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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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**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): June 30, 2015

**The Hillman Companies, Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**001-13293**  
(Commission File No.)

**23-2874736**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**10590 Hamilton Avenue**  
**Cincinnati, Ohio 45231**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(513) 851-4900**

**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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

As previously announced on April 29, 2015, The Hillman Group, Inc. (“Group”) and The Hillman Companies, Inc. (the “Registrant”, and together with Group, “Hillman”) and James P. Waters, the Chief Executive Officer and Director of Hillman, agreed that, after a transition period, Mr. Waters would resign from his positions with Hillman to allow him to spend more time with his family. The effective date of Mr. Waters’ resignation was June 30, 2015.

Hillman’s senior management team will work with Chairman Doug Cahill and Hillman’s board of directors to ensure a smooth transition and to continue to execute on Hillman’s existing business strategy. Hillman’s board of directors is actively seeking a qualified replacement for a new Chief Executive Officer.

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**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.

Date: July 1, 2015

THE HILLMAN COMPANIES, INC.

By: /s/ Jeff Leonard

Jeff Leonard  
Executive Vice President of Finance  
and Chief Financial Officer

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