STRATEGIC HOTELS & RESORTS, INC Form 8-K March 09, 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) March 9, 2012

Strategic Hotels & Resorts, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland (State or other jurisdiction

001-32223 (Commission 33-1082757 (I.R.S. Employer

of incorporation) File Number) Identification No.)

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200 West Madison Street, Suite 1700,

Chicago, Illinois (Address of principal executive offices) (312) 658-5000 60606 (Zip Code)

(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

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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Item 8.01 Other Events.

On March 9, 2012, Strategic Hotels & Resorts, Inc. (the Company) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC) a prospectus supplement dated March 9, 2012 (the Prospectus Supplement) to its prospectus dated March 2, 2012, which was included in its automatic shelf registration statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-179850) (the Registration Statement) filed with the SEC on March 2, 2012. The Prospectus Supplement relates to the resale from time to time by certain selling stockholders of an aggregate of 23,200,000 shares of the Company s common stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the Shares).

In connection with the resale registration of the Shares, the Company is filing as Exhibit 5.1 hereto the opinion of its counsel, Venable LLP, regarding the legality of the Shares. Exhibit 5.1 is incorporated herein by reference and into the Registration Statement and the Prospectus Supplement.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit Number Description

5.1 Opinion of Venable LLP regarding the legality of the shares offered

23.1 Consent of Venable LLP (included in Exhibit 5.1)

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.

Date: March 9, 2012

STRATEGIC HOTELS & RESORTS, INC.

By: /s/ Paula C. Maggio Name: Paula C. Maggio

Title: Senior Vice President, Secretary &

General Counsel

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