

Extended Stay America, Inc.
Form 4
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Blackstone Real Estate Associates
VI-ESH L.P.

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O THE BLACKSTONE GROUP
L.P., 345 PARK AVENUE

(Street)

NEW YORK, NY 10154

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
Extended Stay America, Inc. [STAY]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
12/22/2014

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

___ Director ___X___ 10% Owner
___ Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
___ Form filed by One Reporting Person
X Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--------------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price | | | |
| Paired Shares | 12/22/2014 | | J(1) | 13,130 D (1) | 8,730,732 | I | See Footnotes (2) (3) (10) (11) (12) |
| Paired Shares | 12/22/2014 | | J(1) | 13,452 D (1) | 8,846,409 | I | See Footnotes (2) (4) (10) (11) (12) |
| Paired Shares | 12/22/2014 | | J(1) | 229 D (1) | 2,950,447 | I | See Footnotes (2) (5) (10) (11) (12) |

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|---------------|------------|------------------|--------|---|-----|------------|---|--------------------------------------|
| Paired Shares | 12/22/2014 | J ⁽¹⁾ | 89 | D | (1) | 59,495 | I | See Footnotes (2) (6) (10) (11) (12) |
| Paired Shares | 12/22/2014 | J ⁽¹⁾ | 13,962 | D | (1) | 9,202,360 | I | See Footnotes (2) (7) (10) (11) (12) |
| Paired Shares | | | | | | 5,615,178 | I | See Footnotes (2) (8) (10) (11) (12) |
| Paired Shares | | | | | | 12,070,866 | I | See Footnotes (2) (9) (10) (11) (12) |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 6) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Blackstone Real Estate Associates VI-ESH L.P. C/O THE BLACKSTONE GROUP L.P. | | | | X |

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Signatures

BLACKSTONE REAL ESTATE ASSOCIATES VI-ESH L.P., By: BREA VI-ESH L.L.C.,
its General Partner, By: /s/ John G. Finley, Name: John G. Finley, Title: Chief Legal Officer 12/22/2014
Date

__Signature of Reporting Person

BREA VI-ESH L.L.C., By: /s/ John G. Finley, Name: John G. Finley, Title: Chief Legal
Officer 12/22/2014
Date

__Signature of Reporting Person

BLACKSTONE HOLDINGS III L.P., By: Blackstone Holdings III GP L.P., its General
Partner, By: Blackstone Holdings III GP Management L.L.C., its General Partner, By: /s/ John
G. Finley, Name: John G. Finley, Title: Chief Legal Officer 12/22/2014
Date

__Signature of Reporting Person

BLACKSTONE HOLDINGS III GP L.P., By: Blackstone Holdings III GP Management
L.L.C., its General Partner, By: /s/ John G. Finley, Name: John G. Finley, Title: Chief Legal
Officer 12/22/2014
Date

__Signature of Reporting Person

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| BLACKSTONE HOLDINGS III GP MANAGEMENT L.L.C., By: /s/ John G. Finley, Name: John G. Finley, Title: Chief Legal Officer | 12/22/2014 |
| __Signature of Reporting Person | Date |
| THE BLACKSTONE GROUP L.P., By: Blackstone Group Management L.L.C., its General Partner, By: /s/ John G. Finley, Name: John G. Finley, Title: Chief Legal Officer | 12/22/2014 |
| __Signature of Reporting Person | Date |
| BLACKSTONE GROUP MANAGEMENT L.L.C., By: /s/ John G. Finley, Name: John G. Finley, Title: Chief Legal Officer | 12/22/2014 |
| __Signature of Reporting Person | Date |
| STEPHEN A. SCHWARZMAN, By: /s/ Stephen A. Schwarzman, Name: Stephen A. Schwarzman | 12/24/2014 |
| __Signature of Reporting Person | Date |

