

MARKETAXESS HOLDINGS INC
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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): October 30, 2015

MarketAxess Holdings Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction

of incorporation)

001-34091
(Commission

File Number)
299 Park Avenue

52-2230784
(IRS Employer

Identification No.)

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New York, New York 10171

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (212) 813-6000

(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):

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

Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On October 30, 2015, MarketAxess Holdings Inc. (the Company), as borrower, amended and restated its credit agreement (the Existing Credit Agreement) with JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. (JPMorgan), as administrative agent (the Restated Credit Agreement). Pursuant to the Restated Credit Agreement, JPMorgan increased its commitments to \$100,000,000 from \$50,000,000, consisting of a revolving credit facility (the Credit Facility) and a \$5,000,000 letter of credit sub-limit for standby letters of credit.

No funds are being borrowed by the Company at this time. An existing letter of credit in the original stated amount of \$1,421,472 was included under the letter of credit sub-limit at the closing of the Restated Credit Agreement. Any future credit extensions under the Restated Credit Agreement are subject to customary conditions precedent. The proceeds of any loans are expected to be used for general corporate purposes.

All borrowings under the Credit Facility will bear interest, at the Company's option, at a rate per annum equal to (A) the sum of (i) the greatest of (a) the prime rate (as publicly announced by JPMorgan as its prime rate in effect), (b) the federal funds effective rate (not less than zero) plus 0.50% and (c) one month adjusted LIBOR (not less than zero) plus 1.00% plus (ii) 0.50% or (B) the sum of (i) adjusted LIBOR (not less than zero) plus (ii) 1.50%. Default interest is 2.00% per annum in excess of the rate otherwise applicable in the case of any overdue principal or any other overdue amount.

In addition to paying interest on outstanding principal under the Restated Credit Agreement, the Company is required to pay (i) all accrued and unpaid unused commitment fees and letter of credit participation fees under the Existing Credit Agreement, and (ii) (x) a commitment fee to the lenders under the Credit Facility in respect of unutilized revolving loan commitments at a rate of 0.40% per annum, (y) a fronting fee in respect of letters of credit to the issuing bank of such letters of credit of 0.125% per annum on the average daily amount of the total letter of credit exposure and (z) a participation fee to the administrative agent for the account of each lender with respect to the Company's participations in letters of credit equal to the applicable rate used to determine the interest rate applicable to Eurodollar revolving loans on the average daily amount of each lender's letter of credit exposure.

The Company's domestic subsidiaries (other than MarketAxess Corporation, the Company's registered broker-dealer subsidiary, and MarketAxess SEF Corporation) have entered into an Amended and Restated Guarantee Agreement, dated as of October 30, 2015 (the Guarantee Agreement), in favor of JPMorgan, as administrative agent, pursuant to which such subsidiaries guarantee the Company's obligations under the Restated Credit Agreement. The initial guarantor is MarketAxess Technologies Inc.

The Company and the domestic subsidiaries that guarantee the Credit Facility are parties to an Amended and Restated Pledge and Security Agreement, dated as of October 30, 2015 (the Security Agreement) with JPMorgan, as administrative agent. Pursuant to the terms of the Security Agreement, subject to customary exceptions and limitations set forth therein, the Credit Facility is collateralized by first priority pledges (subject to permitted liens) of substantially all of the Company's personal property assets and the personal property assets of the Company's domestic subsidiaries that guarantee the Credit

Facility, including the equity interests of the Company's domestic subsidiaries and the equity interests of certain of the Company's foreign subsidiaries (limited, in the case of the voting equity interests of the foreign subsidiaries, to a pledge of 65% of those equity interests). The Security Agreement limits the steps that can be taken to perfect the security interests in the pledged collateral. None of the assets of MarketAxess Corporation are pledged to secure the Credit Facility.

The Credit Facility will mature in October 2017.

The Restated Credit Agreement permits the Company to prepay any or all of the outstanding loans or to reduce the commitments under the Credit Facility without incurring premiums or penalties (except LIBOR breakage costs).

