**SOTHEBYS** 

Form 8-K

September 15, 2016

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**COMMISSION** 

WASHINGTON,

D.C. 20549

### FORM 8-K

### **CURRENT REPORT**

PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

September 15, 2016

Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event

Reported)

Sotheby's

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 1-9750 38-2478409

(State or other jurisdiction of (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer Identification

incorporation) (Commission The Number) 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:

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

#### Item 8.01 Other Events

Sotheby's (the "Company") has adopted a Rule 10b5-1 plan for the purpose of repurchasing shares of its Common Stock in accordance with the guidelines specified under Rule 10b5-1 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. The plan has been established pursuant to, and as part of, Sotheby's share repurchase program. As previously announced, on January 21, 2016, the Board of Directors approved a \$200 million increase to Sotheby's then remaining \$125 million share repurchase authorization, resulting in an updated total share repurchase authorization of \$325 million. A plan under Rule 10b5-1 allows a company to repurchase its shares at times when it otherwise might be prevented from doing so under insider trading laws or because of self-imposed trading blackout periods. A broker selected by Sotheby's will have the authority under the terms and limitations specified in the plan to repurchase shares on Sotheby's behalf in accordance with the terms of the plan. Repurchases are subject to SEC regulations as well as certain price, market volume and timing constraints specified in the plan. The Company may terminate the plan at any time in accordance with the requirements of Rule 10b5-1.

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## **SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Company 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: September 15, 2016

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