**SOTHEBYS** 

Form 8-K

March 27, 2018

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

March 27, 2018

Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event)

Sotheby's

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 1-9750 38-2478409

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer Identification No.)

1334 York Avenue

New York, NY 10021 (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(212) 606-7000

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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

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- .. 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 o

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. o

#### Item 8.01 Other Events

On March 27, 2018, Sotheby's issued a press release announcing that it has granted restricted stock units to all of its eligible employees. Together with restricted stock and performance share units granted to officers in February 2018 as part of Sotheby's annual executive compensation program, a total of approximately 685,000 restricted stock and performance share units have been granted to employees to date in 2018. Sotheby's intends to repurchase these shares in the open market as part of its previously announced \$100 million increase to its share repurchase authorization. A copy of the press release is filed herewith as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference. Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press release of Sotheby's issued on March 27, 2018.

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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.

#### SOTHEBY'S

By: /s/ David G. Schwartz

David G. Schwartz

Senior Vice President, Chief Securities Counsel and Corporate Secretary

Date: March 27, 2018

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## Exhibit Index

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 Press release of Sotheby's issued on March 27, 2018.

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