

LITHIA MOTORS INC
Form SC 13G
August 03, 2018

UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13G

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

(Amendment No.)*

LITHIA MOTORS, inc.
(Name of Issuer)

CLASS A Common Stock, NO par value per share
(Title of Class of Securities)

536797103
(CUSIP Number)

July 24, 2018
(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule 13G is filed:

☐ Rule 13d-1(b)

☒ Rule 13d-1(c)

☐ Rule 13d-1(d)

* The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

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(1) Names of Reporting
Persons

Park West Asset
Management LLC

(2) Check the
Appropriate Box^(a) ☐
if a Member of a
Group

(b) ☐

(3) SEC Use Only

(4) Citizenship or Place of
Organization

Delaware

Number of Shares
Beneficially Owned By Each
Reporting Person With

(5) Sole
Voting 0*

Power:

(6) Shared
Voting 1,409,895*

Power:

(7) Sole
Dispositive 0*

Power:

(8) Shared
Dispositive 1,409,895*

Power:

(9) Aggregate Amount
Beneficially Owned by Each
Reporting Person

1,409,895*

(10) Check if the Aggregate
Amount in Row (9) Excludes
Certain Shares (See
Instructions):

☐

(11) Percent of Class
Represented by Amount in
Row (9)

5.8%*

(12) Type of Reporting
Person

IA

* Beneficial ownership percentage is based upon 23,945,392 shares of Class A Common Stock, no par value per share ("Common Stock"), of Lithia Motors, Inc., an Oregon corporation (the "Company"), issued and outstanding as of April 27, 2018, based on information reported by the Company in its Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 27, 2018. Park West Asset Management LLC ("PWAM") is the investment manager to Park West Investors Master Fund, Limited, a Cayman Islands exempted company ("PWIMF"), and Park West Partners International, Limited, a Cayman Islands exempted company ("PWPI" and, collectively with PWIMF, the "PW Funds"), and Peter S. Park ("Mr. Park" and, collectively with PWAM and PWIMF, the "Reporting Persons") is the sole member and manager of PWAM. As of July 24, 2018, PWIMF held 1,087,774 shares of Common Stock of the Company and options to purchase up to 179,800 shares of Common Stock of the Company and PWPI held 122,121 shares of Common Stock of the Company and options to purchase up to 20,200 shares of Common Stock of the Company. As a result of the foregoing, for purposes of Reg. Section 240.13d-3, PWAM and Mr. Park may be deemed to beneficially own the 1,209,895 shares of Common Stock of the Company and the 200,000 shares of Common Stock of the Company underlying the options held in the aggregate by the PW Funds, or approximately 5.8% of the shares of Common Stock of the Company deemed to be issued and outstanding as of July 24, 2018.

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(1) Names of Reporting
Persons

Park West
Investors Master
Fund, Limited

(2) Check the
Appropriate

Box if a (a) ☐
Member of a
Group

(b) ☐

(3) SEC Use Only

(4) Citizenship or Place of
Organization

Cayman Islands

Number of Shares
Beneficially Owned By Each
Reporting Person With

(5) Sole

Voting 0*

Power:

(6) Shared

Voting 1,267,574*

Power:

(7) Sole

Dispositive 0*

Power:

(8) Shared

Dispositive 1,267,574*

Power:

(9) Aggregate Amount
Beneficially Owned by Each
Reporting Person

1,267,574*

(10) Check if the Aggregate
Amount in Row (9)

Excludes Certain Shares (See
Instructions):

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(11) Percent of Class
Represented by Amount in
Row (9)

5.3%*

(12) Type of Reporting
Person

CO

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(1) Names of Reporting
Persons

Peter S. Park

(2) Check the
Appropriate

Box if a (a) ☐
Member of a
Group

(b) ☐

(3) SEC Use Only

(4) Citizenship or Place of
Organization

United States of
America

Number of Shares
Beneficially Owned By Each
Reporting Person With

(5) Sole
Voting 0*
Power:

(6) Shared
Voting 1,409,895*
Power:

(7) Sole
Dispositive 0*
Power:

(8) Shared
Dispositive 1,409,895*
Power:

(9) Aggregate Amount
Beneficially Owned by Each
Reporting Person

1,409,895*

(10) Check if the Aggregate
Amount in Row (9)
Excludes Certain Shares (See
Instructions):

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(11) Percent of Class
Represented by Amount in
Row (9)

5.8%*

(12) Type of Reporting
Person

IN

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Item 1(a). Name Of Issuer: Lithia Motors, Inc. (the "Company")

Item 1(b). Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices:

150 N. Bartlett Street

Medford, Oregon 97501

Item 2(a). Name of Person Filing:

This report on Schedule 13G (this "Schedule 13G"), is being jointly filed by (i) Park West Asset Management LLC ("PWAM"), a Delaware limited liability company and the investment manager to (a) Park West Investors Master Fund, Limited ("PWIMF"), a Cayman Islands exempted company that is the holder of 1,087,774 shares of Class A Common Stock, no par value per share ("Common Stock"), of the Company and options to purchase up to 179,800 shares of Common Stock of the Company reported on this Schedule 13G, and (b) Park West Partners International, Limited ("PWPI" and, collectively with PWIMF, the "PW Funds"), a Cayman Islands exempted company that is the holder of 122,121 shares of Common Stock of the Company and options to purchase up to 20,200 shares of Common Stock of the Company reported on this Schedule 13G; (ii) PWIMF; and (iii) Peter S. Park, as the sole member and manager of PWAM ("Mr. Park" and, collectively with PWAM and PWIMF, the "Reporting Persons").

