

CHOICE HOTELS INTERNATIONAL INC /DE  
Form 8-K  
December 16, 2004

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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

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**FORM 8-K**

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**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 10, 2004**

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**CHOICE HOTELS INTERNATIONAL, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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

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

**52-1209792**  
(IRS Employer

Identification Number)

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

**20901**  
(Zip Code)

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

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  - .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers.**

On December 10, 2004, the Board of Directors of Choice Hotels International, Inc. (the Company) elected Gordon Smith as a Class II director of the Company, for a term expiring at the May 2005 Annual Meeting of Shareholders. Mr. Smith was also appointed to the Compensation/Key Executive Stock Option Plan Committee of the Board of Directors.

The Company also announced that William L. Jews, a Class II director of the Company, has indicated to the Company that he will not stand for re-election at the May 2005 Annual Meeting of Shareholders.

**Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.**

The Company issued a press release announcing Mr. Smith's election, which is attached as Exhibit 99.1.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(c) Exhibit 99.1 Press Release issued by Choice Hotels International, Inc. dated December 10, 2004.

**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: December 16, 2004

/s/ Joseph M. Squeri

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Joseph M. Squeri  
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer