

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 15, 2021

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,**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

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

**33401**  
(Zip Code)

**Not Applicable**  
(Former name or former address, if changed from 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:

- 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))

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of Each Class	Trading Symbol	Name of Exchange On Which Registered
Common Shares of Beneficial Interest, \$0.01 par value	CLDT	New York Stock Exchange

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 March 12, 2021, Jack P. DeBoer, member of the board of trustees (the “Board of Trustees”) of Chatham Lodging Trust (the “Company”) and member of the Company’s Audit Committee, passed away. Mr. DeBoer had served as a trustee of the Company since its initial public offering in 2010. A copy of the Company’s press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(d) Exhibits

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
<a href="#">99.1</a>	Press release dated March 15, 2021
104	Cover page Interactive Data File (embedded within the Inline XBRL document)

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**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

*March 15, 2021*

By: */s/ Jeremy B. Wegner*

*Name: Jeremy B. Wegner*

*Title: Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer*

## NEWS RELEASE

### **Chatham Lodging Announces the Passing of Jack P. DeBoer, Board Member, Pioneer of the “Extended-Stay and All-Suite” Hotel Concepts**

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla., March 15, 2021—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, today announced the passing of Jack P. DeBoer, who served as a board member for Chatham since its initial public offering in 2010, as well as board member of Innkeepers USA Trust for approximately 10 years.

“Jack was a great friend, mentor and inspiration for me over the last 27 years, and I know he will be missed dearly by all who had the good fortune to know him,” stated Jeffrey H. Fisher, Chatham’s president and chief executive officer. “He was not only a great businessman and advisor, but also an amazing human being. He was a wonderful patriarch for his family and a great humanitarian, dedicating much time and resources to those in need around the world. Our Board will never be the same.”

With the founding of Residence Inn, followed by Summerfield Suites and Candlewood Suites, Jack is recognized as the pioneer of the extended-stay and all-suite hotel concepts. He designed and built the first Residence Inn, an all-suite hotel, in downtown Wichita, Kans., in 1975, and built or franchised 103 more properties before selling The Residence Inn Company to Marriott Corporation in 1987. In 1988, he co-founded Summerfield Hotel Corporation, a second-generation, upscale, all-suite hotel chain, which was sold to Hyatt. In 1995, he founded the Candlewood Hotel Company. After developing 130 hotels, Candlewood was purchased by InterContinental Hotels Group in December 2003. In June 2002, DeBoer used his extended-stay hotel model to create Value Place, an extended-stay hotel that he built to approximately 200 locations before it was rebranded into WoodSpring Suites and sold to Choice Hotels in 2015. In 2014, Jack created WaterWalk, a unique concept that provides a mix of all-inclusive apartments and oversized hotel suites.

“To say that Jack is a legend in hospitality is a massive understatement. His contributions will be appreciated forever, and he has been awarded every lodging achievement award possible,” Fisher added. “He certainly belongs on the Mt. Rushmore of hospitality alongside J. Willard Marriott and Conrad Hilton.”

#### **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 85 hotels totaling 11,848 rooms/suites, comprised of 39 properties it wholly owns with an aggregate of 5,900 rooms/suites in 15 states and the District of Columbia and a minority investment in the Innkeepers joint venture that owns 46 hotels with an aggregate of 5,948 rooms/suites. Additional information about Chatham may be found at [chathamlodgingtrust.com](http://chathamlodgingtrust.com).

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