

CHOICE HOTELS INTERNATIONAL INC /DE
Form 8-K
February 01, 2018

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): February 1, 2018

CHOICE HOTELS INTERNATIONAL, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or Other Jurisdiction

of Incorporation)

1 Choice Hotels Circle, Suite 400,

001-13393
(Commission

File Number)

52-1209792
(IRS Employer

Identification Number)

20850

Rockville, Maryland
(Address of principal executive offices) **(Zip Code)**
Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (301) 592-5000

Not Applicable

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

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrants under any of the following provisions (*see* General Instruction A.2. below):

Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Item 2.01. Completion of Acquisition or Disposition of Assets

On February 1, 2018, Choice Hotels International, Inc. (the Company), completed its previously announced acquisition (the Transaction) of all of the issued and outstanding equity interests of WoodSpring Hotels Franchise Services LLC (WSFS), pursuant to a Unit Purchase Agreement (the Purchase Agreement), dated as of December 15, 2017, by and among the Company, WoodSpring Hotels LLC and WSFS.

The purchase price paid at closing (the Closing Purchase Price), funded by a combination of cash on hand and available borrowings, was approximately \$231,000,000, reflecting adjustments for cash and indebtedness as well as reductions for transaction expenses payable by WSFS. The Closing Purchase Price is also subject to a customary post-closing adjustment.

The foregoing description of the Purchase Agreement and the Transaction does not purport to be complete and is subject to, and qualified in its entirety by, the full text of the Purchase Agreement, which was filed as Exhibit 2.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on December 18, 2017 and is incorporated by reference herein.

Item 8.01. Other Events.

On February 1, 2018, the Company issued a press release announcing the consummation of the Transaction. A copy of that press release is filed as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated by reference herein.

Additionally, a copy of an investor presentation to be used in connection with discussions with analysts and investors regarding the consummation of the Transaction is filed as Exhibit 99.2 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated by reference herein.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(a) *Financial statements of business acquired.*

The Company intends to file the financial statements of the business acquired as required by this Item 9.01(a) under cover of Form 8-K/A no later than 71 calendar days after the date this Current Report on Form 8-K was required to be filed.

(b) *Pro Forma Financial Information.*

The Company intends to file pro forma financial information as required by this Item 9.01(b) under cover of Form 8-K/A no later than 71 calendar days after the date this Current Report on Form 8-K was required to be filed.

(d) Exhibits. The following exhibits are filed herewith:

Exhibit

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Description

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- 2.1 Unit Purchase Agreement, dated as of December 15, 2017, by and among Choice Hotels International, Inc., WoodSpring Hotels LLC and WoodSpring Hotels Franchise Services LLC (incorporated herein by reference to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on December 18, 2017).
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- 99.2 Investor Presentation of Choice Hotels International, Inc., dated February 1, 2018.

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SIGNATURES

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

CHOICE HOTELS INTERNATIONAL, INC.

Date: February 1, 2018

By: /s/ Simone Wu

Name: Simone Wu

Title: Senior Vice President, General Counsel, Corporate
Secretary & External Affairs

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