

HILTON HOTELS CORP
Form 8-K
January 23, 2006

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 OR 15(d) of The Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) **January 18, 2006**

HILTON HOTELS CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

I-3427
(Commission
File Number)

36-2058176
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

9336 Civic Center Drive, Beverly Hills, CA
(Address of principal executive offices)

90210
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code **(310) 278-4321**

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

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ITEM 1.01 ENTRY INTO A MATERIAL DEFINITIVE AGREEMENT

Annual Incentive Plan

In March 2005, our Compensation Committee established the 2005 performance goal for the eligibility of our executive officers for bonus awards under the Annual Incentive Plan (the Incentive Plan). The 2005 performance goal was the achievement by Hilton of at least 85% of our budgeted earnings on a consolidated basis before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization (EBITDA) for 2005. Our Compensation Committee also established the total amount of the bonus pool available to our executive officers as .60% of EBITDA reported by Hilton for 2005. Under the Incentive Plan, executive officers can earn a targeted award percentage of the bonus pool amount if the Compensation Committee certifies that the performance goal was met. On January 18, 2006, the Compensation Committee certified that the performance goal for 2005 was achieved, and approved the following bonus payments under the Incentive Plan to our named executive officers: Mr. Bollenbach - \$1,840,000; Mr. Hart - \$768,805; Mr. Keltner - \$474,930; Ms. Kleiner - \$420,992 and Mr. La Forgia - \$375,000. In addition to the annual bonus described above, Mr. Bollenbach also received a special annual bonus of \$137,830 pursuant to the terms of his employment agreement.

Salary Increases

On January 18, 2006, the Compensation Committee approved salary increases for our named executive officers which result in the following annual salaries: Mr. Hart - \$850,000; Mr. Keltner - \$581,411; Ms. Kleiner - \$525,000; and Mr. La Forgia - \$550,000. Mr. Bollenbach is covered by an employment agreement and did not receive a salary increase pursuant to the terms thereof.

2004 Omnibus Equity Compensation Plan

Pursuant to our 2004 Omnibus Equity Compensation Plan (the Equity Plan), on January 18, 2006, our Compensation Committee approved the following grants of both restricted stock units (RSUs) and an identical target amount of performance stock units (PSUs) under the Equity Plan to our named executive officers: Mr. Hart 52,200 units; Mr. Keltner 22,517 units; Ms. Kleiner 24,181 units; and Mr. La Forgia 22,517 units.

Pursuant to the terms of Mr. Bollenbach s employment agreement, on January 18, 2006, he received the following grants under our Equity Plan: (i) a stock option grant of 400,000 shares at a fair market value exercise price of \$24.43, which will vest on the earlier of December 31, 2007 or the termination of Mr. Bollenbach s employment under certain conditions set forth in his employment agreement, and (ii) a PSU grant with a target amount of 140,000 PSU s, which will vest on December 31, 2008 provided that Mr. Bollenbach is employed until December 31, 2007.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Dated: January 23, 2006

HILTON HOTELS CORPORATION

By: */s/ Madeleine A. Kleiner*
Madeleine A. Kleiner
Executive Vice President and General Counsel