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Form 8-K December 22, 2016

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): December 21, 2016

CHOICE HOTELS INTERNATIONAL, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 001-13393 52-1209792 (State or other jurisdiction (Commission (IRS Employer

of incorporation) File Number) Identification Number)

1 Choice Hotels Circle, Suite 400, Rockville, Maryland 20850

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (301) 592-5000

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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Offices; Item 5.02. Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

(b) On December 21, 2016, Gordon A. Smith informed the Board of Directors of Choice Hotels International, Inc. (the "Company") that he will not stand for re-election as director of the Company upon the expiration of his term at the Company's 2017 Annual Meeting of Shareholders. Mr. Smith's decision not to stand for re-election was not due to a disagreement with the Company.

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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: December 22, 2016 /s/ Simone Wu

Simone Wu

Senior Vice President, General Counsel & Corporate Secretary