

STRATEGIC HOTELS & RESORTS, INC
Form 8-K
August 06, 2007

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): **July 31, 2007**

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 31, 2007, CTU Holding, S.a.r.l., a wholly owned subsidiary of Strategic Hotel Funding, L.L.C., the operating company of Strategic Hotels & Resorts, Inc. (the “Company”), entered into a Share Purchase Agreement (the “Agreement”) with Societe De Participations Financieres D’Hotellerie and Accor (collectively, the “Sellers”), to acquire from the Sellers all of the shares of capital stock of an entity which owns and operates the hotel Sofitel “Demeure Le Parc” and the restaurant “Le Relais du Parc” (the “Transaction”). The purchase price for the Transaction is approximately €66,500,000. The Transaction closed on July 31, 2007.

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 September 30, 2007 which the Company intends to file in November 2007.

Item 8.01 Other Events.

As previously disclosed, in August 2005, Hurricane Katrina caused substantial damage to the Company’s Hyatt Regency New Orleans property (the “Hotel”), and as a result, the Hotel’s operations have substantially ceased. On August 1, 2007, the Company agreed to settle its insurance claim related to the event for a total, net of deductibles, of \$143,007,930.

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: Senior Vice President,
Secretary and General Counsel

Date: August 3, 2007
