

AARON'S INC
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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM S-8
REGISTRATION STATEMENT
UNDER
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

Aaron s, Inc.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Georgia
(State or Other Jurisdiction of

Incorporation or Organization)

309 E. Paces Ferry Road, N.E.

58-0687630
(I.R.S. Employer

Identification Number)

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Atlanta, Georgia 30305-2377

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

Aaron s, Inc. 2015 Equity and Incentive Plan

(Full Title of the Plan)

Robert W. Kamerschen

Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary

309 E. Paces Ferry Road, N.E.

Atlanta, Georgia 30305-2377

(404) 231-0011

(Name, Address and Telephone Number, Including Area Code, of Agent for Service)

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1180 Peachtree Street

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of large accelerated filer, accelerated filer and smaller reporting company in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer Accelerated filer
 Non-accelerated filer (Do not check if a smaller reporting company) Smaller reporting company

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

| Title of Securities to be Registered | Amount to be Registered | Proposed Maximum Offering Price Per Share | Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price | Amount of Registration Fee |
|---|--|--|--|---------------------------------------|
| Common Stock, par value \$0.50 per share | 5,000,000(1) | \$34.01(2) | \$170,050,000(2) | \$19,759.81(2) |

- (1) Pursuant to Rule 416(a) under the Securities Act of 1933, this Registration Statement also covers such indeterminate number of additional securities that may become issuable under the Aaron's, Inc. 2015 Equity and Incentive Plan as a result of future stock splits, stock dividends or similar adjustments of the Common Stock.
- (2) Estimated pursuant to Rule 457(h) based on the average of the high and low reported market prices of shares of the Common Stock on May 6, 2015, as quoted on the New York Stock Exchange, solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee payable in connection with this Registration Statement.

PART I

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE SECTION 10(a) PROSPECTUS

The documents containing the information required by Part I of Form S-8 is omitted from this Registration Statement, and will be delivered to participants in the Aaron's, Inc. 2015 Equity and Incentive Plan, in accordance with Rule 428 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act).

The documents containing the information required by Part I of Form S-8 will be delivered to participants in the Aaron's, Inc. 2015 Equity and Incentive Plan pursuant to Rule 428(b) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act). Consistent with the instructions of Part I of Form S-8, these documents will not be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the Commission) either as part of this Registration Statement or as prospectuses or prospectus supplements pursuant to Rule 424 of the Securities Act. These documents and the documents incorporated by reference pursuant to Item 3 of Part II of this Registration Statement, taken together, constitute a prospectus as required by Section 10(a) of the Securities Act.

PART II

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT

Item 3. Incorporation of Documents by Reference.

The following documents that Aaron's, Inc. (the Company) has previously filed with the Commission are incorporated herein by reference:

- (a) Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014;
- (b) Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended March 31, 2015;
- (c) Current Reports on Form 8-K filed on February 25, 2015 and May 8, 2015; and
- (d) The description of the Common Stock contained in the Registration Statement on Form 8-A filed on March 10, 1998, as amended on December 10, 2010, including any other amendment or report filed for the purpose of updating such description.

All documents filed by the Company pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 and 15(d) of the Exchange Act subsequent to the date of this Registration Statement (except for any portion of any document which is furnished or otherwise not deemed to be filed with the Commission), and prior to the filing of a post-effective amendment which indicates that all securities offered hereby have been sold or which deregisters all such securities then remaining unsold, shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement and to be a part hereof from the date of filing of such documents.

Any statement contained in any document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement shall be deemed to be modified, superseded or replaced for purposes of this Registration Statement to the extent that a statement contained herein or in any other subsequently filed document which also is incorporated or

deemed to be incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement modifies, supersedes or replaces such statement. Any such statement so modified, superseded or replaced shall not be deemed, except as so modified, superseded or replaced, to constitute a part of this Registration Statement.

Item 4. Description of Securities.

Not applicable.

Item 5. Interests of Named Experts and Counsel.

Not applicable.

Item 6. Indemnification of Directors and Officers.

The Company's Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation, as amended, provides that none of the Company's directors will be personally liable to the Company or its shareholders for monetary damages resulting from a breach of the duty of care or any other duty owed to the Company as a director to the fullest extent permitted by Georgia law.

Article VII of the Company's Amended and Restated Bylaws requires the Company to indemnify any person to the fullest extent permitted by law for any liability and expense resulting from any threatened, pending or completed legal action, suit or proceeding resulting from the fact that such person is or was a director or officer of the Company, including service at the Company's request as a director, officer partner, trustee, employee, administrator or agent of another entity.

An officer or director may only be indemnified for expenses and, other than in any action, suit or proceeding by or in the right of the Company, liabilities if he or she acted in good faith and, in the case of conduct in an official capacity, in a manner he or she reasonably believed to be in the best interest of the Company and, in all other cases (other than criminal matters), in a manner he or she reasonably believed to be not opposed to the best interest of the Company. An officer or director may only be indemnified in a criminal action, suit or proceeding if he or she had no reasonable cause to believe his or her conduct was unlawful. Notwithstanding this requirement, any officer or director is entitled to indemnification of any expenses in connection with any action, suit or proceeding to the extent such officer or director has been wholly successful on the merits or otherwise in such action, suit or proceeding.

