Hyatt Hotels Corp Form S-8 December 11, 2009

As filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 11, 2009.

Registration No. 333-

UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM S-8

REGISTRATION STATEMENT

UNDER

THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

HYATT HOTELS CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction 20-1480589 (I.R.S. Employer

of incorporation or organization)

Identification No.)

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71 South Wacker Drive, 12th Floor

Chicago, Illinois 60606

(312) 750-1234

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

AMENDED AND RESTATED HYATT HOTELS CORPORATION LONG-TERM INCENTIVE PLAN

RESTRICTED STOCK UNIT AGREEMENT BETWEEN MARK S. HOPLAMAZIAN AND

HYATT HOTELS CORPORATION, DATED DECEMBER 18, 2006

(Full title of the plan)

Mark S. Hoplamazian

President and Chief Executive Officer

Hyatt Hotels Corporation

71 South Wacker Drive, 12th Floor

Chicago, Illinois 60606

(Name and address of agent for service)

(312) 750-1234

(Telephone number, including area code, of agent for service)

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Pursuant to Rule 457(h) of the Securities Act, the Proposed Maximum Offering Price is estimated solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee and is based on the average of the high and low market prices for the Class A Common Stock reported on the New York Stock Exchange (the NYSE) on December 9, 2009 (\$28.10).

Long-Term Incentive Plan (the Plan) and (ii) 105,000 shares of Class A Common Stock of the Company for issuance pursuant to the Restricted Stock Unit Agreement, dated as of December 18, 2006, by and between the Company and Mark S. Hoplamazian (the RSU Agreement).

This Registration Statement registers (i) 9,347,307 shares of Class A common stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the Class A Common (1)Stock) of Hyatt Hotels Corporation (the Company) for issuance pursuant to the Amended and Restated Hyatt Hotels Corporation

Pursuant to Rule 416(a) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act), this Registration Statement also covers any additional shares of the Company s Class A Common Stock that may become issuable under the Plan by reason of any substitutions or adjustments to

shares to account for any change in corporate capitalization, such as a merger, consolidation, reorganization, recapitalization, separation, partial or complete liquidation, stock dividend, stock split, reverse stock split, split up, spin-off, or other distribution of stock or property of the

Company, combination or exchange of shares of Class A Common Stock, dividend in kind, or other like change in capital structure.

Amount to be

Registered (1)

9,347,307 shares

105,000 shares

9,452,307 shares

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

company. See the definitions of	large accelerated filer,	accelerated filer	and	smaller reporting company	in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting

Large accelerated filer

Total

(2)

Non-accelerated filer x (do not check if a smaller reporting company)

Title of Each Class of

Securities to be Registered

Class A common stock, par value \$0.01 per share

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Accelerated filer

Proposed Maximum Proposed Maximum

Aggregate

Offering Price

\$262,659,326.70

\$2,950,500.00

\$265,609,826.70

Offering Price

Per Share (2)

\$28.10

\$28.10

\$28.10

Smaller reporting company

Amount of

Registration Fee

\$14,656.39

\$164.64

\$14,821.03

PART I

Item 1. Plan Information Not required to be filed with this Registration Statement.

Item 2. Registrant Information and Employee Plan Annual Information

Not required to be filed with this Registration Statement.

PART II

Item 3. Incorporation of Documents by Reference

The following documents filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC) by the Company are incorporated as of their respective dates in this Registration Statement by reference:

- (a) The prospectus filed with the SEC pursuant to Rule 424(b) under the Securities Act, on November 5, 2009, relating to the registration statement on Form S-1, as amended (Registration No. 333-161068), containing audited financial statements of the Company for the latest period for which such statements have been filed; and
- (b) The description of the Company s Class A Common Stock contained in the registration statement on Form 8-A (Registration No. 001-34521), filed with the SEC under Section 12(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act), on November 2, 2009, including any amendments or reports filed for the purpose of updating such description.

