

DUNKIN' BRANDS GROUP, INC.

Form 8-K

October 23, 2015

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UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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FORM 8-K

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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 22, 2015

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DUNKIN' BRANDS GROUP, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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Delaware

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

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001-35258

(Commission

File Number)

130 Royall Street

Canton, Massachusetts 02021

(Address of registrant's principal executive office)

(781) 737-3000

(Registrant's telephone number)

20-4145825

(IRS Employer

Identification Number)

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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 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On October 22, 2015, Dunkin' Brands Group, Inc. (the "Company") entered into a Supplemental Confirmation to the Master Confirmation dated as of February 5, 2015 with Goldman, Sachs & Co. ("Goldman") for a new \$125.0 million accelerated share repurchase program (the "ASR Agreement"). The Company will acquire the shares under the ASR Agreement as part of its previously announced \$700 million share repurchase program.

Pursuant to the terms of the ASR Agreement, on October 27, 2015, the Company will pay Goldman \$125.0 million in cash and will receive approximately 2,500,000 shares of the Company's common stock. At settlement, Goldman may be required to deliver additional shares of common stock to the Company, or, under certain circumstances, the Company may be required to deliver shares of its common stock or may elect to make a cash payment to Goldman, based generally on the average of the daily volume-weighted average prices of the Company's common stock during the term of the ASR Agreement. The ASR Agreement contains provisions customary for agreements of this type, including provisions for adjustments to the transaction terms, the circumstances generally under which the ASR Agreement may be accelerated, extended or terminated early by Goldman and various acknowledgements, representations and warranties made by the parties to one another. Final settlement of the ASR Agreement is expected to be completed in December 2015, although the settlement may be accelerated at Goldman's option.

The foregoing description of the ASR Agreement is qualified in its entirety by reference to the ASR Agreement, which has been previously filed with the SEC and is incorporated herein by reference.

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

The information in Item 1.01 is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

The Company's previously announced 2015 adjusted earnings per share guidance of \$1.87 to \$1.91 is inclusive of the anticipated impact of entry into the ASR Agreement.

The information contained in this Item, including the exhibits attached hereto, is being furnished and shall not be deemed "filed" for any purpose, and shall not be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, regardless of any general incorporation language in any such filing.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

- 10.1 Form of Fixed Dollar Accelerated Share Repurchase Transaction Confirmation dated February 5, 2015 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on February 6, 2015)

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.

DUNKIN' BRANDS GROUP, INC.

By:                /s/ Paul Carbone  
                      Paul Carbone  
                      Chief Financial Officer

Date: October 22, 2015