, of \$1,000 and integral multiples thereof.

Defeasance

At our option, either (a) we will be Discharged (as defined below) from any and all obligations in respect of any series of debt securities or (b) we will cease to be under any obligation to comply with the restriction on our ability to merge, consolidate or sell assets set forth in the applicable indenture, in either case if we deposit irrevocably with the trustee, in trust, specifically for the benefit of the holders of such series, money or U.S. Government Obligations (as defined below) which through the payment of interest thereon and principal thereof in accordance with their terms will provide money in an amount sufficient (in the written opinion of a nationally recognized firm of independent accountants in the case of U.S. Government Obligations or a combination of money and U.S. Government Obligations) to pay all the principal of (including any sinking fund payments or analogous obligations), and interest on, the debt securities of such series on the dates such payments are due in accordance with the terms of such series of debt securities. To exercise such option, we are required to deliver to the trustee an opinion of nationally recognized tax counsel to the effect that holders of the debt securities of such series will not recognize income, gain or loss for federal income tax purposes as a result of such deposit and discharge and will be subject to federal income tax in the same amount and in the same manner and at the same times as would have been the case if such deposit and discharge had not occurred.

The term **Discharged** is defined to mean that we are deemed to have paid and discharged the entire indebtedness represented by, and obligations under, the debt securities of such series and to have satisfied all the obligations under the indenture relating to the debt securities of such series, except for:

the rights of holders of the debt securities of such series to receive, from the trust fund described above, payment of the principal of and the interest on the debt securities of such series when such payments are due,

our obligations with respect to the debt securities of such series with respect to registration, transfer, exchange, replacement of mutilated, destroyed, lost and stolen certificates, maintenance of a paying office and holding money in trust, and

the rights, powers, trusts, duties and immunities of the trustee under the applicable indenture.

The term **U.S. Government Obligations** is defined to mean securities that are (i) direct obligations of the United States of America for the payment of which its full faith and credit is pledged or (ii) obligations of a Person controlled or supervised by and acting as an agency or instrumentality of the United States of America the

Table of Contents

payment of which is unconditionally guaranteed as a full faith and credit obligation by the United States of America, which, in either case under clauses (i) or (ii) are not callable or redeemable at the option of the issuer thereof, and also includes a depository receipt issued by a bank or trust company, as custodian with respect to any such U.S. Government Obligation held by such custodian for the account of the holder of a depository receipt, provided that (except as required by law) such custodian is not authorized to make any deduction from the amount payable to the holder of such depository receipt from any amount received by the custodian in respect of the U.S. Government Obligation or the specific payment of interest on or principal of the U.S. Government Obligations evidenced by such depository receipt (Section 1402 of the senior indenture; Section 1502 of the subordinated indenture).

Modification of the Indentures

Modifications and amendments of either indenture may be made by us and the trustee with the consent of the holders of not less than a majority in principal amount of all outstanding debt securities affected by such modification or amendment; provided, however, that no such modification or amendment may, without the consent of the holder of each outstanding debt security affected thereby:

change the stated maturity of the principal of, or any installment of principal of or interest on, any debt security;

reduce the principal amount of or interest on, or any premium payable upon redemption of, any debt security;

change certain other terms related to waiver of defaults or covenants; or

reduce the percentage of the principal amount of the outstanding debt security of any series, the consent of whose holders is required to modify or amend the applicable indenture or waive compliance with, or consent to certain defaults under, the provisions of such indenture (Section 902).

Our board of directors does not have the power to waive any of the covenants of either indenture, including those relating to consolidation, merger or sale of assets.

Events of Default, Notice and Waiver

The following will be Events of Default with respect to any particular series of the debt securities:

default in any payment of interest on such series when due, continued for 30 days;

default in any payment of principal and premium, if any, of, or sinking fund installment on, such series when due;

default in the performance, or breach, of any covenant or warranty of ours applicable to such series continued for 60 days after written notice to us by the trustee or the holders of at least 25% in principal amount of such series;

default resulting in the acceleration of any indebtedness of ours for money borrowed in excess of \$100,000,000 under the terms of the instrument under which such indebtedness is or may be outstanding, if such acceleration is not rescinded or annulled within 10 days after notice to us by the trustee or the holders of at least 25% in principal amount of such series; and

certain events of bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization (Section 501).

Edgar Filing: LOEWS CORP - Form 424B5

No Event of Default with respect to a particular series of debt securities necessarily constitutes an Event of Default with respect to any other series of debt securities (Section 501).

