

NASDAQ STOCK MARKET INC  
Form 8-K  
March 14, 2006

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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

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**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 13, 2006 (March 7, 2006)

**THE NASDAQ STOCK MARKET, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**000-32651**  
(Commission File Number)

**52-1165937**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**One Liberty Plaza, New York, New York 10006**  
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(212) 401-8700**

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**Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.**

On March 7, 2006, the Management Compensation Committee of our Board of Directors approved modifications to our Board Compensation Policy. Under the current policy, our non-employee directors receive annual compensation valued at \$50,000, which they may elect to receive in cash, restricted stock, or a combination of the two. The modifications, to become effective immediately following our annual shareholders meeting, provide for annual restricted stock grants valued at \$50,000, for total annual director compensation valued at \$100,000. In addition, the modifications implement meeting attendance fees for our directors of \$1,000 per board meeting and \$500 per committee meeting. The Chairman of the Board, directors who chair committees of the Board and directors serving on our Audit Committee receive additional compensation, detailed in our proxy statement filed on May 2, 2005, which is not affected by these modifications. A copy of the revised Policy is attached as Exhibit 10.1 to this Report and is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(c) Exhibits.

10.1 Board Compensation Policy

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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.

Dated: March 13, 2006

THE NASDAQ STOCK MARKET, INC.

By: /s/ Edward S. Knight  
Edward S. Knight

Executive Vice President and General Counsel

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