The 1,209,895 shares of Common Stock of the Company and the 200,000 shares of Common Stock of the Company underlying the options held in the aggregate by the PW Funds, which constitute approximately 5.8% of the shares of Common Stock of the Company deemed to be issued and outstanding as of July 24, 2018, may be deemed to be beneficially owned (x) indirectly by PWAM, as the investment adviser to PWIMF and PWPI, and (y) indirectly by Mr. Park, as the sole member and manager of PWAM.

As of July 24, 2018, PWIMF held 1,087,774 shares of Common Stock of the Company and options to purchase up to 179,800 shares of Common Stock of the Company or approximately 5.3% of the shares of Common Stock of the Company deemed to be issued and outstanding as of July 24, 2018.

Item 2(b). Address of Principal Business Office or, if None, Residence:

The address for the Reporting Persons is: 900 Larkspur Landing Circle, Suite 165, Larkspur, California 94939.

Item 2(c). Citizenship:

PWAM is organized under the laws of the State of Delaware. Mr. Park is a citizen of the United States. PWIMF is a Cayman Islands exempted company.

Item 2(d). Title of Class of Securities:

Class A Common Stock, no par value per share.

Item 2(e). CUSIP

No.:

536797103

Item 3. If This Statement Is Filed Pursuant to §§ 240.13d-1(b) or 240.13d-2(b) or (c), check whether the Person Filing is a:

Not Applicable.

Item 4. Ownership:

As reported in the cover pages to this report, the ownership information with respect to each of PWAM and Mr. Park is as follows:

(a)	Amount Beneficially Owned:	1,409,895*
(b)	Percent of Class:	5.8%*
(c)	Number of Shares as to which such person has:	
(i)	Sole power to vote or to direct the vote:	0*
(ii)	Shared power to vote or to direct the vote:	1,409,895*
(iii)	Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of:	0*
(iv)	Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of:	1,409,895*

As reported in the cover pages to this report, the ownership information with respect to PWIMF is as follows:

(a)	Amount Beneficially Owned:	1,267,574*
(b)	Percent of Class:	5.3%*
(c)	Number of Shares as to which such person has:	
(i)	Sole power to vote or to direct the vote:	0*
(ii)	Shared power to vote or to direct the vote:	1,267,574*
(iii)	Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of:	0*
(iv)	Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of:	1,267,574*

* This Schedule 13G is being jointly filed by (i) PWAM, a Delaware limited liability company and the investment manager to (a) PWIMF, which is the holder of 1,087,774 shares of Common Stock of the Company and options to purchase up to 179,800 shares of Common Stock of the Company and (b) PWPI, which is the holder of 122,121 shares of Common Stock of the Company, and options to purchase up to 20,200 shares of Common Stock of the Company, as reported on this Schedule 13G; (ii) PWIMF; and (iii) Mr. Park, as the sole member and manager of PWAM.

The 1,209,895 shares of Common Stock of the Company and the 200,000 shares of Common Stock of the Company underlying the options held in the aggregate by the PW Funds, which constitute approximately 5.8% of the shares of Common Stock of the Company deemed to be issued and outstanding as of July 24, 2018, may be deemed to be beneficially owned (x) indirectly by PWAM, as the investment adviser to PWIMF and PWPI, and (y) indirectly by Mr. Park, as the sole member and manager of PWAM.

The foregoing beneficial ownership percentage is based upon 23,945,392 shares of Common Stock of the Company, issued and outstanding as of April 27, 2018, based on information reported by the Company in its Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 27, 2018.

Item 5. Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class:

If this statement is being filed to report the fact that as of the date hereof the reporting person has ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than five percent of the class of securities, check the following: []

Item 6. Ownership of More Than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person:

Not Applicable.

Item 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on by the Parent Holding Company or Control Person:

Not Applicable.

Item 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group:

Not Applicable.

Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group:

Not Applicable.

Item 10. Certification:

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect.

SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

August 3, 2018

**PARK WEST ASSET
MANAGEMENT LLC**

By: /s/ Grace Jimenez
Name: Grace Jimenez
Title: Chief Financial Officer

**PARK WEST INVESTORS
MASTER FUND, LIMITED**

By: Park West Asset
Management LLC, its Investment
Manager

By: /s/ Grace Jimenez
Name: Grace Jimenez
Title: Chief Financial Officer

/s/ Peter S. Park
Peter S. Park

Attention: Intentional misstatements or omissions of fact constitute

Federal criminal violations (See 18 U.S.C. 1001)

Exhibit Index

Exhibit

A. Joint Filing Agreement, dated as of August 3, 2018, by and among Park West Asset Management LLC, Park West Investors Master Fund, Limited and Peter S. Park.

Exhibit A

JOINT FILING AGREEMENT

In accordance with Rule 13d-1(k) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the persons named below agree to the joint filing on behalf of them of a statement on Schedule 13G (including amendments thereto) with respect to the shares of Class A Common Stock, no par value per share, of Lithia Motors, Inc., an Oregon corporation, and further agree that this Joint Filing Agreement be included as Exhibit A to such Schedule 13G. In evidence thereof, the undersigned hereby execute this agreement this 3rd day of August, 2018.

/s/ Peter S. Park
Peter S. Park

**PARK WEST INVESTORS
MASTER FUND, LIMITED**

By: Park West Asset
Management LLC, its Investment
Manager

By: /s/ Grace Jimenez
Name: Grace Jimenez
Title: Chief Financial Officer

**PARK WEST ASSET
MANAGEMENT LLC**

By: /s/ Grace Jimenez
Name: Grace Jimenez

Title: Chief Financial Officer