

Hyatt Hotels Corp
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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 of
incorporation or organization)

71 South Wacker Drive, 12th Floor

Chicago, Illinois 60606

(312) 750-1234

20-1480589
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

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(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

HYATT HOTELS CORPORATION EMPLOYEE STOCK PURCHASE PLAN

(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

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of large accelerated filer, accelerated filer and smaller reporting company in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer ☐ Accelerated filer ☐
 Non-accelerated filer ☒ (do not check if a smaller reporting company) Smaller reporting company ☐

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Title of Securities to be Registered	Amount to be Registered (1)	Proposed Maximum Offering Price Per Share (2)	Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price	Amount of Registration Fee
Class A common stock, par value \$0.01 per share	1,000,000 shares	\$40.44	\$40,440,000	\$2,883.37

- (1) This Registration Statement registers 1,000,000 shares of Class A common stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the Class A Common Stock), of Hyatt Hotels Corporation (the Company) for issuance pursuant to the Hyatt Hotels Corporation Employee Stock Purchase Plan (the Plan).

Pursuant to Rule 416(a) of 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.

- (2) Pursuant to Rules 457(c) and 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 May 7, 2010 (\$40.44).

PART I

Information required by Part I to be contained in the Section 10(a) prospectus is omitted from this Registration Statement in accordance with the Introductory Note to Part I of Form S-8. The documents containing the information specified in Part I will be delivered to the participants in the Plan as required by Rule 428(b)(1).

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 Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009, filed with the SEC on February 25, 2010.
- (b) The Company's Current Report on Form 8-K, filed with the SEC on April 7, 2010.
- (c) The Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended March 31, 2010, filed with the SEC on May 6, 2010.
- (d) The description of the Company's Class A Common Stock contained in the registration statement on Form 8-A (File 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 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

Certain 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 of Hyatt Hotels Corporation (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-161068) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on November 2, 2009)
4.2	Certificate of Retirement of 38,000,000 Shares of Class B Common Stock (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 001-34521) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 17, 2009)

- 4.3 Amended and Restated Bylaws of Hyatt Hotels Corporation (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-161068) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on October 1, 2009)
- 4.4 Hyatt Hotels Corporation Employee Stock Purchase Plan (incorporated by reference to Appendix A to the Company's Definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A (File No. 001-34521) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 21, 2010)
- 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 pages 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 May 11, 2010.

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.

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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	Title	Date
/s/ Mark S. Hoplamazian Mark S. Hoplamazian	President, Chief Executive Officer and Director <i>(Principal Executive Officer)</i>	May 11, 2010
/s/ Harmit J. Singh Harmit J. Singh	Chief Financial Officer <i>(Principal Accounting and Financial Officer)</i>	May 11, 2010
/s/ Thomas J. Pritzker Thomas J. Pritzker	Executive Chairman of the Board of Directors	May 11, 2010
/s/ Bernard W. Aronson Bernard W. Aronson	Director	May 11, 2010
/s/ Richard A. Friedman Richard A. Friedman	Director	May 11, 2010
/s/ Susan D. Kronick Susan D. Kronick	Director	May 11, 2010
/s/ Mackey J. McDonald Mackey J. McDonald	Director	May 11, 2010
/s/ John D. Nichols John D. Nichols	Director	May 11, 2010
/s/ Gregory B. Penner Gregory B. Penner	Director	May 11, 2010
/s/ Penny Pritzker Penny Pritzker	Director	May 11, 2010

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/s/ Michael A. Rocca Michael A. Rocca	Director	May 11, 2010
/s/ Byron D. Trott Byron D. Trott	Director	May 11, 2010
/s/ Richard C. Tuttle Richard C. Tuttle	Director	May 11, 2010

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