

CHOICE HOTELS INTERNATIONAL INC /DE  
Form 8-K  
August 03, 2009

**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): July 28, 2009**

**CHOICE HOTELS INTERNATIONAL, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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

**001-13393**  
(Commission File Number)

**52-1209792**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification Number)

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**10750 Columbia Pike, Silver Spring, Maryland**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**20901**  
(Zip Code)

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code (301) 592-5000**

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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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

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

On July 28, 2009, Choice Hotels International, Inc. agreed that Thomas L. Mirgon, Senior Vice President Human Resources and Administration, will be leaving the Company.

Mr. Mirgon's departure from the Company was not for cause for purposes of Mr. Mirgon's previously filed employment agreement, which includes terms pursuant to which the severance payments and other benefits described in the Company's definitive proxy statement filed with the SEC on April 1, 2009 are payable.

**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.

Date: August 3, 2009

/s/ Stephen P. Joyce  
Stephen P. Joyce  
President and Chief Executive Officer