Extended Stay America, Inc. Form 8-K December 12, 2016

UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC 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 12, 2016

EXTENDED STAY AMERICA, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction 001-36190 (Commission 46-3140312 (I.R.S. Employer

of

File Number)

Identification Number)

incorporation or organization)

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11525 N. Community House Road, Suite 100

Charlotte, North Carolina 28277
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)
Registrant s telephone number, including area code (980) 345-1600

ESH HOSPITALITY, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 001-36191 27-3559821 (State or other jurisdiction (Commission (I.R.S. Employer

of

File Number) Identification Number)

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4c))

Item 8.01 Other Events.

On December 12, 2016, Extended Stay America, Inc. and ESH Hospitality, Inc. (together, the Company) issued a press release which announced an underwritten secondary offering (the offering) of 12,500,000 Paired Shares, each Paired Share consisting of a share of common stock of Extended Stay America, Inc. and a share of Class B common stock of ESH Hospitality, Inc., which are attached and trade together as Paired Shares, by certain selling stockholders affiliated with Centerbridge Partners, L.P., Paulson & Co. Inc. and The Blackstone Group L.P. (the Selling Stockholders). The Company will not sell any Paired Shares in the offering and will not receive any proceeds from the offering. In addition, none of the Company s officers or directors are selling any Paired Shares beneficially owned by them in the offering.

In addition, Extended Stay America, Inc. and ESH Hospitality, Inc. announced that they have entered into a share repurchase agreement with the Selling Stockholders pursuant to which they intend to repurchase 625,000 Paired Shares directly from the Selling Stockholders. The share repurchase will be effected in a private, non-underwritten transaction at a price per share equal to the price paid by the underwriter in the offering. Extended Stay America, Inc. and ESH Hospitality, Inc. expect to fund the share repurchase from cash on hand. The share repurchase is expected to be consummated concurrently with the offering. Although the share repurchase will be conditioned upon the closing of the offering, the closing of the offering will not be conditioned upon the closing of the share repurchase. The share repurchase has been approved by the audit committees of Extended Stay America, Inc. and ESH Hospitality, Inc. and is pursuant to, and will count toward, the Company s existing combined Paired Share repurchase program.

A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit Number Exhibit Description Press release of Extended Stay America, Inc. dated December 12, 2016, announcing the Secondary Offering and Repurchase of Paired Shares.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, each of the Registrants has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

EXTENDED STAY AMERICA, INC.

Date: December 12, 2016 By: /s/ John R. Dent

Name: John R. Dent Title: General Counsel

ESH HOSPITALITY, INC.

Date: December 12, 2016 By: /s/ John R. Dent

Name: John R. Dent Title: General Counsel

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit Number Exhibit Description

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