

CAPITAL TRUST INC
Form 8-K
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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 (Date of earliest event reported): January 28, 2009

CAPITAL TRUST, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland

(State or other Jurisdiction of
Incorporation)

1-14788

(Commission File Number)

94-6181186

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

410 Park Avenue, 14th Floor, New York, NY

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

10022

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(212) 655-0220**

N/A

(Former name or former address if changed since last report.)

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

(e) Effective January 28, 2009, the compensation committee (the “Committee”) of the board of directors (the “Board”) of Capital Trust, Inc. (the “Company”), having presented the Committee’s recommendations to and obtained the endorsement of the Board, approved payouts under award agreements issued in 2008 to John R. Klopp, the Company’s chief executive officer, Stephen D. Plavin, the Company’s chief operating officer, and Geoffrey G. Jervis, the Company’s chief financial officer (collectively, the “Officers”). The award agreements were issued pursuant to the Officers’ respective employment agreements with the Company and were in respect of a performance period that ended on December 31, 2008.

Effective January 28, 2009, the Committee approved a cash bonus of approximately \$840,240 (the “Klopp Cash Bonus”) and a grant of \$530,375 of shares of restricted and performance stock (the “Klopp Stock Grant”) payable to Mr. Klopp pursuant to an award agreement granting performance units, dated March 27, 2008 (the “Klopp Award”). Under the Klopp Award, with respect to both the Klopp Cash Bonus and the Klopp Stock Grant, the performance measures to determine qualification for such awards consisted of (i) adjusted net income, (ii) dividends per share, (iii) fund equity raised, (iv) liability management, (v) portfolio credit performance, and (vi) gross originations, weighted 20%, 20%, 15%, 15%, 15% and 15%, respectively. The Klopp Award provided for an annual cash bonus opportunity ranging from 100% of base salary at threshold performance to 200% of base salary at maximum performance, with a target of 150% of base salary at target performance. In addition, Mr. Klopp was eligible to earn shares of restricted stock and performance stock, subject to future vesting, with a value ranging from \$250,000 at threshold performance to \$750,000 at maximum performance, with a target of \$500,000 at target performance. The restricted stock component of the Klopp Stock Grant, representing 50% of the shares earned, will vest in equal installments over the three year period which commenced on January 1, 2009 and ends on December 31, 2011. The performance stock component, representing 50% of the shares earned, will vest on December 31, 2012, provided that the total shareholder return during the vesting period is at least 13% per annum.

Effective January 28, 2009, the Committee approved a cash bonus of approximately \$681,575 (the “Plavin Cash Bonus”) payable to Mr. Plavin pursuant to an award agreement granting a performance unit, dated March 27, 2008 (the “Plavin Award”). Under the Plavin Award, the performance measures to determine qualification for the Plavin Cash Bonus consisted of (i) adjusted net income, (ii) dividends per share, (iii) fund equity raised, (iv) liability management, (v) portfolio credit performance, and (vi) gross originations, weighted 20%, 20%, 10%, 10%, 20% and 20%, respectively. The Plavin Award provided for an annual cash bonus opportunity ranging from 100% of base salary at threshold performance to 200% of base salary at maximum performance, with a target of 150% of base salary at target performance.

Effective January 28, 2009, the Committee approved a cash bonus of approximately \$503,178 (the “Jervis Cash Bonus”) payable to Mr. Jervis pursuant to an award agreement granting a performance unit, dated March 27, 2008 (the “Jervis Award”). Under the Jervis Award, the performance measures to determine qualification for the Jervis Cash Bonus consisted of (i) adjusted net income, (ii) dividends per share, (iii) fund equity raised, (iv) liability management, (v) portfolio credit performance, and (vi) gross originations, weighted 20%, 20%, 20%, 20%, 10% and 10%, respectively. The Jervis Award provided for an annual cash bonus opportunity ranging from 100% of base salary at threshold performance to 200% of base salary at maximum performance, with a target of 150% of base salary at target performance.

Effective January 28, 2009, the Committee also granted a cash bonus to Thomas C. Ruffing, the chief credit officer and head of asset management of the Company, of \$300,000. Mr. Ruffing's employment agreement with the Company provided for a 2008 annual bonus in such amount to be determined by the Board but in no event less than \$250,000.

With respect to Messrs. Klopp, Plavin and Jervis, approximately 20% of the cash bonuses will be paid after the filing of the Company's annual report on Form 10-K for the period ended December 31, 2008. With respect to Mr. Klopp, approximately 20% of the restricted stock and performance stock award will become effective after the filing of the Company's annual report on Form 10-K for the period ended December 31, 2008.

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.

CAPITAL TRUST, INC.

By: /s/ Geoffrey G. Jervis
Name: Geoffrey G. Jervis
Title: Chief Financial Officer

Date: February 2, 2009