

ABERCROMBIE & FITCH CO /DE/
Form 8-K
January 23, 2019

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): January 17, 2019

ABERCROMBIE & FITCH CO.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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| Delaware | 1-12107 | 31-1469076 |
| (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) | (Commission File Number) | (IRS Employer Identification No.) |
| 6301 Fitch Path, New Albany, Ohio 43054 | | |
| (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code) | | |
| (614) 283-6500 | | |
| (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 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On January 17, 2019, the Board of Directors (the “Board”) of Abercrombie & Fitch Co. (the “Company”), upon the recommendation of the Nominating and Board Governance Committee of the Board (the “Nominating Committee”), took the following actions, each to be effective February 3, 2019:

Increased the size of the Board from eight directors to ten directors, thereby creating two vacant directorships on the Board.

Elected Nigel Travis (“Mr. Travis”) and Helen E. McCluskey (“Ms. McCluskey”), collectively, the “Director Nominees” to fill the vacant directorships on the Board. The Director Nominees will serve as directors of the Company for an initial term ending at the Company’s 2019 Annual Meeting of Stockholders. Board Committee assignments will be determined at a later date.

The Board determined that the Director Nominees meet all of the applicable standards of independence for members of the Board under the New York Stock Exchange Corporate Governance Standards and the Company’s Corporate Governance Guidelines, as well as for members of the Audit and Finance Committee under SEC Rule 10A-3 promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and for members of the Compensation and Organization Committee under the New York Stock Exchange Corporate Governance Standards and the charter of the Compensation and Organization Committee.

The Board determined that the Director Nominees are independent and free of any material relationship with the Company or any of the Company’s subsidiaries, other than through their service as a director of the Company. The Board also determined that neither the Director Nominees nor any of their immediate family members has had (or proposes to have) a direct or indirect interest in a transaction in which the Company or any of the Company’s subsidiaries was (or is to be) a participant, that would be required to be disclosed under Item 404(a) of SEC Regulation S-K.

As non-associate directors, Mr. Travis and Ms. McCluskey will receive compensation determined and paid in the same manner as the Company’s other non-associate directors, which compensation the Company previously disclosed in the Company’s definitive proxy statement for the 2018 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, which was filed with the SEC on April 30, 2018. All such compensation will be pro-rated for the period from February 3, 2019, the effective date of the Board’s election of the Director Nominees, to the date of the Company’s 2019 Annual Meeting of Stockholders.

Item 8.01. Other Events.

On January 23, 2019, the Company issued a press release announcing the election of Mr. Travis and Ms. McCluskey as directors of the Company. A copy of this press release is included as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(a) through (c) Not applicable

(d) Exhibits:

The following exhibit is included with this Current Report on Form 8-K:

| Exhibit No. | Description |
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| 99.1 | <u>Press release issued by Abercrombie & Fitch Co. on January 23, 2019</u> |

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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.

Abercrombie & Fitch Co.

Dated:

January
By: /s/ Gregory J. Henchel
23,

2019

Gregory J. Henchel
Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary