

LASALLE HOTEL PROPERTIES
Form 8-K
July 23, 2008

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 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): July 21, 2008

LASALLE HOTEL PROPERTIES

(Exact name of registrant specified in its charter)

Maryland
(State of Incorporation)

1-14045
(Commission File Number)
3 Bethesda Metro Center

36-4219376
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

Suite 1200

Bethesda, Maryland 20814

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(Address of principal executive offices, zip code)

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

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Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

In connection with the Company's previously announced succession plan, the board of trustees increased the number of trustees constituting the full board of trustees to eight, and appointed Michael D. Barnello, our President and Chief Operating Officer, as a trustee effective immediately (initially to the class of trustees whose terms expire in 2009) to serve until his successor is duly elected and qualified.

In addition, Julio Morales was named Chief Accounting Officer of LaSalle Hotel Properties (NYSE:LHO) effective immediately. Mr. Morales, 47, has been with the Company since June 2000 and has acted as Controller of the Company since that time. Mr. Morales will continue to have responsibility for the day-to-day accounting functions of the Company and will continue to report to Hans S. Weger, the Company's Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer.

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 thereunto duly authorized.

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By: /s/ Hans S. Weger
Hans S. Weger
Executive Vice President, Treasurer and
Chief Financial Officer

Dated: July 22, 2008