

ORIENT EXPRESS HOTELS LTD
Form 8-K
January 13, 2010

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 (earliest event reported): **January 12, 2010**

ORIENT-EXPRESS HOTELS LTD.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Bermuda

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

001-16017
(Commission file number)

98-0223493
(I.R.S. Employer

Identification No.)

22 Victoria Street

Hamilton HM 12, Bermuda

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

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441-295-2244

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable

(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))
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Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement

On January 12, 2010, the Company entered into an Underwriting Agreement with Deutsche Bank Securities Inc. and Barclays Capital Inc., as representatives of several underwriters (the Underwriters), relating to the offering, issuance and sale by the Company of up to an aggregate of 12,000,000 of the Company's class A common shares, par value \$.01 each (the Class A Shares) in an underwritten public offering at a price of \$10.00 per share. The Underwriters were granted a 30-day option to purchase up to an additional 1,800,000 Class A Shares to cover over-allotments, if any. A copy of the Underwriting Agreement is filed as Exhibit 1.1 to this Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

Each Class A Share includes a right (a Right) to purchase, under certain circumstances, one one-hundredth of a Series A junior participating preferred share of the Company (a Preferred Share), subject to adjustment. The Rights are provided for in a Rights Agreement dated as of June 1, 2000, between the Company and Computershare Trust Company N.A. (successor to Fleet National Bank), as rights agent, amended and restated as of April 12, 2007 and amended on December 10, 2007.

The Company estimates the net offering proceeds to the Company, after deducting underwriting discounts and commission and other estimated offering expenses payable by the Company, to be approximately \$114 million or approximately \$131 million if the Underwriters' over-allotment option is exercised in full. The transaction is expected to close on January 19, 2010, subject to the satisfaction of customary closing conditions.

The Shares are being offered and sold pursuant to a preliminary prospectus supplement and accompanying prospectus filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission on January 11, 2010 in connection with a takedown from the Company's shelf registration statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-158308).

The foregoing summary of the terms of the Underwriting Agreement is only a brief description of certain terms therein, does not purport to be a complete description of the rights and obligations of the parties thereunder, and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Underwriting Agreement itself. The legal opinion and consent of Appleby relating to the Class A Shares is filed as Exhibit 5.1 to this Report and incorporated herein by reference.

The Underwriters or their affiliates have either provided investment banking and/or commercial banking services to us and our affiliates in the past or may do so in the future for which they receive customary fees and commissions. Affiliates of Barclays Capital Inc. are lenders under our credit facilities and may receive a share of the net proceeds from this offering to the extent any net proceeds are used to repay borrowings under the credit facilities.

Item 8.01 Other Events

On January 12, 2010, the Company issued a press release announcing the pricing of the offering of the Class A Shares in an underwritten public offering pursuant to its effective shelf registration statement previously filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 to this Report and is incorporated herein by

reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit Number	Description of Exhibit
1.1	Underwriting Agreement, dated January 12, 2010, among the Company and Deutsche Bank Securities Inc. and Barclays Capital Inc., as representatives of several underwriters.
5.1	Opinion of Appleby.
23.1	Consent of Appleby (included in Exhibit 5.1).
99.1	Press Release dated January 12, 2010.

SIGNATURE

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 thereunto duly authorized.

ORIENT-EXPRESS HOTELS LTD.

Date: January 13, 2010

By: /s/ Edwin S. Hetherington
Edwin S. Hetherington
Vice President, General Counsel and

Secretary

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