LaSalle Hotel Properties Form 8-K January 04, 2013

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 4, 2013

LASALLE HOTEL PROPERTIES

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland 1-14045 36-4219376
(State or other jurisdiction (Commission (IRS Employer of incorporation) File Number) Identification No.)

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)

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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 January 4, 2013, LaSalle Hotel Properties (the "Company") issued a press release announcing the Company's acquisition of The Liberty Hotel in Boston, Massachusetts for \$170.0 million. A copy of such press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this report.

ITEM 8.01. OTHER EVENTS.

The Company acquired The Liberty Hotel in Boston, Massachusetts for \$170.0 million. The Company owns a 99.99% interest in the hotel and the original developer, an entity controlled by Dick Friedman of Carpenter & Company, Inc., retained a 0.01% interest in the hotel. The Company funded the transaction with proceeds from its sale of common shares on December 19, 2012. The 298-room full service, luxury hotel is located at 215 Charles Street in the Beacon Hill neighborhood of Boston.

ITEM 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit Number Description

99.1 Press release dated January 4, 2013

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 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.

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.

Dated: January 4, 2013 LASALLE HOTEL PROPERTIES

BY: /s/ Bruce A. Riggins Bruce A. Riggins

Chief Financial Officer, Executive Vice President and Secretary

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