Kennedy-Wilson Holdings, Inc.

Form 8-K

October 18, 2017

UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 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): October 18, 2017

KENNEDY-WILSON HOLDINGS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

OD&133824 26-0508760

(Commission (IRS

Ristate or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)
Employer
Identification

Number)

No.)

151

S.

El

Camino 90212

Drive, 90212

Beverly Hills, California

(Address of

principal

(Zip Code)

executive offices)

(310) 887-6400

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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)
- "Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- "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 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter). 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 7.01 Regulation FD.

On October 18, 2017, the Royal Court of Jersey authorized the scheme of arrangement (the "Scheme") under Article 125 of the Companies (Jersey) Law 1991, as amended, by which Kennedy-Wilson Holdings, Inc., a Delaware corporation ("KWH") is to acquire all of the outstanding shares (other than shares owned by KWH or its subsidiaries or held in treasury) of Kennedy Wilson Europe Real Estate plc ("KWE"), a public limited company registered in Jersey. The Scheme has become fully unconditional, subject only to the delivery of the Royal Court of Jersey's Order (the "Court Order") to the Registrar of Companies in Jersey for registration.

There has been no change to the expected timetable of principal events for the implementation of the Scheme. Accordingly, it is anticipated that the effective date of the Scheme will be October 20, 2017, the date on which the Court Order is expected to be delivered to the Registrar of Companies in Jersey for registration.

Also on October 18, 2017, KWE issued a Regulatory News Service ("RNS") announcement announcing the sanctioning of the Scheme. A copy of the RNS announcement is included as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

The information pursuant to this Item 7.01 (including Exhibit 99.1) is being furnished and shall not be deemed to be "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall it be deemed to be incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act regardless of any general incorporation language in such filing.

Forward-Looking Statements

This Current Report on Form 8-K, and the documents incorporated by reference into this Current Report, contains "forward-looking" statements concerning future events and financial performance. These forward-looking statements are necessarily estimates reflecting the judgment of senior management based on current estimates, expectations, forecasts and projections and include comments that express current opinions about trends and factors that may impact future operating results. Disclosures that use words such as "believe," "anticipate," "estimate," "intend," "could," "plan," "expect," "expect, or the negative of these, as well as similar expressions, are intended to identify forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance, rely on a number of assumptions concerning future events, many of which are outside of the companies' control, and involve known and unknown risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results, performance or achievement, or industry results, to differ materially from any future results, performance or achievements, expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. No assurance can be given that the proposed Transaction will happen as anticipated or at all. In evaluating these statements, you should specifically consider the risks referred to in KWH's filings with the SEC, including KWH's Form 10-K, which are available on KWH's website and at www.sec.gov, including, but not limited to, the following factors: the occurrence of any event, change or other circumstance that could result in abandonment of the Transaction; the inability to complete the Transaction in a timely manner or at all; difficulties in successfully integrating the two companies following completion of the Transaction and the risk of not fully realizing expected synergies from the Transaction in the time frame expected or at all; the risk that the announcement and pendency of the Transaction disrupts current plans and operations, increases operating costs, results in management distraction or difficulties in establishing and maintaining relationships with third parties or makes employee retention and incentivization more difficult; the outcome of any legal proceedings that may be instituted against the companies in connection with the announcement and pendency of the Transaction; any limitations on the companies' ability to operate their businesses during the pendency of the Transaction; disruptions in general economic and business conditions, particularly in geographies where the companies' respective businesses may be concentrated; volatility and disruption of the capital and credit markets, higher interest rates, higher loan costs, less desirable loan terms and a reduction in the availability of mortgage loans, all of which could increase costs and could limit the companies' ability to acquire additional real estate assets; continued high levels of, or increases in, unemployment and general slowdowns in commercial activity; the companies' leverage and ability to refinance existing indebtedness or incur additional indebtedness; an increase in the companies' debt service obligations; the companies' ability to generate a sufficient amount of cash from operations to satisfy working capital

requirements and to service their existing and future indebtedness; the companies' ability to achieve improvements in operating efficiency; foreign currency fluctuations; adverse changes in the securities markets; the companies' ability to retain their senior management and attract and retain qualified and experienced employees; the companies' ability to retain major clients and renew related contracts; trends in use of large, full-service commercial real estate providers; changes in tax laws in the United States, Europe or Japan or other jurisdictions that reduce or eliminate deductions or other tax benefits the companies receive; the possibility that future acquisitions may not be available at favorable prices or upon advantageous terms and conditions; the companies' ability to dispose of assets; and costs relating to the acquisition of assets the companies may acquire could be higher than anticipated. Except as required by law, KWH does not intend to update publicly any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events, changes in assumptions or otherwise.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 RNS Announcement, dated October 18, 2017.

SIGNATURES

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.

KENNEDY-WILSON HOLDINGS, INC.

By: /s/ Justin Enbody Name: Justin Enbody Title: Chief Financial Officer

Date: October 18, 2017

EXHIBIT INDEX

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