

SPROTT FOCUS TRUST INC.
Form SC 13D/A
July 08, 2016
UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20549

SCHEDULE 13D
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
(Amendment No. 18)*

Sprott Focus Trust, Inc.
(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock
(Title of Class of Securities)

78080N108
(CUSIP Number)

W. Whitney George, 777 Post Road, Darien, Connecticut, 06820, (203) 656-2430
(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person Authorized to Receive
Notices and Communications)

June 27, 2016
(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

If the filing
person has
previously filed
a statement on
Schedule 13G to
report the
acquisition that
is the subject of
this Schedule
13D, and is
filing this
schedule
because of
ss.240.13d-1(e),
240.13d 1(f) or
240.13d-1(g),
check the
following box
☐.

*Note: Six
copies of this
statement,
including all

exhibits, should
be filed with the
Commission.

See Rule
13d-1(a) for
other parties to
whom copies are
to be sent.

* The
remainder of
this cover page
shall be filled
out for a
reporting
person's initial
filing on this
form with
respect to the
subject class of
securities, and
for any
subsequent
amendment
containing
information
which would
alter disclosures
provided in a
prior cover page.

CUSIP No. 78080N108

1. NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS

I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)

W. Whitney George

2. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a) ☐

(b) ☒

3. SEC USE ONLY

4. SOURCE OF FUNDS

PF

5. CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d)
OR 2(e) ☐

6. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

U.S.A.

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH

7. SOLE VOTING POWER

3,299,613

8. SHARED VOTING POWER

2,570,618

SOLE

9. DISPOSITIVE
POWER

3,299,613

10. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

2,570,618

11. AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

5,870,231

12.

CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE
AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES ☐
CERTAIN SHARES

13. PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

24.66%

14. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

IN

CUSIP No. 78080N108

1. NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS

I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)

Meredith George

2. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a) ☐

(b) ☒

3. SEC USE ONLY

4. SOURCE OF FUNDS

PF

5. CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d)
OR 2(e) ☐

6. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

U.S.A.

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH

7. SOLE VOTING POWER

1,176,692

8. SHARED VOTING POWER

2,570,618

SOLE

9. DISPOSITIVE
POWER

1,176,692

10. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

2,570,618

11. AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

3,747,310

12.

CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE
AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES ☐
CERTAIN SHARES

13. PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

15.74%

14. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

IN

CUSIP No. 78080N108

1. NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS

I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)

Brooks George

2. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a) ☐

(b) ☒

3. SEC USE ONLY

4. SOURCE OF FUNDS

PF

5. CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) OR 2(e) ☐

6. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

U.S.A.

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH

7. SOLE VOTING POWER

133,044

8. SHARED VOTING POWER

0

SOLE

9. DISPOSITIVE
POWER

133,044

10. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

0

11. AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

133,044

12.

CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE
AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES ☐
CERTAIN SHARES

13. PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

0.56%

14. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

IN

CUSIP No. 78080N108

1. NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS

I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)

Allen George

2. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a) ☐

(b) ☒

3. SEC USE ONLY

4. SOURCE OF FUNDS

PF

5. CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) OR 2(e) ☐

6. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

U.S.A.

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH

7. SOLE VOTING POWER

129,628

8. SHARED VOTING POWER

0

SOLE

9. DISPOSITIVE
POWER

129,628

10. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

0

11. AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

129,628

12.

CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE
AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES ☐
CERTAIN SHARES

13. PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

0.54%

14. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

IN

CUSIP No. 78080N108

Item 1. Security and Issuer.

Item 1 is hereby amended and restated to read as follows:

The title and class of equity securities to which this statement relates is Common Stock.

The name and address of the principal executive offices of the Issuer are:

Sprott Focus Trust, Inc.
Royal Bank Plaza, South Tower
200 Bay Street, Suite 2700
Toronto, Ontario, Canada M5J2J1

Item 2. Identity and Background.

Item 2 is hereby amended and restated to read as follows:

(a) This statement is filed jointly by W. Whitney George, Meredith George, Brooks George and Allen George (the "Reporting Persons").

The business address of W. Whitney George, Meredith George and Allen George is 777 Post Road, Darien, Connecticut, 06820. The business address of Brooks George is 650 Executive Drive, Willowbrook, Illinois, 60527.

