
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): December 26, 2018 (December 21, 2018)

CHATHAM LODGING TRUST

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland
(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation or Organization)

001-34693
(Commission File Number)

27-1200777
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

222 Lakeview Avenue, Suite 200
West Palm Beach, Florida
(Address of principal executive offices)

33401
(Zip Code)

(561) 802-4477
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

(Registrant's Former Address)

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:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b.2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act

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

On December 21, 2018, the board of trustees (the “Board of Trustees”) of Chatham Lodging Trust (the “Company”), upon the recommendation of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee, appointed Mary Beth Higgins as a trustee of the Company, effective immediately.

Ms. Higgins currently serves as the interim Chief Financial Officer (“CFO”) and Chief Operating Officer of Affinity Gaming Inc., a nine casino multi-jurisdictional gaming company. In her current roles, she is responsible for the day to day operations of the casinos as well as all aspects of the Company’s accounting, finance and investor relation functions. Before joining Affinity, she served from 2017-2018 as CFO of VICI Properties, a REIT spin off from Caesars Entertainment, and prior to that as CFO for Caesars Entertainment Operating Company from 2014-2017. For the 17 years prior to that, Ms. Higgins served as CFO at companies such as Global Cash Access Holdings, Inc., Herbst Gaming, Inc., and Camco, Inc.

Ms. Higgins will serve as a trustee of the Company until the Company’s 2019 annual meeting of shareholders and until her successor is duly elected and qualified or until her resignation or removal.

Ms. Higgins will receive a one-time initial grant of 5,000 restricted common shares and will also receive compensation paid to the other members of the Board of Trustees and Board committee chairpersons.

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

On December 26, 2018, the Company issued a press release announcing the appointment of Ms. Higgins to the Board of Trustees. A copy of the press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein solely for purposes of this Item 7.01 disclosure.

The information included in this Current Report on Form 8-K under this Item 7.01 shall not be deemed “filed” for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference into any filing made by the Company under the Exchange Act or the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) The following exhibits are filed as part of this report:

Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	Press Release Dated December 26, 2018 Announcing the Appointment of Mary Beth Higgins to Board of Trustees

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.

CHATHAM LODGING TRUST

December 26, 2018

By: /s/ Jeremy B. Wegner

Name: Jeremy B. Wegner

Title: Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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For Immediate Release

Exhibit 99.1

Contact:

Dennis Craven (Company)

Chief Operating Officer

(561) 227-1386

Chatham Lodging Appoints Mary Beth Higgins to Board of Trustees

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla., December 26, 2018- Chatham Lodging Trust (NYSE: CLDT), a lodging real estate investment trust (REIT) that invests in upscale, extended-stay hotels and premium-branded, select-service hotels and owns 137 hotels wholly or through joint ventures, today announced the appointment of Mary Beth Higgins to the company's board of trustees, effective immediately. Ms. Higgins will serve as an independent director.

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"Mary Beth brings tremendous financial acumen to the board given her outstanding track record serving as CFO over the past twenty years. Her experience as an executive with a REIT as well as other hospitality and gaming companies is a great fit for our board and we are very excited about her addition," said Jeffrey H. Fisher, Chatham's chief executive officer.

Ms. Higgins received her Bachelors of Science degree from the University of Southern California and her Masters of Business Administration from Memphis State University.

About Chatham Lodging Trust

Chatham Lodging Trust is a self-advised, publicly-traded real estate investment trust focused primarily on investing in upscale, extended-stay hotels and premium-branded, select-service hotels. The company owns interests in 137 hotels totaling 18,783 rooms/suites, comprised of 42 properties it wholly owns with an aggregate of 6,283 rooms/suites in 15 states and the District of Columbia and a minority investment in two joint ventures that own 95 hotels with an aggregate of 12,500 rooms/suites. Additional information about Chatham may be found at chathamlodgingtrust.com.

Safe Harbor Statement under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995

Statements about the company's business that are not historical facts are "forward-looking statements." Forward-looking statements are based on current expectations. You should not rely on our forward-looking statements because the matters they describe are subject to known and unknown risks and uncertainties that could cause the company's future results, performance, or achievements to differ significantly from the results, performance, or achievements expressed or implied by such statements. Such risks are set forth under the captions "Item 1A. Risk Factors" and "Forward-Looking Statements" in our annual report on Form 10-K and under the caption "Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" (or similar captions) in our quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, and as described in our other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Forward-looking statements speak only as of the dates on which they are made, and the company undertakes no obligation to update publicly or revise any guidance or other forward-looking statement, whether as a result of new information, future developments, or otherwise, unless required by law.