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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 (earliest event reported): December 1, 2006

ORIENT-EXPRESS HOTELS LTD.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

001-16017

98-0223493

(Commission file number)

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.

22 Victoria Street Hamilton HMEX, Bermuda

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(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

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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ITEM 5.02 Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers.

On December 1, 2006, for personal reasons, James B. Sherwood retired from his executive duties as the Company's Chairman of the Board of Directors. He will remain non-executive Chairman of the Board of Directors until the next annual meeting of shareholders in June 2007, when he will resign as Chairman and continue solely as a non-executive director.

The Company's December 1, 2006 press release announcing James Sherwood's retirement from his executive duties is being filed as an exhibit, and is incorporated by reference, in this report.

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ITEM 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits

99.1 Press release of Orient-Express Hotels Ltd. dated December 1, 2006 announcing retirement of Mr. James B. Sherwood.

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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.

By: /s/ Paul M. White

Paul M. White Vice President - Finance and Chief Financial Officer

Date: December 6, 2006