Article VII of the Company's Amended and Restated Bylaws also requires the Company to indemnify any person to the fullest extent permitted by law for any expense imposed upon or incurred in connection with acting as a witness or other participant in any threatened, pending or completed legal action, suit or proceeding resulting from the fact that such person is or was a director or officer of the Company, including service at the Company's request as a director, officer partner, trustee, employee, administrator or agent of another entity.

The provisions of the Company's Amended and Restated Bylaws regarding indemnification are consistent in all material respects with the laws of the State of Georgia, which authorize indemnification of corporate officers and directors.

The Company's directors and officers are also insured against losses arising from any claim against them in connection with their service as directors and officers of the Company for wrongful acts or omissions, subject to certain limitations.

Item 7. Exemption from Registration Claimed.

Not applicable.

Item 8. Exhibits.

The exhibits to this Registration Statement are listed in the Exhibit Index immediately following and incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement.

Item 9. Undertakings.

(a) The undersigned Company hereby undertakes:

- (1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this Registration Statement:

- (i) To include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act of 1933;

- (ii) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the Registration Statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the Registration Statement.
Notwithstanding the foregoing, any increase or decrease in volume of securities offered (if the total dollar value of securities offered would not exceed that which was registered) and any deviation from the low or high end of the estimated maximum offering range may be reflected in the form of prospectus filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume and price represent no more than a 20 percent change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the Calculation of Registration Fee table in the effective Registration Statement;

- (iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the Registration Statement or any material change to such information in the Registration Statement;

provided, however, that paragraphs (a)(1)(i) and (a)(1)(ii) do not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in reports filed with or furnished to the Commission by the Company pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 that are incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement.

- (2) That for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new Registration Statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.
 - (3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.
- (b) The undersigned Company hereby undertakes that, for the purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each filing of the Company's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) that is incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement shall be deemed to be a new Registration Statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.
- (c) Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933 may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the Company pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the Company has been advised that in the opinion of the Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the Company of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the Company in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the Company will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the Company certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the city of Atlanta, State of Georgia, on May 8, 2015.

Aaron's, Inc.

By: /s/ John W. Robinson III
 Name: John W. Robinson III
 Title: Chief Executive Officer

POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that each person whose signature appears below constitutes and appoints John W. Robinson, III, Gilbert L. Danielson and Robert W. Kamerschen, jointly and severally, his or her true and lawful attorneys-in-fact, each with full power of substitution and resubstitution for him or her in any and all capacities, to do any and all things and to sign any and all documents, including pre- and post-effective amendments, in connection with this Registration Statement, and to file the same, with exhibits thereto and other documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, hereby ratifying and confirming all that each of such attorneys-in-fact or their substitute or substitutes may lawfully so or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this Registration Statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities set forth opposite their names and on the date indicated above.

| Signature | Title |
|--|--|
| /s/ John W. Robinson III John W. Robinson III | Chief Executive Officer and Director (Principal Executive Officer) |
| /s/ Gilbert L. Danielson Gilbert L. Danielson | Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer) |
| Ray M. Robinson | Chairman of the Board of Directors |
| /s/ Matthew E. Avril Matthew E. Avril | Director |
| /s/ Leo Benatar Leo Benatar | Director |
| /s/ Kathy T. Betty | |

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| Kathy T. Betty | Director |
| Cynthia N. Day | Director |
| /s/ Hubert L. Harris, Jr. Hubert L. Harris, Jr. | Director |
| /s/ Brian R. Kahn Brian R. Kahn | Director |
| /s/ David L. Kolb David L. Kolb | Director |
| /s/ H. Eugene Lockhart H. Eugene Lockhart | Director |

INDEX TO EXHIBITS

| Exhibit Number | Description |
|---------------------------|---|
| 4.1 | Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation of the Company, as amended (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3(i) to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2013). |
| 4.2 | Amended and Restated By-laws of the Company (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2014). |
| 4.3 | Specimen of Form of Stock Certificate Representing Shares of Common Stock of the Company, par value \$0.50 per share (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form 8-A/A filed on December 10, 2010). |
| 5.1 | Opinion of King & Spalding LLP. |
| 23.1 | Consent of King & Spalding LLP (including in Exhibit 5.1). |
| 23.2 | Consent of Ernst & Young LLP. |
| 24.1 | Power of Attorney (included in signature page). |
| 99.1 | Aaron's, Inc. 2015 Equity and Incentive Plan (incorporated by reference to Appendix A to the Company's Definitive Proxy Statement filed on April 7, 2015) |
| 99.2 | Form of Employee Stock Option Award Agreement under the Aaron's, Inc. 2015 Equity and Incentive Plan. |
| 99.3 | Form of Executive Performance Share Award Agreement under the Aaron's, Inc. 2015 Equity and Incentive Plan. |
| 99.4 | Form of Executive Officer Restricted Stock Unit Award Agreement under the Aaron's, Inc. 2015 Equity and Incentive Plan. |
| 99.5 | Form of Director Restricted Stock Unit Award Agreement under the Aaron's, Inc. 2015 Equity and Incentive Plan. |