DiamondRock Hospitality Co Form 8-K September 06, 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):

August 30, 2016

DiamondRock Hospitality Company

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

Maryland (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) 001-32514 (Commission File Number) **20-1180098** (IRS Employer Identification No.)

3 Bethesda Metro Center, Suite 1500 Bethesda, MD 20814 (Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

(240) 744-1150 (Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

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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.

Robert Tanenbaum notified DiamondRock Hospitality Company (the Company) on August 30, 2016 of his decision to resign as Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of the Company, effective September 22, 2016. Mr. Tanenbaum has accepted an opportunity to join Park Hotels & Resorts Inc., a lodging real estate company to be spun-off from Hilton Worldwide Holdings Inc., as Executive Vice President, Asset Management. The Company has engaged Ferguson Partners, a national executive recruiting firm, and begun the search process to replace Mr. Tanenbaum. In the interim, Mr. Tanenbaum s responsibilities will be assumed by the Company s senior management team.

Mr. Tanenbaum s resignation did not result from any disagreement with the Company on any matter relating to the Company s operations, policies or practices.

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SIGNATURE

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.

DIAMONDROCK HOSPITALITY COMPANY

Date: September 6, 2016

By:

/s/ William J. Tennis William J. Tennis Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary

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