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
 - ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Each Paired Share is comprised of one share of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, of Extended Stay America, Inc. and one share of Class B Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share, of ESH Hospitality, Inc., which shares are paired and traded as a single unit. A Form 4 reflecting the holdings of Paired Shares by the Reporting Persons shown on this Form 4 has been concurrently filed with respect to ESH Hospitality, Inc. as issuer.
- Represents a distribution of Paired Shares previously held directly by Blackstone Real Estate Partners VI.A-ESH L.P., Blackstone Real Estate Partners VI.B-ESH L.P., Blackstone Real Estate Partners VI.C-ESH L.P., Blackstone Real Estate Partners (AIV) VI-ESH L.P. and Blackstone Real Estate Partners VI.F-ESH L.P. (collectively, the "Partnerships"), as applicable, to members of BREA VI-ESH L.L.C. in respect of their indirect interests in such Partnerships. Each Partnership distributed the shares reported in this Form 4 to Blackstone Real Estate Associates VI-ESH L.P., its general partner, who distributed such shares to BREA VI-ESH L.L.C., its general partner, who distributed such shares to Stephen A. Schwarzman and other members. The shares distributed to Mr. Schwarzman were beneficially owned indirectly by him prior to such distribution.
- (3) These Paired Shares are directly held by Blackstone Real Estate Partners VI.A-ESH L.P.
 - (4) These Paired Shares are directly held by Blackstone Real Estate Partners VI.B-ESH L.P.
 - (5) These Paired Shares are directly held by Blackstone Real Estate Partners VI.C-ESH L.P.
 - (6) These Paired Shares are directly held by Blackstone Real Estate Partners (AIV) VI-ESH L.P.
 - (7) These Paired Shares are directly held by Blackstone Real Estate Partners VI.F-ESH L.P.
 - (8) These Paired Shares are directly held by Blackstone Real Estate Partners VI.TE.1-ESH L.P.
 - (9) These Paired Shares are directly held by Blackstone Real Estate Partners VI.TE.2-ESH L.P.
- The general partner of each of the Partnerships, Blackstone Real Estate Partners VI.TE.1-ESH L.P. and Blackstone Real Estate Partners VI.TE.2-ESH L.P. is Blackstone Real Estate Associates VI-ESH L.P. The general partner of Blackstone Real Estate Associates VI-ESH L.P. is BREA VI-ESH L.L.C. The managing member of BREA VI-ESH L.L.C. is Blackstone Holdings III L.P. The general partner of Blackstone Holdings III L.P. is Blackstone Holdings III GP L.P. The general partner of Blackstone Holdings III GP L.P. is Blackstone Holdings III GP Management L.L.C. The managing member of Blackstone Holdings III GP L.L.C. is The Blackstone Group L.P. The general partner of The Blackstone Group L.P. is Blackstone Group Management L.L.C. Blackstone Group Management L.L.C. is wholly-owned by Blackstone's senior managing directors and controlled by its founder, Stephen A. Schwarzman.
- (10) Each of such Blackstone entities (other than the Partnerships, Blackstone Real Estate Partners VI.TE.1-ESH L.P. and Blackstone Real Estate Partners VI.TE.2-ESH L.P. to the extent of their direct holdings) and Mr. Schwarzman may be deemed to beneficially own the Paired Shares beneficially owned by the Partnerships, Blackstone Real Estate Partners VI.TE.1-ESH L.P. and Blackstone Real Estate Partners VI.TE.2-ESH L.P. directly or indirectly controlled by it or him, but each disclaims beneficial ownership of such securities, except to the extent of such Reporting Person's pecuniary interest therein. The filing of this statement shall not be deemed to be an admission that, for purposes of Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or otherwise, the Reporting Persons are the beneficial owners of any securities reported herein.
- (11) Each of such Blackstone entities (other than the Partnerships, Blackstone Real Estate Partners VI.TE.1-ESH L.P. and Blackstone Real Estate Partners VI.TE.2-ESH L.P. to the extent of their direct holdings) and Mr. Schwarzman may be deemed to beneficially own the Paired Shares beneficially owned by the Partnerships, Blackstone Real Estate Partners VI.TE.1-ESH L.P. and Blackstone Real Estate Partners VI.TE.2-ESH L.P. directly or indirectly controlled by it or him, but each disclaims beneficial ownership of such securities, except to the extent of such Reporting Person's pecuniary interest therein. The filing of this statement shall not be deemed to be an admission that, for purposes of Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or otherwise, the Reporting Persons are the beneficial owners of any securities reported herein.

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- (12) Due to the limitations of the Securities and Exchange Commission's EDGAR system, certain Reporting Persons have filed a separate Form 4.

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