(c) W. Whitney George is Senior Portfolio Manager of Sprott Asset Management USA Inc. ("Sprott"), a registered investment adviser whose clients include the Issuer. The company is principally located at 1910 Palomar Point Way, Suite 200, Carlsbad, California, 92008. Meredith George is a homemaker. Brooks George works in marketing for Wholesome Tea, a beverage company principally located at 650 Executive Drive, Willowbrook, Illinois, 60527. Allen George is currently unemployed.

(d) Not applicable.

(e) Not applicable.

(f) The Reporting Persons are all citizens of the United States.

Item 3. Source and Amount of Funds or Other Consideration.

Item 3 is hereby amended and restated to read as follows:

The source of the funds used by the Reporting Persons to acquire the Common Stock beneficially owned by them was personal funds of the Reporting Persons.

CUSIP No. 78080N108

Item
4. Purpose of Transaction.

Item 4 is hereby amended and restated to read as follows:

The Reporting Persons purchased the shares of the Issuer's Common Stock for investment purposes.

W. Whitney George currently acts as the Issuer's portfolio manager and is an employee of Sprott. Because of family relationships among the Reporting Persons, they are filing jointly solely for informational purposes. The filing of this statement is not an admission by any Reporting Person that such Reporting Person and any other Reporting Person or Reporting Persons constitute a "group" for purposes of Section 13(d)(3) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Rule 13d-3 thereunder or for any other purpose, and each Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of any shares of Common Stock owned by any other Reporting Person.

Except as set forth above, the Reporting Persons do not have any present plan or proposal, which would relate to or result in any of the matters set forth in subparagraphs (a) - (j) of Item 4 of Schedule 13D except as set forth herein or such as would occur upon completion of any of the actions discussed above. Each Reporting Person reserves the right, at a later date, to effect one or more of such changes or transactions in the number of Common Stock they may be deemed to beneficially own.

Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer.

Item 5 is hereby amended and restated to read as follows:

The aggregate number and percentage of the outstanding Common Stock (based upon a total of 23,808,832 shares reported outstanding as of March 31, 2016) beneficially owned (a) by each of the reporting persons as of the date hereof are as follows

W. Whitney George	5,870,231	24.66%
Meredith George	3,747,310	15.74%
Brooks George	133,044	0.56%
Allen George	129,628	0.54%

(b) W. Whitney George has sole voting and sole dispositive power with respect to 3,299,613 shares of Common Stock. The remaining 2,570,618 shares beneficially owned by him are jointly owned by Meredith George, his wife, and accordingly he may be deemed to share voting power

and investment power with respect to such shares.

Meredith George has sole voting and sole dispositive power with respect to 1,176,692 shares of Common Stock. The remaining 2,570,618 shares beneficially owned by her are jointly owned by W. Whitney George, her husband, and accordingly she may be deemed to share voting power and investment power with respect to such shares.

Brooks George has sole voting and sole dispositive power with respect to 133,044 shares of Common Stock.

Allen George has sole voting and sole dispositive power with respect to 129,628 shares of Common Stock.

In the 60 days prior to the filing of this statement, W. Whitney George effected the following purchases of the Common Stock of the Issuer, which were effected in the open market and not previously reported on any Schedule 13D filing: (i) 1,361 shares at \$6.20 per share on June 24, 2016; (c) (ii) 25,000 shares at \$6.15 per share on June 27, 2016.

None of the other Reporting Persons have effected any purchase or sale of Common Stock in the 60 days prior to the filing of this statement.

Item 6. Contracts, Arrangements, Understandings or Relationships with Respect to Securities of the Issuer.

Not applicable.

Item 7. Material to be Filed as Exhibits.

Joint Filing
Agreement
dated July 9,

2015 by and
among W.
Whitney
George,
Meredith
George,
Brooks
George and
Allen
George. –
Incorporated
by reference
to Exhibit
99.1 to
Amendment
No. 15 to
Schedule
13D of the
Reporting
Persons, filed
with the
Securities
and
Exchange
Commission
on July 9,
2015.

CUSIP No. 78080N108

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.

July 8, 2016

(Date)

By: /s/ W. Whitney George

(Signature)

W. Whitney George

By: /s/ Meredith George

(Signature)

Meredith George

By: /s/ Brooks George

(Signature)

Brooks George

By: /s/ Allen George

(Signature)

Allen George

Attention: Intentional misstatements or omissions of fact constitute Federal criminal violations (see 18 U.S.C. 1001).