Sunstone Hotel Investors, Inc. Form SC 13G February 15, 2017

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

> > SCHEDULE 13G

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Sunstone Hotel Investors Inc.

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock

(Title and Class of Securities)

867892101 (CUSIP Number)

December 31, 2016 (Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

- [X] Rule 13d-1(b)
- [\_] Rule 13d-1(c)
- [\_] Rule 13d-1(d)

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The information required on the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

1 NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS

Principal Real Estate Investors, LLC

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (See Instructions)

(a) (b)

- 3 SEC USE ONLY
- 4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

NUMBER OF	5	SOLE VOTING POWER	0
SHARES			
BENEFICIALLY	6	SHARED VOTING POWER	11,289,126
OWNED BY			
EACH	7	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER	0
REPORTING			
PERSON WITH	8	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER	11,289,126

9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

11,289,126

- 10 CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (See Instructions)
- 11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

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12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (See Instructions)

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Item 1(a). Name of Issuer:

Sunstone Hotel Investors Inc.

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Item 1(b). Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices: 120 Vantis Suite 350 Aliso Viejo, California 92656 Item 2(a). Name of Person Filing: Principal Real Estate Investors, LLC Item 2(b). Address of Principal Business Office, or, if None, Residence: Principal Real Estate Investors, LLC 801 Grand Avenue Des Moines, IA 50392 Item 2(c). Citizenship: Principal Real Estate Investors, LLC - State of Delaware Item 2(d). Title of Class of Securities: Common Stock Item 2(e). CUSIP Numbers: 867892101 Item 3. If this statement is filed pursuant to section 240.13d-1(b) or 240.13d 2(b) or (c), check whether the person filing is a: (e) [X] An investment adviser in accordance with section 240.13d 1(b)(1)(ii)(E) Item 4. Ownership: (a) Amount Beneficially Owned 11,289,126 Shares Common Stock presently held by Principal Real Estate Investors, LLC CUSIP No. 867892101 Page 4 (b) Percent of Class 5.2 Principal Real Estate Investors, LLC (c) Number of shares as to which the person has:

(i) Sole Power to Vote or Direct the Vote

0 Shares Common Stock Principal Global Investors, LLC

(ii) Shared Power to Vote or Direct the Vote

11,289,126 Shares Common Stock presently held by Principal Real Estate Investors, LLC

(iii) Sole Power to Dispose or to Direct the Disposition of

0 Shares Common Stock Principal Global Investors, LLC

(iv) Shared Power to Dispose or to Direct the Disposition of

11,289,126 Shares Common Stock presently held by Principal Real Estate Investors, LLC  $\,$ 

Item 5. Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class:

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CUSIP No.

Item 6. Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person

Persons other than the reporting persons have a right to receive or the power to direct the receipt of dividends from or the proceeds from the sale of such securities. The interest of no such person having such an interest relates to more than five percent of the class.

Item 7. See Exhibit attached

Item	8.	Identification and Classification of Members of the Group	
	Not	applicable	
Item	9.	Notice of Dissolution of Group	
	Not	applicable	
Item	10(a). Certification		
	By signing below I certify, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired and are held in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired and are not held		

for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing

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the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect.

Signature

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Principal Real Estate Investors, LLC

By /s/ Jill Hittner Jill Hittner, Chief Financial Officer

Dated February 14, 2017

EXHIBIT 99.1

Principal Real Estate Investors, LLC Item 3 Classification: (e) Investment Adviser in accordance with Section 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(E)