CHOICE HOTELS INTERNATIONAL INC /DE Form 8-K January 20, 2012

# 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): January 17, 2012

# CHOICE HOTELS INTERNATIONAL, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware** (State or other jurisdiction

001-13393 (Commission 52-1209792 (I.R.S. Employer

of incorporation) File Number) Identification No.)

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10750 Columbia Pike, Silver Spring, Maryland 20901

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

(301) 592-5000

(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:

- " Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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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 Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On January 17, 2012, the Company and Bruce Haase, the Company s Executive Vice President, Global Brands, Marketing & Operations, agreed that Mr. Haase will relinquish his title and authority as an officer of the Company on January 31, 2012. This event will occur in connection with Mr. Haase s planned departure from the Company which is anticipated to occur in the second quarter of 2012.

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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.

Date: January 20, 2012 Choice Hotels International, Inc.

By: /s/ David L. White Name: David L. White

Title: Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer & Treasurer

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