The trustee will, within 90 days after the occurrence of any default with respect to any series of the debt securities, give to the holders thereof notice of such default known to the trustee, unless such default has been cured or waived (the term default for this purpose means any event which is, or after notice or lapse of time, or both, would become, an Event of Default); provided that, except in the case of a default in the payment of principal of (or premium, if any) or interest on any of such series of debt securities or in the payment of any

Table of Contents

sinking fund installments, the trustee will be protected in withholding such notice if and so long as it in good faith determines that the withholding of such notice is in the interest of the holders of the debt securities of that series (Section 602).

We will be required to furnish to the trustee each year a statement as to the compliance by us with the terms, provisions and conditions of the applicable indenture (Section 1004).

The holders of a majority in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of any series may, in respect of such series, waive certain defaults and may direct the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the trustee or exercising any trust or power conferred on the trustee, provided that such direction shall not be in conflict with any rule of law or with the applicable indenture (Sections 512, 513). The trustee has the right to decline to follow any such direction if the trustee in good faith determines that the proceeding so directed would be unjustly prejudicial to the holders of debt securities of such series not joining in any such direction or would involve the trustee in personal liability. Each indenture provides that in case an Event of Default occurs and is continuing with respect to any series of the debt securities, the trustee will be required to exercise any of its rights and powers under such indenture with the degree of care and skill such as a prudent man would exercise in the conduct of his own affairs (Section 601). Subject to such provisions, the trustee will be under no obligation to exercise any of its rights or powers under the applicable indenture at the direction of any of the holders of such debt securities unless such holders have offered to the trustee reasonable security or indemnity against the costs, expenses and liabilities which might be incurred by the trustee in complying with such direction (Section 603).

If an Event of Default occurs and is continuing with respect to the debt securities of any series, the trustee or the holders of at least 25% in principal amount of such series may declare such series due and payable (Section 502).

Each indenture provides that no holder of debt securities of any series may institute any action against us under such indenture (except actions for payment of overdue principal or interest or premium, if any) unless the holders of at least 25% in principal amount of such series have requested the trustee to institute such action and have offered the trustee reasonable indemnity, and the trustee has not instituted such action within 60 days of such request (Section 507).

Consolidation, Merger or Sale of Assets

We may not consolidate with or merge into any other corporation or sell our assets substantially as an entirety, unless:

the corporation formed by such consolidation or into which we are merged or the corporation which acquires our assets is organized in the United States and expressly assumes the due and punctual payment of the principal of (and premium, if any) and interest on all the debt securities, if any, issued under the applicable indenture and the performance of every covenant of such indenture to be performed by us, and

immediately after giving effect to such transaction, no Event of Default, and no event which after notice or lapse of time or both would become an Event of Default, has happened and is continuing.

Upon any such consolidation, merger or sale, the successor corporation formed by such consolidation, or into which we are merged or to which such sale is made, will succeed to, and be substituted for, us under such indenture (Sections 801, 802).

Other than the covenants described above, or as set forth in any accompanying prospectus supplement or applicable free writing prospectus, as the case may be, the indentures and the debt securities do not contain any covenants or other provisions designed to afford holders of the debt securities protection in the event of a takeover, recapitalization or a highly leveraged transaction involving us.

Concerning the Trustee

We and the trustee may from time to time engage in normal and customary banking transactions.

Table of Contents

DESCRIPTION OF CAPITAL STOCK

*The following description of certain terms of our capital stock does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to our certificate of incorporation, our by-laws, and the applicable provisions of the Delaware General Corporation Law. Our certificate of incorporation and our by-laws have been filed as exhibits to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part. For more information on how you can obtain our certificate of incorporation and by-laws, please see the section entitled **Where You Can Find More Information**. We urge you to read our certificate of incorporation and by-laws in their entirety. The following description of our common stock updates any description thereof contained in any document incorporated by reference herein.*

General

Our certificate of incorporation provides that we are authorized to issue 1,900,000,000 shares of capital stock, consisting of 100,000,000 shares of preferred stock, par value \$0.10 per share, and 1,800,000,000 shares of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share. As of February 1, 2012, we had outstanding 396,793,726 shares of common stock and no shares of preferred stock.

Although our board of directors has no intention at the present time of doing so, it could issue common stock, warrants or a series of preferred stock that could, depending on the terms of such securities, impede the completion of a merger, tender offer or other takeover attempt. Our board of directors will make any determination to issue such shares based on its judgment as to the best interests of us and our shareholders. Our board of directors, in so acting, could issue securities having terms that could discourage an acquisition attempt through which an acquirer may be able to change the composition of our board of directors, including a tender offer or other transaction that some, or a majority, of our shareholders might believe to be in their best interests or in which our shareholders might receive a premium for their stock over the then-current market price of the stock.

Preferred Stock

The following description of certain terms of the preferred stock does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to our certificate of incorporation, the applicable provisions of the Delaware General Corporation Law and the certificate of designations that relates to the particular series of preferred stock, which will be filed with the SEC at or prior to the time of the sale of the related preferred stock. Certain terms of any series of preferred stock offered by any prospectus supplement will be set forth in the certificate of designations, and summarized in the prospectus supplement, relating to such series of preferred stock. If so indicated in the prospectus supplement, the terms of any such series may differ from the terms set forth below. If there are differences between the prospectus supplement relating to a particular series and this prospectus, the prospectus supplement will control. For more information on how you can obtain our certificate of incorporation and any applicable certificate of designations, please see the section entitled **Where You Can Find More Information**. We urge you to read our certificate of incorporation and any applicable certificate of designations in their entirety.

General. The board of directors is authorized to establish and designate series of preferred stock and to fix the number of shares and the relative rights, preferences and limitations of the respective series of preferred stock. The terms of a particular series of preferred stock may differ, among other things, in:

the designation and number of shares comprising such series;

the dividends, if any, which shall be payable on the shares of such series and any preferences and other terms and conditions applicable thereto;

any rights and preferences of the holders of the shares of such series upon the liquidation, dissolution, or winding up of our affairs, or upon any distribution of our assets;

the full, limited or special voting rights, if any, of the shares of such series, in addition to voting rights provided by law, and the terms and conditions applicable thereto;

Edgar Filing: LOEWS CORP - Form 424B5

any provision with respect to the conversion of the shares of such series into, or the exchange of such shares for, shares of any other class or classes, or of any other series of any class, of our capital stock

Table of Contents

and/or any other property or cash, and the terms and conditions applicable to any such conversion or exchange;

any provision with respect to the redemption, purchase, or retirement of such shares and the terms and conditions applicable thereto;

any provision with respect to the issuance of additional shares of such series or of any other class or series on a parity with or superior to the shares of such series; and

any other relative, participating, optional or special powers, preferences, or rights of, and any other qualifications, limitations, or restrictions with respect to, the shares of such series as the board of directors may deem advisable.

Unless otherwise specifically set forth in the certificate of designations, and summarized in the prospectus supplement relating to a series of preferred stock, all shares of preferred stock will be of equal rank, preference and priority as to dividends; when the stated dividends are not paid in full, the shares of all series of the preferred stock will share ratably in any payment thereof; and upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up, if assets are insufficient to pay in full all preferred stock, then such assets shall be distributed among the holders ratably.

Since we are a holding company, our right, and hence the right of our creditors and shareholders, to participate in any distribution of assets of any subsidiary upon its liquidation or reorganization or otherwise is necessarily subject to the prior claims of creditors of such subsidiary, except to the extent that our claims as a creditor of such subsidiary may be recognized.

Dividend Rights. Except as may be set forth in the certificate of designations, and summarized in the prospectus supplement relating to a series of preferred stock, the holders of preferred stock will be entitled to receive, but only when and as declared by our board of directors out of funds legally available for that purpose, cash dividends at the rates and on the dates set forth in the certificate of designations, and summarized in the prospectus supplement relating to a particular series of preferred stock, and no more, payable quarterly. Such rate may be fixed or variable. Each such dividend will be payable to the holders of record as they appear on our stock books on such record dates as will be fixed by our board of directors or a duly authorized committee thereof. Dividends payable on the preferred stock for any period less than a full quarter will be computed on the basis of the actual number of days elapsed over a 360 day year and for a period of a full calendar quarter, will be computed on the basis of a 360 day year consisting of twelve 30-day months. Except as may be set forth in the prospectus supplement relating to a series of preferred stock, such dividends will be payable from, and will be cumulative from, the date of original issue of each share, so that, if in any quarterly dividend period (being the period between such dividend payment dates), dividends at the rate or rates as set forth in the certificate of designations, and summarized in the prospectus supplement, relating to such series of preferred stock have not been declared and paid or set apart for payment on all outstanding shares of preferred stock for such quarterly dividend period and all preceding quarterly dividend periods from and after the first day from which dividends are cumulative, then the aggregate deficiency will be declared and fully paid or set apart for payment, but without interest, before any dividends are declared or paid or set apart for payment on our common stock by us. After payment in full of all dividend arrearages on the preferred stock, dividends on our common stock may be declared and paid out of funds legally available for that purpose as our board of directors may determine.

Redemption. We will have such rights, if any, to redeem shares of preferred stock, and the holders of preferred stock will have such rights, if any, to cause us to redeem shares of preferred stock, as may be set forth in the certificate of designations, and summarized in the prospectus supplement, relating to a series of preferred stock.

Conversion or Exchange. The holders of preferred stock will have such rights, if any, to convert such shares into or to exchange such shares for, shares of any other class or classes, or of any other series of any class, of our capital stock and/or any other property or cash, as may be set forth in the certificate of designations, and summarized in the prospectus supplement, relating to a series of preferred stock.

