

KROGER CO
Form 10-K/A
April 18, 2018

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 10 K/A

(Amendment No. 1)

(Mark One)

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

For the fiscal year ended February 3, 2018.
OR

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

For the transition period from _____ to _____

Commission file number 1-303
THE KROGER CO.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Ohio 31-0345740
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization) (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

1014 Vine Street, Cincinnati, OH 45202
(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (513) 762-4000

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

| Title of each class | Name of each exchange on which registered |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| Common Stock \$1 par value | New York Stock Exchange |

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act:

NONE

(Title of class)

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Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act.

Yes No

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Act.

Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.

Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Website, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files).

Yes No

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K (§299.405 of this chapter) is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of the registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, a smaller reporting company, or an emerging growth company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer," "smaller reporting company," and "emerging growth company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

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| Large accelerated filer | Accelerated filer |
| Non-accelerated filer (Do not check if a smaller reporting company) | Smaller reporting company |
| | Emerging growth company |

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined by Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).

Yes No

The aggregate market value of the Common Stock of The Kroger Co. held by non-affiliates as of August 12, 2017: \$21.1 billion. There were 854,098,314 shares of Common Stock (\$1 par value) outstanding as of March 29, 2018.

Documents Incorporated by Reference:

Portions of Kroger's definitive proxy statement for its 2018 annual meeting of shareholders, which shall be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission within 120 days after the end of the fiscal year to which this Report relates, are incorporated by reference into Part III of this Report.

Explanatory Note

The Kroger Co. (the “Company”) is filing this Amendment No. 1 to its Annual Report on Form 10 K for the fiscal year ended February 3, 2018, which was originally filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 3, 2018 (the “Original Filing”), solely to correct the number of shares of the Company’s common stock outstanding as of March 29, 2018 as disclosed on the cover page of the Original Filing. The number of outstanding shares of the Company’s common stock disclosed in the Original Filing inadvertently included 11,878,040 treasury shares that were issued but were not outstanding. Therefore, the number of shares of the Company’s common stock outstanding as of March 29, 2018 was 854,098,314.

Pursuant to Rule 12b 15 under Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, this Form 10 K/A also contains new Rule 13a 14(a)/15d 14(a) Certifications, which are attached hereto. Because no financial statements have been amended by or included in this Form 10 K/A and this Form 10 K/A does not contain or amend any disclosure with respect to Items 307 and 308 of Regulation S K, paragraphs 3, 4 and 5 of the certifications have been omitted.

This Form 10 K/A does not change or update any of the other disclosures contained in the Original Filing, including, without limitation, the total number of outstanding shares of common stock otherwise disclosed within the body of the Original Filing.

EXHIBIT INDEX

| Exhibit No. | |
|-------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| 31.1 | <u>Rule 13a 14(a)/15d 14(a) Certification.</u> |
| 31.2 | <u>Rule 13a 14(a)/15d 14(a) Certification.</u> |
| 101.INS | XBRL Instance Document. |
| 101.SCH | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document. |
| 101.CAL | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document. |
| 101.DEF | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document. |
| 101.LAB | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase Document. |
| 101.PRE | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document. |

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Company has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

THE KROGER CO.

Dated: April 18, 2018 /s/ W. Rodney McMullen
W. Rodney McMullen
Chief Executive Officer
(principal executive officer)
