UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 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 reported): October 27, 2003

Host Marriott Corporation (Exact name of registrant as specified in its chapter)

Maryland (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

001-05664 (Commission File Number)

53-0085950 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

6903 Rockledge Drive, Suite 1500 Bethesda, Maryland 20817 (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (240) 744-1000

Item 5. Other events

On October 27, 2003, Host Marriott Corporation (the "Company") announced that Host Marriott, L.P., for whom the Company acts as sole general partner, is proposing to offer in a private placement \$500 million in aggregate principal amount of Senior Notes due 2013. The net proceeds of the offering will be used to redeem in full Host Marriott L.P.'s existing \$429 million 7.85% Senior Notes due 2005, and a portion of Host Marriott L.P.'s existing 8.45% Senior Notes due 2008 and to pay related fees and expenses. A copy of the news release issued by the Company is attached as an Exhibit to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

Item 7. Financial Statements, Pro Forma Financial Information and Exhibits

- (c) Exhibits.
- 99.1 Host Marriott Corporation news release dated October 27, 2003.

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 this 27^{th} day of October 2003.

HOST MARRIOTT CORPORATION

BY: /s/ LARRY K. HARVEY

Name: Larry K. Harvey

Title: Senior Vice President and Corporate Controller

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 Host Marriott Corporation news release dated October 27, 2003.

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HOST MARRIOTT CORPORATION ANNOUNCES PROPOSED PRIVATE PLACEMENT OF SENIOR NOTES DUE 2013

BETHESDA, MD, October 27, 2003—Host Marriott Corporation (NYSE:HMT) announced today that Host Marriott, L.P., for whom the Company acts as sole general partner, is proposing to offer in a private placement \$500 million aggregate principal amount of Senior Notes due 2013 (the "Notes"). As the offering is a private placement, it will not be made to the general public. Only qualified institutional buyers may participate in the offering.

The net proceeds of the offering will be used to redeem in full Host Marriott L.P.'s existing \$429 million 7.875% Senior Notes due 2005, and a portion of the Host Marriott L.P.'s existing 8.45% Senior Notes due 2008 and to pay related fees and expenses.

The Notes to be offered have not been registered under the United States Securities Act of 1933 and may not be offered or sold in the United States absent registration or an applicable exemption from registration requirements. The issuance of the Notes will be structured to allow secondary market trading under Rule 144A under the Securities Act of 1933.

This press release shall not constitute an offer to sell or a solicitation of an offer to buy any security and shall not constitute an offer, solicitation or sale of any securities in any jurisdiction where such an offering sold would be unlawful.

This press release contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of federal securities regulations. Forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance and involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors which may cause the actual results to differ materially from those anticipated at the time the forward-looking statements are made. These risks include, but are not limited to: national and local economic and business conditions that will affect occupancy rates at our hotels and the demand for hotel products and services; operating risks associated with the hotel business; risks associated with the level of our indebtedness and our ability to meet covenants in our debt agreements; relationships with property managers; our ability to maintain our properties in a first-class manner, including meeting capital expenditure requirements; our ability to compete effectively in areas such as access, location, quality of accommodations and room rate structures; changes in travel patterns, taxes and government regulations which influence or determine wages, prices, construction procedures and costs; and our ability to continue to satisfy complex rules in order for us to qualify as a REIT for federal income tax purposes. For further information regarding risks and uncertainties associated with our business, please refer to the Company's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Although the Company believes the expectations reflected in such forward-looking statements are based upon reasonable assumptions, it can give no assurance that the expectations will be attained or that any deviation will not be material. All information in this release is as of October 27, 2003 and the Company undertakes no obligation to update any forward-looking statement to conform the statement to actual results or changes in the Company's expectations.

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