Voting Rights. The holders of preferred stock will have such voting rights as required by applicable law and as may be set forth in the certificate of designations, and summarized in the prospectus supplement relating to a series of preferred stock.

Table of Contents

Liquidation Rights. Upon any liquidation, dissolution or winding up of our affairs, whether voluntary or involuntary, holders of preferred stock will have such preferences and priorities, if any, with respect to distribution of our assets or the proceeds thereof as may be set forth in the certificate of designations and summarized in the prospectus supplement relating to a series of preferred stock.

Miscellaneous. The transfer agent, dividend disbursing agent and registrar for the preferred stock issued in connection with this prospectus will be as set forth in the certificate of designations and summarized in the prospectus supplement. The holders of preferred stock, including any preferred stock issued in connection with this prospectus, will not have any preemptive rights to purchase or subscribe for any shares of any class or other securities of any type of ours. When issued, the preferred stock will be fully paid and nonassessable. The certificate of designations setting forth the provisions of each series of preferred stock will become effective after the date of the applicable prospectus supplement but on or before issuance of the related series of preferred stock.

Common Stock

The following description of certain rights of our common stock does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to our certificate of incorporation, our by-laws and the applicable provisions of the Delaware General Corporation Law.

Voting Rights. Holders of our common stock are entitled to one vote for each share of common stock they hold on all matters voted on by shareholders, including elections of directors, and, except as otherwise required by law or provided in any resolution adopted by our board of directors with respect to any series of our preferred stock or any other class of our common stock hereafter created, the holders of our common stock possess all voting power of our capital stock.

Elections of directors are decided by a majority of the votes cast by holders of capital stock entitled to vote thereon in person or by proxy at a meeting, so long as quorum is present, except that (i) contested elections of directors are decided by a plurality of votes cast by holders of shares of capital stock entitled to vote thereon, and (ii) newly created directorships resulting from an increase in the number of directors and vacancies occurring in the board of directors for any reason may be filled by vote of a majority of the directors then in office, although less than a quorum, at any meeting of the board of directors, or may be elected by a plurality of the votes cast by the holders of shares of capital stock entitled to vote in the election at a special meeting of the shareholders called for that purpose. Except as provided by the Delaware General Corporation Law, all other matters to be voted upon by shareholders are decided by a majority of the votes cast by holders of shares of our capital stock entitled to vote thereon in person or by proxy at a meeting, so long as a quorum is present.

Dividends and Liquidation Rights. Subject to any preferential rights of any outstanding series of preferred stock created by our board of directors hereafter, the holders of common stock are entitled to such dividends as may be declared from time to time by our board of directors from funds available therefor, and, upon liquidation, holders of our common stock will share ratably in the funds remaining for distribution to our common shareholders.

Miscellaneous. The outstanding shares of common stock are, and any shares of common stock offered hereby upon issuance and payment therefor will be, fully paid and nonassessable. The common stock has no preemptive or conversion rights and there are no redemption or sinking fund provisions applicable thereto.

The common stock is listed for trading on the New York Stock Exchange under the ticker symbol **L**.

The transfer agent and registrar for the common stock is BNY Mellon Shareowner Services, 480 Washington Boulevard, Jersey City, NJ 07310 (telephone: (800) 358-9151).

Anti-Takeover Considerations

The Delaware General Corporation Law, our certificate of incorporation and our by-laws contain provisions which could serve to discourage or to make more difficult a change in control of us without the support of our board of directors or without meeting various other conditions.

Table of Contents

Extraordinary Corporate Transactions

Delaware law provides that the holders of a majority of the shares entitled to vote must approve any fundamental corporate transactions such as mergers, sales of all or substantially all of a corporation's assets, dissolutions, etc.

State Takeover Legislation

Section 203 of the Delaware General Corporation Law, in general, prohibits a business combination between a corporation and an interested shareholder within three years of the time such shareholder became an interested shareholder, unless (a) prior to such time, the board of directors of the corporation approved either the business combination or the transaction that resulted in the shareholder becoming an interested shareholder, (b) upon consummation of the transaction that resulted in the shareholder becoming an interested shareholder, the interested shareholder owned at least 85% of the voting stock of the corporation outstanding at the time the transaction commenced, exclusive of shares owned by directors who are also officers and by certain employee stock plans or (c) at or subsequent to such time, the business combination is approved by the board of directors and authorized by the affirmative vote at a shareholders' meeting of at least 66 2/3 % of the outstanding voting stock which is not owned by the interested shareholder. The restrictions of Section 203 of the Delaware General Corporation Law do not apply to corporations that have elected, in the manner provided therein, not to be subject to Section 203 of the Delaware General Corporation Law or, with certain exceptions, which do not have a class of voting stock that is listed on a national securities exchange or held of record by more than 2,000 shareholders. We have elected not to be governed by Section 203 of the Delaware General Corporation Law.

