LaSalle Hotel Properties Form 8-K May 18, 2012

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): May 18, 2012

LASALLE HOTEL PROPERTIES

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland (State or other jurisdiction

1-14045 (Commission **36-4219376** (IRS Employer

of incorporation) File Number) Identification No.)

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3 Bethesda Metro Center

Suite 1200

Bethesda, Maryland 20814

(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (301) 941-1500

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 registrant under any of the following provisions:

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- " Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

ITEM 7.01. REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE.

On May 18, 2012, LaSalle Hotel Properties (the Company) issued a press release announcing it has closed on a new seven-year \$177.5 million term loan. A copy of such press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this report.

ITEM 8.01. OTHER EVENTS.

On May 18, 2012, the Company announced that it has closed on its new \$177.5 million term loan. The seven-year term loan matures on May 16, 2019. The term loan was swapped to a fixed interest rate for the full seven-year term. The term loan s interest rate will be 3.87 percent when the Company s leverage ratio (as defined in the term loan) is between 4.0 and 4.75 times. Regions Capital Markets and BMO Capital Markets were Joint Lead Arrangers and Joint Book Running Managers. US Bank, BB&T and Raymond James Bank are also participants in the term loan.

ITEM 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit

No. Description

99.1 Press release, dated May 18, 2012, issued by LaSalle Hotel Properties

The information contained in the press release attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this report shall not be deemed filed for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section. Furthermore, the information contained in the press release attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this report shall not be deemed to be incorporated by reference in the filings of the registrant under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

SIGNATURES

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.

LASALLE HOTEL PROPERTIES

Dated: May 18, 2012 BY: /s/ Bruce A. Riggins

Bruce A. Riggins

Chief Financial Officer, Executive Vice President and Secretary

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