
**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): February 13, 2017

THE MACERICH COMPANY

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Maryland
(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)

1-12504
(Commission
File Number)

95-4448705
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

**401 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 700,
Santa Monica, California**
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

90401
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (310) 394-6000

N/A
(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:

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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 7.01 REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE.

On February 13, 2017, The Macerich Company, a Maryland corporation (the “Company”), issued a press release announcing that its Board of Directors has authorized the repurchase of up to \$500 million of the Company’s outstanding common shares as market conditions and the Company’s liquidity warrant. The usage of this repurchase program is not anticipated to change the recently issued 2017 earnings guidance. Repurchases may be made through open market purchases, privately negotiated transactions, structured or derivative transactions, including accelerated stock repurchase transactions, or other methods of acquiring shares and pursuant to Rule 10b5-1, from time to time as permitted by securities laws and other legal requirements.

A copy of the press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K and incorporated by reference into this Item 7.01.

ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release, dated February 13, 2017, regarding the Company’s authorization to repurchase common stock.

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.

THE MACERICH COMPANY
(Registrant)

Date: February 14, 2017

By: _____ /s/ Thomas J. Leanse
Thomas J. Leanse
Senior Executive Vice President,
Chief Legal Officer and Secretary

EXHIBIT INDEX

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FOR: THE MACERICH COMPANY

MACERICH ANNOUNCES \$500 MILLION SHARE REPURCHASE PROGRAM

SANTA MONICA, Calif., February 13, 2017 - The Macerich Company (NYSE Symbol: MAC) today announced that the Company's Board of Directors has authorized the repurchase of up to \$500 million of its outstanding common shares as market conditions and the Company's liquidity warrant. The usage of this repurchase program is not anticipated to change the recently issued 2017 earnings guidance. Repurchases may be made through open market purchases, privately negotiated transactions, structured or derivative transactions, including accelerated stock repurchase transactions, or other methods of acquiring shares and pursuant to Rule 10b5-1, from time to time as permitted by securities laws and other legal requirements.

ABOUT MACERICH: Macerich, an S&P 500 company, is a fully integrated self-managed and self-administered real estate investment trust, which focuses on the acquisition, leasing, management, development and redevelopment of regional malls throughout the United States.

Macerich currently owns 54 million square feet of real estate consisting primarily of interests in 48 regional shopping centers. Macerich specializes in successful retail properties in many of the country's most attractive, densely populated markets with significant presence in the Pacific Rim, Arizona, Chicago and the Metro New York to Washington, DC corridor. Additional information about Macerich can be obtained from the Company's website at www.macerich.com.

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