

Ryman Hospitality Properties, Inc.
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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): April 14, 2015 (April 14, 2015)

RYMAN HOSPITALITY PROPERTIES, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

1-13079
(Commission
File Number)

73-0664379
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

One Gaylord Drive

Nashville, Tennessee
(Address of principal executive offices)

37214
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (615) 316-6000

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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

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

On April 14, 2015, Ryman Hospitality Properties, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the *Company*), its subsidiaries RHP Hotel Properties, LP, a Delaware limited partnership (the *Operating Partnership*), and RHP Finance Corporation (together with the *Operating Partnership*, the *Issuers*), and certain other of its subsidiaries named as guarantors (each such subsidiary and the *Company* individually, a *Guarantor* and collectively, the *Guarantors*) entered into an indenture with U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee, (the *Indenture*) pursuant to which the *Issuers* issued \$400 million aggregate principal amount of 5.00% Senior Notes due 2023 (the *Notes*) and the *Guarantors* guarantee the *Notes* (the *Guarantees*).

The *Notes* are general senior unsecured obligations of the *Issuers*, ranking equal in right of payment with existing and future senior unsecured indebtedness, including \$350 million in aggregate principal amount of the *Issuers* 5.00% senior unsecured notes due 2021 and senior in right of payment to any future subordinated indebtedness. The *Notes* will be effectively junior to any of the *Issuers* secured indebtedness to the extent of the value of the assets securing such indebtedness, including the *Company*'s existing credit facility, and structurally subordinated to all indebtedness and other obligations of the *Operating Partnership*'s subsidiaries that do not guarantee the *Notes*. The *Guarantees* rank equally in right of payment with the applicable *Guarantor*'s existing and future senior unsecured indebtedness and senior in right of payment to any future subordinated indebtedness of such *Guarantor*. The *Notes* are effectively junior to any secured indebtedness of any *Guarantor* to the extent of the value of the assets securing such indebtedness and structurally subordinated to all indebtedness and other obligations of the *Operating Partnership*'s subsidiaries that do not guarantee the *Notes*.

Interest on the *Notes* will be payable on April 15 and October 15 of each year, beginning on October 15, 2015, with the *Notes* maturing on April 15, 2023. The *Issuers* may redeem the *Notes* before April 15, 2018, in whole or in part, at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, up to, but excluding, the applicable redemption date plus a make-whole redemption premium. The *Notes* will be redeemable, in whole or in part, at any time on or after April 15, 2018 at the redemption prices (expressed as percentages of the principal amount thereof) set forth below, plus accrued and unpaid interest thereon to, but not including, the redemption date, if redeemed during the 12-month period beginning on April 15 of each of the years indicated below:

Year	Percentage
2018	103.75%
2019	102.50%
2020	101.25%
2021 and thereafter	100.00%

In addition, the *Issuers* may redeem up to 35% of the *Notes* on or before April 15, 2018 with the cash proceeds of certain equity offerings at a redemption price equal to 105% of the principal amount plus accrued and unpaid interest. However, the *Issuers* may only make such redemptions if at least 65% of the aggregate principal amount of the *Notes* issued under the *Indenture* remains outstanding immediately after the occurrence of such redemption. In the event of a change of control (as defined in the *Indenture*) of the *Company* or the *Issuers*, the *Issuers* will be required to offer to purchase the *Notes* at 101% of their face amount, plus accrued and unpaid interest up to, but not including, the repurchase date.

The terms of the *Indenture* restricts the ability of the *Company* and certain of its subsidiaries to borrow money, create liens on assets, make distributions and pay dividends on or redeem or repurchase stock, make certain types of investments, sell stock in certain subsidiaries, enter into agreements that restrict dividends or other payments from subsidiaries, enter into transactions with affiliates, issue guarantees of debt, and sell assets or merge with other

companies. These limitations are subject to a number of important exceptions and qualifications set forth in the Indenture.

The Indenture provides for customary events of default which include (subject in certain cases to grace and cure periods), among others: nonpayment of principal or interest or premium; breach of covenants or other agreements in the Indenture; defaults in failure to pay certain other indebtedness; the failure to pay certain final judgments; and certain events of bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization. Generally, if an event of default occurs and is continuing under the Indenture, either the trustee or the holders of at least 25% in aggregate principal amount of the Notes then outstanding may declare the principal amount plus accrued and unpaid interest on the Notes to be immediately due and payable.

The foregoing description does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Indenture including the form of Note attached thereto which are attached hereto as [Exhibit 4.1](#) and [Exhibit 4.2](#), respectively and are incorporated by reference herein.

Registration Rights Agreement

In connection with the issuance of the Notes and the Guarantees, the Company entered into a registration rights agreement dated April 14, 2015 (the Registration Rights Agreement) among the Company, the Issuers, the Guarantors and Deutsche Bank Securities Inc., Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, J.P. Morgan Securities LLC, Wells Fargo Securities, LLC, U.S. Bancorp Investments, Inc. and Credit Agricole Securities (USA) Inc. as representatives of the initial purchasers (the Initial Purchasers). The terms of the Registration Rights Agreement require the Company, the Issuers and the Guarantors to use commercially reasonable efforts to (i) file a registration statement with the Securities and Exchange Commission with respect to a registered offer to exchange the Notes for new notes registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, with terms substantially identical in all material respects to those of the Notes (except that the new notes will not contain terms with respect to transfer restrictions or provide for the payment of additional interest) and consummate such exchange on or before the 270th day after April 14, 2015 and (ii) in certain circumstances, file a shelf registration statement with respect to resales of the Notes.

The Registration Rights Agreement provides that if a registration default (as defined in the Registration Rights Agreement) occurs and is continuing, then additional interest shall accrue on the principal amount of the Notes that are registrable notes (as defined in the Registration Rights Agreement) at a rate of 0.25% per annum (which rate will be increased by an additional 0.25% per annum for each subsequent 90-day period that such additional interest continues to accrue, provided that the rate at which such additional interest accrues may in no event exceed 1.0%).

The foregoing description does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Registration Rights Agreement, a copy of which is attached hereto as [Exhibit 4.3](#) and is incorporated herein by reference.

Certain Relationships

Affiliates of certain of the Initial Purchasers act as lenders and/or agents under the Company's existing senior secured credit facility.

Item 2.03. Creation of a Direct Financial Obligation or an Obligation under an Off-Balance Sheet Arrangement of a Registrant.

To the extent applicable, the information included above in Item 1.01 is incorporated by reference into this Item 2.03.

Item 8.01 Other Events.

On April 14, 2015, the Company issued a press release announcing the closing of the Notes offering. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

- (d) Exhibits
 - 4.1 Indenture, dated as of April 14, 2015, among RHP Hotel Properties, LP, RHP Finance Corporation, Ryman Hospitality Properties, Inc., as a guarantor, each of the guarantors named therein and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee.
 - 4.2 Form of 5.00% Senior Note due 2023 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit A to Exhibit 4.1 hereof).
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- 99.1 Press Release of Ryman Hospitality Properties, Inc., dated April 14, 2015.

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.

RYMAN HOSPITALITY PROPERTIES, INC.

Date: April 14, 2015

By: /s/ Scott Lynn

Name: Scott Lynn

Senior Vice President, General Counsel and

Title: Secretary

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