Rights of Dissenting Shareholders

Delaware law does not afford appraisal rights in a merger transaction to holders of shares that are either listed on a national securities exchange or held of record by more than 2,000 shareholders, provided that such shares will be converted into stock of the surviving corporation or another corporation, which corporation in either case must also be listed on a national securities exchange or held of record by more than 2,000 shareholders. In addition, Delaware law denies appraisal rights to shareholders of the surviving corporation in a merger if the surviving corporation's shareholders weren't required to approve the merger.

Shareholder Action

Delaware law provides that, unless otherwise stated in the certificate of incorporation, any action which may be taken at an annual meeting or special meeting of shareholders may be taken without a meeting, if a consent in writing is signed by the holders of the outstanding stock having the minimum number of votes necessary to authorize the action at a meeting of shareholders. Our certificate of incorporation does not provide otherwise and thus permits action by written consent.

Meetings of Shareholders

Our by-laws provide that special meetings of the shareholders may be called at any time by the board of directors or by the chairman of the board, the president or by the secretary or upon the written request of holders of a majority of the shares of our capital stock entitled to vote in an election of directors.

Cumulative Voting

Delaware law permits shareholders to cumulate their votes and either cast them for one candidate or distribute them among two or more candidates in the election of directors only if expressly authorized in a corporation's certificate of incorporation. Our certificate of incorporation does not authorize cumulative voting.

Removal of Directors

Delaware law provides that, except in the case of a classified board of directors or where cumulative voting applies, a director, or the entire board of directors, of a corporation may be removed, with or without cause, by the affirmative vote of a majority of the shares of the corporation entitled to vote at an election of directors.

Table of Contents

Our by-laws provide that any or all of the directors may be removed, with or without cause, by vote of the shareholders.

Vacancies

Delaware law provides that vacancies and newly created directorships resulting from a resignation or any increase in the authorized number of directors elected by all of the shareholders having the right to vote as a single class may be filled by a majority of the directors then in office, unless the governing documents of a corporation provide otherwise.

Our by-laws provide that newly created directorships resulting from an increase in the number of directors and vacancies occurring in the board of directors for any reason, may be filled by vote of a majority of the directors then in office, although less than a quorum, at any meeting of the board of directors or may be elected by a plurality of the votes cast by the holders of shares of capital stock entitled to vote in the election at a special meeting of the shareholders called for that purpose.

No Preemptive Rights

Holders of common stock do not have any preemptive rights to subscribe for any additional shares of capital stock or other obligations convertible into or exercisable for shares of capital stock that Loews may issue in the future.

Table of Contents

DESCRIPTION OF WARRANTS

We may issue warrants to purchase debt securities, preferred stock, common stock or other securities. We may issue warrants independently or together with other securities. Warrants sold with other securities may be attached to or separate from the other securities. We will issue warrants under one or more warrant agreements between us and a warrant agent that we will name in the prospectus supplement.

The prospectus supplement relating to any warrants we offer will include specific terms relating to the offering. These terms will include some or all of the following:

the title of the warrants;

the aggregate number of warrants offered;

the designation, number and terms of the debt securities, preferred stock, common stock or other securities purchasable upon exercise of the warrants and procedures by which those numbers may be adjusted;

the exercise price of the warrants;

the dates or periods during which the warrants are exercisable;

the designation and terms of any securities with which the warrants are issued;

if the warrants are issued as a unit with another security, the date on and after which the warrants and the other security will be separately transferable;

if the exercise price is not payable in U.S. dollars, the foreign currency, currency unit or composite currency in which the exercise price is denominated;

any minimum or maximum amount of warrants that may be exercised at any one time;

any terms relating to the modification of the warrants;

any terms, procedures and limitations relating to the transferability, exchange or exercise of the warrants; and

any other specific terms of the warrants.

The description in the prospectus supplement will not necessarily be complete and will be qualified in its entirety by reference to the applicable warrant agreement, which will be filed with the SEC.

Table of Contents

DESCRIPTION OF SUBSCRIPTION RIGHTS

We may issue subscription rights to purchase debt securities, preferred stock, common stock or other securities. These subscription rights may be issued independently or together with any other security offered hereby and may or may not be transferable by the shareholder receiving the subscription rights in such offering. In connection with any offering of subscription rights, we may enter into a standby arrangement with one or more underwriters or other purchasers pursuant to which the underwriters or other purchasers may be required to purchase any securities remaining unsubscribed for after such offering.

The applicable prospectus supplement will describe the specific terms of any offering of subscription rights for which this prospectus is being delivered, including the following:

the price, if any, for the subscription rights;

the exercise price payable for each share of debt securities, preferred stock, common stock or other securities upon the exercise of the subscription rights;

the number of subscription rights issued to each shareholder;

the number and terms of the shares of debt securities, preferred stock, common stock or other securities which may be purchased per each subscription right;

the extent to which the subscription rights are transferable;

any other terms of the subscription rights, including the terms, procedures and limitations relating to the exchange and exercise of the subscription rights;

the date on which the right to exercise the subscription rights shall commence, and the date on which the subscription rights shall expire;

the extent to which the subscription rights may include an over-subscription privilege with respect to unsubscribed securities; and

if applicable, the material terms of any standby underwriting or purchase arrangement entered into by us in connection with the offering of subscription rights.

The description in the applicable prospectus supplement of any subscription rights we offer will not necessarily be complete and will be qualified in its entirety by reference to the applicable subscription rights certificate, which will be filed with the SEC if we offer subscription rights. For more information on how you can obtain copies of any subscription rights certificate if we offer subscription rights, please see the section entitled **Where You Can Find More Information**. We urge you to read the applicable subscription rights certificate and any applicable prospectus supplement in their entirety.

Table of Contents

DESCRIPTION OF STOCK PURCHASE CONTRACTS AND STOCK PURCHASE UNITS

We may issue stock purchase contracts, including contracts obligating holders to purchase from or sell to us, and us to sell to or purchase from the holders, a specified number of shares of common stock or shares of preferred stock at a future date or dates. The consideration per share of common stock or preferred stock and the number of shares of each may be fixed at the time the stock purchase contracts are issued or may be determined by reference to a specific formula set forth in the stock purchase contracts. The stock purchase contracts may be issued separately or as part of units, often known as stock purchase units, consisting of a stock purchase contract and any combination of:

debt securities, or

debt obligations of third parties, including U.S. Treasury securities, which may secure the holders' obligations to purchase the common stock or preferred stock under the stock purchase contracts. The stock purchase contracts may require us to make periodic payments to the holders of the stock purchase units or vice versa, and these payments may be unsecured or prefunded on some basis. The stock purchase contracts may require holders to secure their obligations under those contracts in a specified manner.

The applicable prospectus supplement will describe the terms of the stock purchase contracts and stock purchase units, including, if applicable, collateral arrangements relating thereto.

Table of Contents

PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

We may sell the securities offered by this prospectus from time to time in one or more transactions, including without limitation:

directly to purchasers;

through agents;

to or through underwriters or dealers; or

through a combination of these methods.

A distribution of the securities offered by this prospectus may also be effected through the issuance of derivative securities, including without limitation, warrants, exchangeable securities, forward delivery contracts and the writing of options.

In addition, the manner in which we may sell some or all of the securities covered by this prospectus includes, without limitation, through:

a block trade in which a broker-dealer will attempt to sell as agent, but may position or resell a portion of the block, as principal, in order to facilitate the transaction;

purchases by a broker-dealer, as principal, and resale by the broker-dealer for its account;

ordinary brokerage transactions and transactions in which a broker solicits purchasers; or

privately negotiated transactions.

We may also enter into hedging transactions. For example, we may:

enter into transactions with a broker-dealer or affiliate thereof in connection with which such broker-dealer or affiliate will engage in short sales of the common stock pursuant to this prospectus, in which case such broker-dealer or affiliate may use shares of common stock received from us to close out its short positions;

sell securities short and redeliver such shares to close out our short positions;

enter into option or other types of transactions that require us to deliver common stock to a broker-dealer or an affiliate thereof, who will then resell or transfer the common stock under this prospectus; or

loan or pledge the common stock to a broker-dealer or an affiliate thereof, who may sell the loaned shares or, in an event of default in the case of a pledge, sell the pledged shares pursuant to this prospectus.

Edgar Filing: LOEWS CORP - Form 424B5

In addition, we may enter into derivative or hedging transactions with third parties, or sell securities not covered by this prospectus to third parties in privately negotiated transactions. In connection with such a transaction, the third parties may sell securities covered by and pursuant to this prospectus and an applicable prospectus supplement or free writing prospectus, as the case may be. If so, the third party may use securities borrowed from us or others to settle such sales and may use securities received from us to close out any related short positions. We may also loan or pledge securities covered by this prospectus and an applicable prospectus supplement to third parties, who may sell the loaned securities or, in an event of default in the case of a pledge, sell the pledged securities pursuant to this prospectus and the applicable prospectus supplement or free writing prospectus, as the case may be.

A prospectus supplement with respect to each series of securities will state:

the terms of the offering of the securities;

the method of distribution, including the name or names of any underwriters, dealers or agents and the amounts of securities underwritten or purchased by each of them, if any;

the public offering price or purchase price of the securities and the net proceeds to be received by us from the sale;

Table of Contents

any delayed delivery arrangements;

any initial public offering price;

any underwriting discounts or agency fees and other items constituting underwriters' or agents' compensation;

any discounts or concessions allowed or reallocated or paid to dealers; and

any securities exchange on which the securities may be listed.

The offer and sale of the securities described in this prospectus by us, the underwriters or the third parties described above may be effected from time to time in one or more transactions, including privately negotiated transactions, either:

at a fixed price or prices, which may be changed;

at market prices prevailing at the time of sale, including in at the market offerings within the meaning of Rule 415(a)(4) of the Securities Act;

at prices related to the prevailing market prices; or

at negotiated prices.

General

Any public offering price and any discounts, commissions, concessions or other items constituting compensation allowed or reallocated or paid to underwriters, dealers, agents or remarketing firms may be changed from time to time. Underwriters, dealers, agents and remarketing firms that participate in the distribution of the offered securities may be underwriters as defined in the Securities Act. Any discounts or commissions they receive from us and any profits they receive on the resale of the offered securities may be treated as underwriting discounts and commissions under the Securities Act. We will identify any underwriters, agents or dealers and describe their commissions, fees or discounts in the applicable prospectus supplement or free writing prospectus, as the case may be.

Underwriters and Agents

If underwriters are used in a sale, they will acquire the offered securities for their own account. The underwriters may resell the offered securities in one or more transactions, including negotiated transactions. These sales may be made at a fixed public offering price or prices, which may be changed, at market prices prevailing at the time of the sale, at prices related to such prevailing market price or at negotiated prices. We may offer the securities to the public through an underwriting syndicate or through a single underwriter. The underwriters in any particular offering will be mentioned in the applicable prospectus supplement or free writing prospectus, as the case may be.

Unless otherwise specified in connection with any particular offering of securities, the obligations of the underwriters to purchase the offered securities will be subject to certain conditions contained in an underwriting agreement that we will enter into with the underwriters at the time of the sale to them. The underwriters will be obligated to purchase all of the securities of the series offered if any of the securities are purchased, unless otherwise specified in connection with any particular offering of securities. Any initial public offering price and any discounts or concessions allowed, reallocated or paid to dealers may be changed from time to time.

Edgar Filing: LOEWS CORP - Form 424B5

We may designate agents to sell the offered securities. Unless otherwise specified in connection with any particular offering of securities, the agents will agree to use their best efforts to solicit purchases for the period of their appointment. We may also sell the offered securities to one or more remarketing firms, acting as principals for their own accounts or as agents for us. These firms will remarket the offered securities upon purchasing them in accordance with a redemption or repayment pursuant to the terms of the offered securities. A prospectus supplement or free writing prospectus, as the case may be, will identify any remarketing firm and will describe the terms of its agreement, if any, with us and its compensation.

Table of Contents

In connection with offerings made through underwriters or agents, we may enter into agreements with such underwriters or agents pursuant to which we receive our outstanding securities in consideration for the securities being offered to the public for cash. In connection with these arrangements, the underwriters or agents may also sell securities covered by this prospectus to hedge their positions in these outstanding securities, including in short sale transactions. If so, the underwriters or agents may use the securities received from us under these arrangements to close out any related open borrowings of securities.

Dealers

We may sell the offered securities to dealers as principals. We may negotiate and pay dealers' commissions, discounts or concessions for their services. Dealers may then resell such securities to the public either at varying prices to be determined by the dealers or at a fixed offering price agreed to with us at the time of resale. Dealers engaged by us may allow other dealers to participate in resales.

Direct Sales

We may choose to sell the offered securities directly. In this case, no underwriters or agents would be involved.

Institutional Purchasers

We may authorize agents, dealers or underwriters to solicit certain institutional investors to purchase offered securities on a delayed delivery basis pursuant to delayed delivery contracts providing for payment and delivery on a specified future date. The applicable prospectus supplement or free writing prospectus, as the case may be, will provide the details of any such arrangement, including the offering price and commissions payable on the solicitations.

We will enter into such delayed contracts only with institutional purchasers that we approve. These institutions may include commercial and savings banks, insurance companies, pension funds, investment companies and educational and charitable institutions.

Indemnification; Other Relationships

We may have agreements with agents, underwriters, dealers and remarketing firms to indemnify them against certain civil liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act. Agents, underwriters, dealers and remarketing firms, and their affiliates, may engage in transactions with, or perform services for, us in the ordinary course of business. This includes commercial banking and investment banking transactions.

