

CHOICE HOTELS INTERNATIONAL INC /DE  
Form 8-K  
February 06, 2007

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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT**

**PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15 (d) OF THE**  
**SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): February 2, 2007**

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**CHOICE HOTELS INTERNATIONAL, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction

**001-13393**  
(Commission File Number)

**52-1209792**  
(IRS Employer

of incorporation)

Identification Number)

**10750 Columbia Pike, Silver Spring, Maryland**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**20901**  
(Zip Code)

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code (301) 592-5000**

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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.**

On February 2, 2007, Choice Hotels International, Inc. announced that Michael J. DeSantis, Senior Vice President and Senior Strategic Advisor, will be leaving the Company and will pursue other professional opportunities. The Company issued a press release announcing said departure, which is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

Currently, the Company is finalizing arrangements with Mr. DeSantis, confirming the parties' post-employment rights and obligations, including mutual releases and the terms of certain benefits under his 1999 employment agreement.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits. The following Exhibit is furnished with this report:  
Exhibit 99.1 - Press Release issued by Choice Hotels International, Inc., dated February 2, 2007.

**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: February 5, 2007

By: /s/ Paul Mamalian  
Paul Mamalian  
General Counsel