

LaSalle Hotel Properties
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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): June 18, 2018

PEBBLEBROOK HOTEL TRUST

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland

001-34571

27-1055421

(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

(Commission
File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

7315 Wisconsin Avenue, 1100 West, Bethesda, Maryland

20814

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (240)
507-1300

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))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.

On June 18, 2018, Pebblebrook Hotel Trust ("Pebblebrook") issued a press release announcing its increased ownership of common shares of LaSalle Hotel Properties ("LaSalle") and reiterating its offer to acquire LaSalle.

A copy of the press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this report and is incorporated by reference herein.

Item 8.01. Other Events.

On June 18, 2018, Pebblebrook issued a press release announcing its increased ownership of LaSalle's common shares of beneficial interest, \$0.01 par value per share ("LaSalle common shares"), to 10.0 million LaSalle common shares. Based on 110,382,519 LaSalle common shares outstanding, Pebblebrook owns approximately 9.0% of the outstanding LaSalle common shares.

As previously reported, Pebblebrook has made a merger proposal to LaSalle with merger consideration in the form of cash and Pebblebrook's common shares of beneficial interest, \$0.01 par value per share ("Pebblebrook common shares"). Pebblebrook's offer provides LaSalle's common shareholders with the option for each share to elect to receive \$37.80 in cash instead of 0.92 Pebblebrook common share, subject to a cap of 20% of LaSalle common shares in aggregate receiving Pebblebrook common shares and customary pro ration if the number of LaSalle common shares elected to receive cash instead of Pebblebrook common shares is oversubscribed. LaSalle's shareholders may elect to receive a mix of cash and Pebblebrook common shares, and can receive up to 100% in cash if no more than 20% of LaSalle common shares in the aggregate elect the cash option. The per-share cash amount is fixed at \$37.80, which provides downside protection for LaSalle shareholders by anchoring approximately \$834 million of the Pebblebrook offer in cash, calculated by multiplying the fixed exchange ratio of 0.92 and Pebblebrook's 5-day VWAP (volume-weighted average price per share) of \$41.09 as of June 8, 2018.

Pebblebrook's offer is net of the \$112 million termination fee LaSalle agreed to pay affiliates of Blackstone Real Estate Partners VIII ("Blackstone") in connection with the merger agreement entered into between LaSalle and Blackstone on May 20, 2018. In the face of steadily improving industry fundamentals, the value of Pebblebrook's common shares would have to decline to \$35.24 in order to equal the value of LaSalle's agreement with Blackstone.

A copy of the press release is filed herewith as Exhibit 99.1 to this report and is hereby incorporated herein by reference.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

This communication does not constitute an offer to buy or solicitation of an offer to sell any securities. This communication relates to a proposal which Pebblebrook has made for a business combination transaction with LaSalle. In furtherance of this proposal and subject to future developments, Pebblebrook (and, if a negotiated transaction is agreed, LaSalle) may file one or more registration statements, proxy statements, tender or exchange offer statements, prospectuses or other documents with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"). This communication is not a substitute for any proxy statement, registration statement, tender or exchange offer statement, prospectus or other document Pebblebrook or LaSalle may file with the SEC in connection with the proposed transaction. INVESTORS AND SECURITY HOLDERS OF PEBBLEBROOK AND LASALLE ARE URGED TO READ ANY SUCH PROXY STATEMENT, REGISTRATION STATEMENT, TENDER OR EXCHANGE OFFER STATEMENT, PROSPECTUS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS FILED WITH THE SEC CAREFULLY AND IN THEIR ENTIRETY IF AND WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE AS THEY WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROPOSED TRANSACTION. Any definitive proxy statement or prospectus (if and when available) will be delivered to shareholders of LaSalle or Pebblebrook, as

applicable. Investors and security holders will be able to obtain free copies of these documents (if and when available) and other documents filed with the SEC by Pebblebrook through the website maintained by the SEC at <http://www.sec.gov>.

Pebblebrook or LaSalle and their respective trustees and executive officers and other members of management and employees may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies in respect of the proposed transaction. You can find information about Pebblebrook's executive officers and trustees in Pebblebrook's definitive proxy statement filed with the SEC on April 27, 2018. You can find information about LaSalle's executive officers and trustees in LaSalle's definitive proxy statement filed with the SEC on March 22, 2018. Additional information regarding the interests of such potential participants will be included in one or more registration statements, proxy statements, tender or exchange offer statements or other documents filed with the SEC if and when they become available. You may obtain free copies of these documents using the sources indicated above.

This document shall not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy any securities, nor shall there be any sale of securities in any jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the securities laws of any such jurisdiction. No offering of securities shall be made except by means of a prospectus meeting the requirements of Section 10 of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

Forward-Looking Statements

This communication may include “forward-looking statements” within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, statements regarding Pebblebrook’s offer to acquire LaSalle, its financing of the proposed transaction, its expected future performance (including expected results of operations and financial guidance), and the combined company’s future financial condition, operating results, strategy and plans. Forward-looking statements may be identified by the use of the words “anticipates,” “expects,” “intends,” “plans,” “should,” “could,” “would,” “may,” “will,” “believes,” “estimates,” “potential,” “tentative,” “positioning,” “designed,” “create,” “predict,” “project,” “seek,” “ongoing,” “upside,” “increases” or “continue” and similar expressions. These statements are based upon the current expectations and beliefs of management and are subject to numerous assumptions, risks and uncertainties that change over time and could cause actual results to differ materially from those described in the forward-looking statements. These assumptions, risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to, assumptions, risks and uncertainties discussed in Pebblebrook’s most recent annual or quarterly report filed with the SEC and assumptions, risks and uncertainties relating to the proposed transaction, as detailed from time to time in Pebblebrook’s and LaSalle’s filings with the SEC, which factors are incorporated herein by reference. Important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from the forward-looking statements made in this communication are set forth in other reports or documents that Pebblebrook may file from time to time with the SEC, and include, but are not limited to: (i) the ultimate outcome of any possible transaction between Pebblebrook and LaSalle, including the possibilities that LaSalle will reject a transaction with Pebblebrook, (ii) the ultimate outcome and results of integrating the operations of Pebblebrook and LaSalle if a transaction is consummated, (iii) the ability to obtain regulatory approvals and meet other closing conditions to any possible transaction, including the necessary shareholder approvals, and (iv) the risks and uncertainties detailed by LaSalle with respect to its business as described in its reports and documents filed with the SEC. All forward-looking statements attributable to Pebblebrook or any person acting on Pebblebrook’s behalf are expressly qualified in their entirety by this cautionary statement. Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on any of these forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements speak only as of the date hereof. Pebblebrook undertakes no obligation to update any of these forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances after the date of this communication or to reflect actual outcomes.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit No.	Description
<u>99.1</u>	Press release, dated June 18, 2018, regarding Pebblebrook Hotel Trust’s increased ownership of common shares of LaSalle Hotel Properties and Pebblebrook Hotel Trust’s offer to acquire LaSalle Hotel Properties

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.

PEBBLEBROOK HOTEL TRUST

June 18, 2018 By: /s/ Raymond D. Martz

Name: Raymond D. Martz

Title: Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, Treasurer and Secretary