

Sunstone Hotel Investors, Inc.  
Form 8-K  
April 11, 2006

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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**WASHINGTON, DC 20549**

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT**

**PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE**  
**SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): April 5, 2006**

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**Sunstone Hotel Investors, Inc.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

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**Maryland**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

**001-32319**  
(Commission File Number)

**20-1296886**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**903 Calle Amanecer, Suite 100**  
**San Clemente, California**  
(Address of Principal Executive Office)

**(949) 369-4000**

**92673**  
(Zip Code)

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

N/A

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**ITEM 5.03. AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OR BYLAWS; CHANGE IN FISCAL YEAR.**

On April 5, 2006, Sunstone Hotel Investors, Inc. ( Sunstone ) filed Articles Supplementary to its Articles of Amendment and Restatement (as amended) with the State Department of Assessment and Taxation of Maryland. The Articles Supplementary are filed herewith as Exhibit 3.1. The Articles Supplementary classified and designated an additional 8,000,000 shares of authorized but previously unissued preferred stock into shares of its 8% Series A Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock (the Series A Preferred Stock ).

**ITEM 8.01. OTHER EVENTS**

On April 5, 2006, Sunstone and Sunstone Hotel Partnership, LLC entered into an underwriting agreement (the Underwriting Agreement ) with Deutsche Bank Securities, Inc., to issue and sell 1,000,000 shares of the Company s Series A Preferred Stock. The Underwriting Agreement is filed herewith as Exhibit 1.1.

On April 5, 2006, Sunstone also entered into a purchase agreement (the Purchase Agreement ) with one of its existing stockholders, Security Capital Preferred Growth Incorporated, and with Nuveen Real Estate Income Fund, both of which are advisory clients of Security Capital Research & Management Incorporated, pursuant to which it agreed to sell an aggregate of 1,200,000 shares of Series A Preferred Stock.

All shares of Series A Preferred Stock under the Underwriting Agreement and the Purchase Agreement were offered by Sunstone and were sold under the Company s Form S-3 shelf registration statement (File No. 333-130480), as supplemented by the Prospectus Supplement filed on April 7, 2006 with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

**ITEM 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS**

The Company hereby files the following exhibits to its Form S-3 shelf registration statement (File No. 333-130480), which was filed on December 20, 2005 and supplemented by a Prospectus Supplement filed on April 7, 2006 or otherwise pursuant to requirements of Form 8-K:

- 1.1 Underwriting Agreement, dated April 5, 2006.
- 3.1 Articles Supplementary.
- 5.1 Opinion of Venable LLP.
- 8.1 Tax Opinion of Sullivan & Cromwell LLP.
- 23.6 Consent of Venable LLP (included in Exhibit 5.1).
- 23.7 Consent of Sullivan & Cromwell LLP (included in Exhibit 8.1).

**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.

**Sunstone Hotel Investors, Inc.**

Date: April 11, 2006

By: /s/ JON D. KLINE  
Jon D. Kline

Executive Vice President and

Chief Financial Officer

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

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