The Restated Credit Agreement contains customary affirmative and negative covenants, including incurrence covenants and certain other limitations on the ability of the Company and the Company's subsidiaries to incur additional debt, guarantee other obligations, grant liens on assets, make investments or acquisitions, dispose of assets, pay dividends or other payments on capital stock, make restricted payments, engage in mergers or consolidations, enter into certain swap agreements, engage in transactions with affiliates, and enter into certain restrictive agreements. Immaterial subsidiaries of the Company are not subject to certain of the affirmative and negative covenants.

The Restated Credit Agreement requires that the Company's consolidated total leverage ratio tested on the last day of each fiscal quarter not exceed 2.5 to 1.0. The Restated Credit Agreement also requires that the Company's consolidated interest coverage ratio tested on the last day of each fiscal quarter not be less than 3.5 to 1.0. The Restated Credit Agreement also requires that the Company's adjusted EBITDA (defined generally as consolidated net income plus interest expense, taxes, depreciation expense, amortization expense, certain extraordinary, unusual or non-recurring losses or expenses, certain other losses, charges and expenses, and certain cost savings and synergies associated with permitted acquisitions, minus certain non-cash income or gains, extraordinary, unusual or non-recurring income or gains, and certain tax credits and refunds) tested on the last day of each fiscal quarter not be less than \$80,000,000.

The Restated Credit Agreement contains customary events of default (subject to customary cure periods and materiality thresholds), including defaults based on (1) the failure to make payments under the Restated Credit Agreement when due, (2) breaches of covenants, (3) inaccuracies of representations and warranties, (4) cross-defaults to other material indebtedness, (5) bankruptcy events, (6) material judgments, (7) certain matters arising under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended, (8) the actual or asserted invalidity of documents relating to any guarantee, any security document or any other loan document, (9) failure of the administrative agent to have a perfected lien on collateral, (10) certain events of default relating to broker-dealer regulatory requirements and (11) the occurrence of a change in control. If any such event of default occurs, the lenders would be entitled to accelerate the facility and take various other actions, including all actions permitted to be taken by a collateralized creditor. If certain bankruptcy events occur, the facilities will automatically accelerate.

Subject to satisfaction of certain specified conditions, the Company is permitted to upsize the Credit Facility by up to \$50,000,000 in total, in each case in a minimum amount of \$10,000,000 and increments of \$5,000,000. The conditions include (1) accuracy of representations and warranties of the

loan parties set forth in the loan documents, (2) the absence of a default or event of default and (3) a requirement that the Company be in pro forma compliance with the consolidated total leverage ratio, consolidated interest coverage ratio and minimum adjusted EBITDA financial covenants set forth in the Restated Credit Agreement. The incremental facility is uncommitted. The Company may seek commitments from existing lenders or new lenders. It is possible that the Company may not be successful in obtaining such commitments in the amount desired or at all.

Carlos Hernandez, a director of the Company, is a senior executive of JPMorgan.

The foregoing description of the Restated Credit Agreement, Guarantee Agreement and Pledge and Security Agreement does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of such agreements, which are attached hereto as Exhibits 10.1, 10.2 and 10.3, respectively, and are incorporated by reference herein.

Item 2.03 Creation of a Direct Financial Obligation or an Obligation under an Off-Balance Sheet Arrangement of a Registrant.

The information set forth under Item 1.01 is hereby incorporated by reference into this Item 2.03.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits:

- 10.1 Restated Credit Agreement, dated as of October 30, 2015, among MarketAxess Holdings Inc., a Delaware corporation, the lenders party thereto and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as administrative agent.
- 10.2 Amended and Restated Guarantee Agreement, dated as of October 30, 2015, by and among MarketAxess Technologies Inc., as initial guarantor, and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as administrative agent.
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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.

MARKETAXESS HOLDINGS INC.

Date: November 3, 2015

By: /s/ Richard M. McVey
Name: Richard M. McVey
Title: Chief Executive Officer

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