All documents subsequently filed by the Company or with respect to the Plan or the RSU Agreement pursuant to Section 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act, prior to the filing of a post-effective amendment which indicates that all securities offered have been sold or which deregisters all securities then remaining unsold, shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement and to be a part hereof from their dates of filing; except as to any portion of any future annual or quarterly report to stockholders or document or current report furnished under current Items 2.02 or 7.01 of Form 8-K that is not deemed filed under such provisions.

Any statement contained in a document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement is deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes of this Registration Statement to the extent that a statement contained in this Registration Statement or in any subsequently filed document which also is or is deemed to be incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement modifies or supersedes such statement. Any such statement so modified or superseded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this Registration Statement.

Under no circumstances will any information filed under current items 2.02 or 7.01 of Form 8-K be deemed incorporated herein by reference unless such Form 8-K expressly provides to the contrary.

Item 4. Description of Securities

Not required to be filed with this Registration Statement.

Item 5. Interests of Named Experts and Counsel

Family members of a partner of Latham & Watkins LLP are beneficiaries of trusts that directly and indirectly own shares of the Company s common stock.

Item 6. Indemnification of Directors and Officers

Hyatt Hotels Corporation is a Delaware corporation. Section 145 of the Delaware General Corporation Law provides that a Delaware corporation may indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative (other than an action by or in the right of the corporation) by reason of the fact that the person is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation, or is or

was serving at the request of the corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation or enterprise. The indemnity may include expenses (including attorneys fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by the person in connection with the action, suit, or proceeding, provided the person acted in good faith and in a manner he reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the corporation s best interests and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe that his conduct was unlawful. A similar standard of care is applicable in the case of actions by or in the right of the corporation, except that no indemnification may be made in respect of any claim, issue or matter as to which such person will have been adjudged to be liable to the corporation unless and only to the extent that the Delaware Court of Chancery or the court in which such action was brought determines that, despite the adjudication of liability but in view of all of the circumstances of the case, the person is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnity for expenses that the Delaware Court of Chancery or other court shall deem proper. The Company s amended and restated certificate of incorporation and amended and restated bylaws provide that the Company will indemnify and advance expenses to its directors, officers and employees to the fullest extent permitted by Delaware law in connection with any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding to which such person was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party by reason of the fact that he or she is or was the Company s director, officer or employee, or is or was serving at the Company s request as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation or enterprise. In addition, members of the Company s board of directors and compensation committee are also indemnified for actions under the Plan.

Section 102(b)(7) of the Delaware General Corporation Law provides that a Delaware corporation may in its certificate of incorporation or an amendment thereto eliminate or limit the personal liability of a director to a corporation or its stockholders for monetary damages for violations of the director s fiduciary duty of care, except (i) for any breach of the director s duty of loyalty to the corporation or its stockholders, (ii) for acts or omissions not in good faith or which involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law, (iii) pursuant to Section 174 of the Delaware General Corporation Law (providing for liability of directors for unlawful payment of dividends or unlawful stock purchases or redemptions) or (iv) for any transaction from which a director derived an improper personal benefit. The Company s amended and restated certificate of incorporation generally provides that the Company will eliminate or limit the personal liability of its directors to the fullest extent permitted by law.

The Company currently has directors and officers liability insurance policy to insure its directors and officers against liability for actions or omissions occurring in their capacity as a director or officer, subject to certain exclusions and limitations.

Reference is made to the form of underwriting agreement filed as an exhibit to the Company s Registration Statement on Form S-1, filed August 5, 2009 (File No. 333-161068), as amended, for provisions providing that the underwriters are obligated, under certain circumstances, to indemnify the Company s directors, officers and controlling persons against certain liabilities under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

Item 7. Exemption from Registration Claimed Not applicable.

