

STRATEGIC HOTELS & RESORTS, INC
Form 8-K
July 06, 2006

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): **June 30, 2006**

Strategic Hotels & Resorts, Inc.

(Exact Name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland

(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

001-32223

(Commission File
Number)

33-1082757

(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

77 West Wacker Drive, Suite 4600, Chicago, Illinois 60601

(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)

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

Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On July 5, 2006, Strategic Hotels & Resorts, Inc. (the Company) announced that SHR Scottsdale, L.L.C., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Strategic Hotel Funding, L.L.C., the operating company of the Company, entered into a Purchase and Sale Agreement (the Agreement) with Scottsdale Princess Partnership, an affiliate of Fairmont Raffles Holdings International (the Seller), dated as of June 30, 2006, to acquire from the Seller the Fairmont Scottsdale Princess hotel for a purchase price of \$345.0 million and an adjacent 10-acre development parcel for \$15.0 million (the Transaction). The Transaction, which is expected to close in the third quarter of 2006, remains subject to contractual closing conditions as well as an existing right of first refusal between the Seller and a third party.

The foregoing description of the Transaction is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Agreement, which will be attached as an exhibit to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended June 30, 2006 which the Company intends to file in August 2006.

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

A copy of the press release relating to the Transaction is attached to this Current Report on Form 8-K (this Current Report) as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein solely for purposes of this Item 7.01 disclosure.

The information in Item 7.01 of this Current Report, including Exhibit 99.1 attached hereto, is being furnished and shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of such section. The information in Item 7.01 of this Current Report, including the exhibit, shall not be incorporated by reference into any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended by the Exchange Act, regardless of any incorporation by reference language in any such filing.

This Current Report contains forward-looking statements about the Company. Except for historical information, the matters discussed in this Current Report are forward-looking statements subject to certain risks and uncertainties that could cause the actual results to differ materially, including but not limited to the following: the satisfaction of all closing conditions; availability of capital; ability to obtain or refinance debt; rising interest rates; rising insurance premiums; cash available for capital expenditures; competition; demand for hotel rooms in our current and proposed market areas; economic conditions generally and in the real estate market specifically; delays in construction and development; demand for hotel condominiums; marketing challenges associated with entering new lines of business; risks related to natural disasters; the pace and extent of the recovery of the New Orleans economy and tourism industry; the successful collection of insurance proceeds and rehabilitation of the New Orleans property; the effect of threats of terrorism and increased security precautions on travel patterns and hotel bookings; the outbreak of hostilities and international political instability; legislative or regulatory changes, including changes to laws governing the taxation of REITs; and changes in generally accepted accounting principles, policies and guidelines applicable to REITs.

Additional risks are discussed in the Company's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Although the Company believes the expectations reflected in such forward-looking statements are based on reasonable assumptions, it can give no assurance that its expectations will be attained. The forward-looking statements are made as of the date of this Current Report, and the Company undertakes no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

| (c) Exhibits Exhibit Number | Description |
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| 99.1 | Press Release dated July 5, 2006 |

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.

By: /s/ Paula Maggio

Name: Paula Maggio

Title: Vice President, Secretary and General Counsel

Date: July 6, 2006