STRATEGIC HOTELS & RESORTS, INC

Form 8-K

October 16, 2014

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): October 10, 2014

Strategic Hotels & Resorts, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland

001-32223

33-1082757

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

(Commission File Number)

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

200 West Madison Street, Suite 1700

Chicago, Illinois 60606

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (312) 658-5000

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 registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2.):

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

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

On October 10, 2014, Strategic Hotels & Resorts, Inc. (the "Company") entered into an amendment (the "Amendment") to the Employment Agreement, dated as of November 19, 2012 (the "Employment Agreement"), with the Company's president and chief executive officer, Raymond L. Gellein, Jr. Pursuant to the Amendment, among other things, (i) the term of the Employment Agreement was extended until December 31, 2015, (ii) Mr. Gellein will receive an annual base salary of not less than \$940,000 and (iii) Mr. Gellein will be eligible to receive an annual cash performance-based bonus between 60% and 240% of annual base salary, with a target bonus of 120% of annual base salary. The foregoing description of the Amendment is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the Amendment, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 10.1 and is incorporated herein by reference. Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit Number Description

Amendment No. 1 to Employment Agreement, dated as of October 10, 2014, by and

between Raymond L. Gellein, Jr. and Strategic Hotels & Resorts, Inc.

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.

STRATEGIC HOTELS & RESORTS, INC.

October 16, 2014 By: /s/ Paula C. Maggio

Name: Paula C. Maggio

Title: Executive Vice President, General Counsel & Secretary

EXHIBIT INDEX

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