Item 8. Exhibits

Exhibit Number	Description of Exhibit
4.1	Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation (filed as Exhibit 3.1 to Amendment No. 5 to the Registration Statement on Form S-1 filed on November 2, 2009 and incorporated herein by reference).
4.2	Amended and Restated Bylaws (filed as Exhibit 3.2 to Amendment No. 2 to the Registration Statement on Form S-1 filed on October 1, 2009 and incorporated herein by reference).
4.3	Amended and Restated Hyatt Hotels Corporation Long-Term Incentive Plan, dated as of March 11, 2008, as amended (filed as Exhibit 10.2 to Amendment No. 5 to the Registration Statement on Form S-1 filed on November 2, 2009 and incorporated herein by reference).
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5.1	Opinion of Latham & Watkins LLP.
23.1	Consent of Latham & Watkins LLP (included in Exhibit 5.1).
23.2	Consent of Deloitte & Touche LLP.
24.1	Power of Attorney (included in the signature page hereto).

Item 9. Undertakings

(a) The undersigned Company hereby undertakes:

(1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this Registration Statement:

(i) To include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act;

(ii) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of this Registration Statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the Registration Statement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any increase or decrease in volume of securities offered (if the total dollar value of securities offered would not exceed that which was registered) and any deviation from the low or high end of the estimated maximum offering range may be reflected in the form of prospectus filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume and price represent no more than 20 percent change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the Calculation of Registration Fee table in the effective registration statement.

(iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the Registration Statement or any material change to such information in the Registration Statement;

provided, however, that paragraphs (a)(1)(i) and (a)(1)(ii) shall not apply to information contained in periodic reports filed by the registrant pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act that are incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement.

(2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial *bona fide* offering thereof.

(3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.

(b) The undersigned Company hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each filing of the Company s annual report pursuant to section 13(a) or section 15(d) of the Exchange Act (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan s annual report pursuant to section 15(d) of the Exchange Act) that is incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial *bona fide* offering thereof.

(c) Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the city of Chicago, Illinois, on December 10, 2009.

HYATT HOTELS CORPORATION

By: /s/ Mark S. Hoplamazian Mark S. Hoplamazian

President and Chief Executive Officer

POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that each person whose signature appears below, hereby constitutes and appoints Mark S. Hoplamazian and Harmit J. Singh, and each acting alone, his or her true and lawful attorneys-in-fact and agents, with full power of resubstitution and substitution, for him or her and in his or her name, place and stead, in any and all capacities, to sign any or all amendments or supplements to this Registration Statement and to file the same with all exhibits thereto and other documents in connection therewith, with the Commission, granting unto said attorneys-in-fact and agents full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing necessary or appropriate to be done with respect to this Registration Statement or any amendments or supplements hereto in and about the premises, as fully to all intents and purposes as he might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorneys-in-fact and agents, each acting alone, or his substitute or substitutes, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act, this Registration Statement has been signed by the following persons in their respective capacities with Hyatt Hotels Corporation and on the dates indicated.

Signatures	Titles	Date
/s/ Mark S. Hoplamazian	President and Chief Executive Officer	December 10, 2009
Mark S. Hoplamazian	(Principal Executive Officer)	
/s/ Harmit J. Singh	Chief Financial Officer	December 10, 2009
Harmit J. Singh	(Principal Accounting and Financial Officer)	
/s/ Thomas J. Pritzker	Executive Chairman of the Board of Directors	December 10, 2009
Thomas J. Pritzker		
/s/ Bernard W. Aronson	Director	December 10, 2009
Bernard W. Aronson		
/s/ Richard A. Friedman	Director	December 10, 2009
Richard A. Friedman		
/s/ Susan D. Kronick	Director	December 10, 2009
Susan D. Kronick		
/s/ Mackey J. McDonald	Director	December 10, 2009
Mackey J. McDonald		
/s/ John D. Nichols	Director	December 10, 2009
John D. Nichols		
/s/ Gregory B. Penner	Director	December 10, 2009
Gregory B. Penner		

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/s/ Penny Pritzker	Director	December 10, 2009
Penny Pritzker		
/s/ Michael A. Rocca	Director	December 10, 2009
Michael A. Rocca		
/s/ Byron D. Trott	Director	December 10, 2009
Byron D. Trott		
/s/ Richard C. Tuttle	Director	December 10, 2009
Richard C. Tuttle		

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