

**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): July 17, 2017

**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):

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

On July 17, 2017, The Hillman Group, Inc. (“Group”), The Hillman Companies, Inc. (the “Registrant”, and together with Group, “Hillman”), and Jeffrey S. Leonard, the Chief Financial Officer, Executive Vice President of Finance, and Treasurer of Hillman, agreed that, effective August 11, 2017, Mr. Leonard would resign from his positions with Hillman and affiliated entities to allow him to pursue other opportunities that are geographically closer to his family and residence in Florida. Hillman is actively seeking a qualified replacement for Mr. Leonard.

**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 21, 2017

THE HILLMAN COMPANIES, INC.

By: /s/ Gregory J. Gluchowski, Jr.  
Name: Gregory J. Gluchowski, Jr.  
Title: President and Chief Executive  
Officer