# 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 4, 2012

# CHATHAM LODGING TRUST

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland

001-34693

(Commission

File Number)

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

50 Cocoanut Row, Suite 216, Palm Beach, Florida

(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

Not Applicable

Former name or former address, if changed since 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:

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27-1200777

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

33480

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## Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

On December 4, 2012, Chatham Lodging Trust (the "Company") issued a press release announcing that its board of trustees had declared a dividend of \$0.20 per common share of beneficial interest for the quarter ending December 31, 2012.

Additionally, the Company announced that its board of trustees voted to raise the dividend in 2013 by five percent, to an annual rate of \$0.84 per share, and to convert the company's current quarterly dividend to a monthly dividend of \$0.07 per share beginning in January 2013.

A copy of such press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this report.

#### Item 8.01 Other Events.

The Company declared a dividend of \$0.20 per common share of beneficial interest for the quarter ending December 31, 2012. The fourth quarter dividend will be paid on January 25, 2013 to common shareholders of record on December 31, 2012.

#### Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

Exhibit 99.1: Press release dated December 4, 2012

The information contained in the press release attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this report shall not be deemed "filed" for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section. Furthermore, the information contained in the press release attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this report shall not be deemed to be incorporated by reference in the filings of the registrant under the Securities Act of 1933.

#### 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 4, 2012

By: Dennis M. Craven

Name: Dennis M. Craven Title: Chief Financial Officer Exhibit Index

Exhibit No.

Description

99.1

Press Release Dated December 4, 2012



|          | For Immediate Release      |                         |
|----------|----------------------------|-------------------------|
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# Chatham Lodging Raises 2013 Dividend 5%, Increases Dividend Frequency to Monthly

Declares 2012 Fourth Quarter Dividend

PALM BEACH, Fla., December 4, 2012—Chatham Lodging Trust (NYSE: CLDT), a hotel real estate investment trust (REIT) focused on investing in upscale extended-stay hotels and premium branded select-service hotels, today announced that its board of trustees has declared a \$0.20 common share dividend for the 2012 fourth quarter. The common share dividend is payable January 25, 2013, to shareholders of record on December 31, 2012.

## **Dividend Increase & Frequency**

In addition, Chatham's board voted to raise the dividend in 2013 by five percent, to an annual rate of \$0.84 per share, and to convert the company's current quarterly dividend to a monthly dividend of \$0.07 per share beginning in January 2013. "Our goal is to build a superior portfolio of investments that will appreciate in value and generate an attractive and dependable dividend over time for our investors," said Jeffrey H. Fisher, Chatham's chief executive officer and president. "Since modern-day hotel REITs were launched in the early 1990's, shareholder returns have been driven predominantly by dividends. We haven't lost sight of that, and Chatham offers the right platform to provide meaningful income to our shareholders.

"Our platform uses reasonable leverage and a healthy balance sheet to build a portfolio of investments focused in selectservice hotels, and with our aggressive asset management, produces strong cash flow, industry-leading operating margins and most importantly sustainable dividends," Fisher noted. "We have grown our annual dividend from \$0.35 in 2010 to \$0.78 in 2012 and at least \$0.84 in 2013, reflecting a 140 percent increase. Converting the frequency of our dividends to monthly from quarterly accelerates our shareholders' returns and value."

The planned schedule for Chatham's 2013 monthly dividends will be a record date of the last day of each month, to be paid on the last Friday of the succeeding month. The January common stock dividend will be paid on February 22, 2013 to shareholders of record January 31, 2013. The company will evaluate and adjust its dividend on a monthly basis.

"We have renovated most of our portfolio in the last two years and our portfolio is in excellent competitive condition," commented Dennis M. Craven, Chatham's chief financial officer. "As a result, we expect our properties to generate excellent free cash flow which allows us to reward our shareholders monthly with higher dividends. The change in payment schedule and increased pay-out reflect our board's positive outlook for Chatham and the hotel industry."

Additionally, the company announced that it expects to establish a direct stock purchase plan and dividend reinvestment plan for its shareholders in 2013.

# **About Chatham Lodging Trust**

Chatham Lodging Trust is a self-advised REIT that was organized to invest in upscale extended-stay hotels and premiumbranded, select-service hotels. The company currently owns 18 hotels with an aggregate of 2,414 rooms/suites in 10 states and the District of Columbia and holds a minority investment in a joint venture that owns 55 hotels with an aggregate of 7,282 rooms/suites. Additional information about Chatham may be found at <u>www.chathamlodgingtrust.com</u>.

This press release may contain "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 about Chatham Lodging Trust, including statements regarding future plans, strategies, performance, acquisitions, capital expenditures, future operating results and the timing and composition of revenues, among others, and statements containing words such as "expects," "believes" or "will," which indicate that those statements are forward-looking. Except for historical information, the matters discussed in this press release are forward-looking statements that are subject to certain risks and uncertainties that could cause the actual results or performance to differ materially from those discussed in such statements. Additional risks are discussed in the company's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.