

J. Alexander's Holdings, Inc.
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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d)

of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): August 4, 2017 (August 3, 2017)

J. ALEXANDER S HOLDINGS, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Tennessee
(State or Other Jurisdiction

001-37473
(Commission

47-1608715
(IRS Employer

of Incorporation)

File Number)

Identification No.)

3401 West End Avenue, Suite 260, P.O. Box 24300, Nashville, Tennessee 37203

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(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (615) 269-1900

Not Applicable

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

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (17 CFR §230.405) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (17 CFR §240.12b-2).

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.

Item 8.01 Other Events

On August 4, 2017, J. Alexander's Holdings, Inc. (the Company or J. Alexander's) issued a press release announcing that it had entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger (the Merger Agreement), by and among the Company, J. Alexander's Holdings, LLC (JAX Op), Nitro Merger Sub, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of JAX Op (Merger Sub), Fidelity Newport Financial Ventures, LLC (FNFV), Fidelity Newport Holdings, LLC (FNH), and 99 Restaurants, LLC (99 Restaurants). Pursuant to the Merger Agreement, Merger Sub will merge with and into 99 Restaurants, whereupon the separate existence of Merger Sub shall cease and 99 Restaurants shall continue as the surviving company (the Surviving Company) (such transaction, the Merger). Immediately following the Merger, JAX Op will contribute the equity of 99 Restaurants to J. Alexander's, LLC, such that 99 Restaurants will become a wholly owned subsidiary of J. Alexander's, LLC.

Cautionary Statement Regarding Forward Looking Information

In connection with the safe harbor established under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, J. Alexander's cautions that certain information contained or incorporated by reference in this report and our other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), in our press releases and in statements made by or with the approval of authorized personnel is forward-looking information that involves risks, uncertainties and other factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements contained herein. Forward-looking statements discuss our current expectations and projections relating to our financial conditions, results of operations, plans, objectives, future performance and business. Forward-looking statements are typically identified by words or phrases such as may, will, would, can, should, likely, anticipate, potential, pro forma, continue, expect, project, intend, seek, plan, believe, target, outlook, forecast, the n, other words and terms of similar meaning in connection with any discussion of the timing or nature of future operating or financial performance or other events. Forward-looking statements include all statements that do not relate solely to historical or current facts, including statements regarding our expectations, intentions or strategies and regarding the future. J. Alexander's disclaims any intent or obligation to update these forward-looking statements.

Important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements include, among other things: uncertainties as to whether the requisite approvals of the J. Alexander's shareholders will be obtained; the risk of shareholder litigation in connection with the transaction and any related significant costs of defense, indemnification and liability; the possibility that competing offers will be made; the possibility that various closing conditions for the transaction may not be satisfied or waived; the occurrence of any event, change or other circumstances that could give rise to the termination of the merger agreement, including circumstances that may give rise to the payment of a termination fee by J. Alexander's; the effects of disruptions to respective business operations of J. Alexander's or 99 Restaurants resulting from the transactions, including the ability of the combined company to retain and hire key personnel and maintain relationships with suppliers and other business partners; the risks associated with the future performance of the business of 99 Restaurants; the risk of changes in the 2016 reported performance of the business of 99 Restaurants based on an audit of its financial statements, which is pending; the risks of integration of the business of 99 Restaurants and the possibility that costs or difficulties related to such integration of the business of 99 Restaurants and J. Alexander's will be greater than expected; the possibility that the anticipated benefits and synergies from the proposed transaction cannot be fully realized or may take longer to realize than expected; the risk associated with the determination of estimated 2018 combined Adjusted EBITDA figures, which are only estimates and are subject to change because of purchase accounting entries, and other factors. Further, the business of 99 Restaurants and the businesses of J. Alexander's remain subject to a number of general risks and other factors that may cause actual results to differ materially. There can be no assurance that the proposed transactions will in fact be consummated.

The statements and assumptions included in this report and in statements made by or with the approval of authorized personnel of J. Alexander's that relate to results of the combined businesses in 2018 and future years assume the transactions will close prior to the beginning of fiscal 2018, and assume the accuracy of projections relating to the financial condition and future operating results of 99 Restaurants and J. Alexander's.

Additional information about these and other material factors or assumptions underlying such forward looking statements are set forth in the reports that J. Alexander's files from time to time with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including those items listed under the Risk Factors heading in Item 1.A of J. Alexander's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended January 1, 2017. These forward-looking statements reflect J. Alexander's expectations as of the date of this communication. J. Alexander's disclaims any intent or obligation to update these forward-looking statements for any reason, even if new information becomes available or other events occur in the future, except as may be required by law.

Additional Information for Shareholders

In connection with the proposed merger, the Company will file with the SEC a proxy statement of the Company. The Company will mail the definitive proxy statement to the Company's shareholders. **SHAREHOLDERS OF THE COMPANY ARE URGED TO READ THE PROXY STATEMENT REGARDING THE PROPOSED MERGER WHEN IT BECOMES AVAILABLE AND ANY OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS FILED WITH THE SEC, AS WELL AS ANY AMENDMENTS OR SUPPLEMENTS TO THOSE DOCUMENTS, BECAUSE THEY WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION.** Investors and security holders may obtain a free copy of the proxy statement (when available) and other filings containing information about the Company at the SEC's website at www.sec.gov. The proxy statement (when available) and the other filings may also be obtained free of charge at the Company's website at www.jalexandersholdings.com under the tab Investors, and then under the tab SEC Filings.

Participants in the Solicitation

The Company and certain of its respective directors and executive officers, under the SEC's rules, may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies of the Company's shareholders in connection with the proposed merger. Information about the directors and executive officers of the Company and their ownership of Company common stock is set forth in the proxy statement for the Company's 2017 annual meeting of shareholders, as filed with the SEC on Schedule 14A on April 11, 2017. Additional information regarding the interests of those participants and other persons who may be deemed participants in the transaction will be included in the above-referenced proxy statement regarding the proposed merger when it becomes available. Free copies of this document may be obtained as described in the preceding paragraphs.

No Offers or Solicitations

This announcement is for informational purposes only and is neither an offer to purchase, nor a solicitation of an offer to sell, subscribe for or buy any securities or the solicitation of any vote in any jurisdiction pursuant to the proposed transaction or otherwise, nor shall there be any sale, issuance or transfer of securities in any jurisdiction in contravention of applicable law. No offer of securities shall be made except by means of a prospectus meeting the requirements of Section 10 of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements, Pro Forma Financial Information and Exhibits

Exhibit 99.1 Press Release of J. Alexander's Holdings, Inc., dated as of August 4, 2017

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.

J. Alexander s Holdings, Inc.

Date: August 4, 2017

By: /s/ Mark A. Parkey
Mark A. Parkey
Chief Financial Officer & Executive Vice President

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