Market Making, Stabilization and Other Transactions

There is currently no market for any of the offered securities, other than our common stock, which is listed for trading on the New York Stock Exchange. If the offered securities are traded after their initial issuance, they may trade at a discount from their initial offering price, depending upon prevailing interest rates, the market for similar securities and other factors. While it is possible that an underwriter could inform us that it intended to make a market in the offered securities, such underwriter would not be obligated to do so, and any such market making could be discontinued at any time without notice. Therefore, no assurance can be given as to whether an active trading market will develop for the offered securities. We have no current plans for listing of the debt securities, preferred stock or warrants on any securities exchange; any such listing with respect to any particular debt securities, preferred stock or warrants will be described in an applicable prospectus supplement or free writing prospectus.

In connection with any offering, the underwriters may purchase and sell shares of common stock in the open market. These transactions may include short sales, syndicate covering transactions and stabilizing transactions. Short sales involve syndicate sales of common stock in excess of the number of shares to be purchased by the underwriters in the offering, which creates a syndicate short position. Covered short sales are sales of shares

Table of Contents

made in an amount up to the number of shares represented by the underwriters' over-allotment option. In determining the source of shares to close out the covered syndicate short position, the underwriters will consider, among other things, the price of shares available for purchase in the open market as compared to the price at which they may purchase shares through the over-allotment option. Transactions to close out the covered syndicate short involve either purchases of the common stock in the open market after the distribution has been completed or the exercise of the over-allotment option. The underwriters may also make 'naked' short sales of shares in excess of the over-allotment option. The underwriters must close out any naked short position by purchasing shares of common stock in the open market. A naked short position is more likely to be created if the underwriters are concerned that there may be downward pressure on the price of the shares in the open market after pricing that could adversely affect investors who purchase in the offering. Stabilizing transactions consist of bids for or purchases of shares in the open market while the offering is in progress for the purpose of pegging, fixing or maintaining the price of the securities.

In connection with any offering, the underwriters may also engage in penalty bids. Penalty bids permit the underwriters to reclaim a selling concession from a syndicate member when the securities originally sold by the syndicate member are purchased in a syndicate covering transaction to cover syndicate short positions. Stabilizing transactions, syndicate covering transactions and penalty bids may cause the price of the securities to be higher than it would be in the absence of the transactions. The underwriters may, if they commence these transactions, discontinue them at any time.

Fees and Commissions

In compliance with the guidelines of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. ('FINRA'), the aggregate maximum discount, commission or agency fees or other items constituting underwriting compensation to be received by any FINRA member or independent broker-dealer shall be fair and reasonable and shall be expressed as a percentage of any offering pursuant to this prospectus and any applicable prospectus supplement or free writing prospectus, as the case may be.

If more than 5% of the net proceeds of any offering of securities made under this prospectus will be received by any FINRA member participating in the offering, including the affiliates and associated persons of such FINRA member, the offering will be conducted in accordance with FINRA Rule 5121(a).

Table of Contents

LEGAL MATTERS

Unless otherwise specified in connection with the particular offering of any securities, the validity of the securities offered by this prospectus will be passed upon for us by Gary W. Garson, Esq., our Senior Vice President, Secretary and General Counsel. As of February 22, 2012, Mr. Garson owned options and stock appreciation rights with respect to an aggregate of 391,250 shares of our common stock. If legal matters in connection with offerings made by this prospectus are passed on by counsel for the underwriters, dealers, agents or remarketing firms, if any, that counsel will be named in the applicable prospectus supplement.

EXPERTS

The consolidated financial statements and the related financial statement schedules, incorporated in this Prospectus by reference from Loews's Annual Report on Form 10-K, and the effectiveness of Loews's internal control over financial reporting have been audited by Deloitte & Touche LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, as stated in their reports, which are herein incorporated by reference. Such consolidated financial statements and financial statement schedules have been so incorporated in reliance upon the reports of such firm given upon their authority as experts in accounting and auditing.

The report of HighMount Exploration & Production LLC's staff engineers with regard to its estimated proved reserves of gas and oil at December 31, 2011 incorporated in this prospectus and any accompanying prospectus supplement by reference from Loews's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011 have been audited by Netherland, Sewell & Associates, Inc. in accordance with the Standards Pertaining to the Estimating and Auditing of Oil and Gas Reserves Information promulgated by the Society of Petroleum Engineers.

Table of Contents

\$

Loews Corporation

\$ % Senior Notes due 2023

\$ % Senior Notes due 2043

PRELIMINARY PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT

, 2013

Joint Book-running Managers

Barclays

J.P. Morgan

BofA Merrill Lynch

Citigroup

Wells Fargo Securities