



DIVISION OF
CORPORATION FINANCE

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

June 18, 2012

Via Email

Bruce Riggings
Chief Financial Officer
LaSalle Hotel Properties
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Bethesda, MD 20814

**Re: LaSalle Hotel Properties
Form 10-K for the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2011
Filed February 22, 2012
File No. 001-14045**

Dear Mr. Riggings:

We have reviewed your filing and have the following comment. In our comment, we may ask you to provide us with information so we may better understand your disclosure.

Please respond to this letter within ten business days by amending your filing, by providing the requested information, or by advising us when you will provide the requested response. If you do not believe our comment applies to your facts and circumstances or do not believe an amendment is appropriate, please tell us why in your response.

After reviewing any amendment to your filing and the information you provide in response to this comment, we may have additional comments.

Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations, page 22

1. You indicate that your increase in hotel operating revenues is primarily attributed to acquisitions. Please tell us if management analyzes same store RevPAR or a similar same store measure to evaluate the operating performance and/or growth of properties that were owned in both periods evaluated.

We urge all persons who are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of the disclosure in the filing to be certain that the filing includes the information the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and all applicable Exchange Act rules require. Since the company and its management are in possession of all facts relating to a company's disclosure, they are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of the disclosures they have made.

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In responding to our comment, please provide a written statement from the company acknowledging that:

- the company is responsible for the adequacy and accuracy of the disclosure in the filing;
- staff comments or changes to disclosure in response to staff comments do not foreclose the Commission from taking any action with respect to the filing; and
- the company may not assert staff comments as a defense in any proceeding initiated by the Commission or any person under the federal securities laws of the United States.

Please contact Duc Dang at (202) 551-3386 or me at (202) 551-3233 with any other questions.

Sincerely,

/s/ Tom Kluck

Tom Kluck
Legal Branch Chief