# **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): January 06, 2023

# **ARKO Corp.**

(Exact name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction

8565 Magellan Parkway Suite 400 **Richmond**, Virginia

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

001-39828 (Commission File Number)

85-2784337 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

23227-1150 (Zip Code)

Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code: (804) 730-1568

(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:

Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12) 

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

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

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Trading		
Title of each class	Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common Stock, \$0.0001 par value per share	ARKO	The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC
Warrants, each warrant exercisable for one share of Common	ARKOW	The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC
Stock at an exercise price of \$11.50		

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§ 230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§ 240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company  $\Box$ 

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

of Incorporation)

#### Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On January 6, 2023, Donald Bassell, Chief Financial Officer (principal financial and accounting officer) of ARKO Corp., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), notified the Company's Board of Directors of his intention to retire from such position. Mr. Bassell's retirement is currently expected to become effective in the fourth quarter of 2023 following the appointment of his successor. Prior to such time, Mr. Bassell will remain Chief Financial Officer. Additionally, Mr. Bassell will remain with the Company until approximately April 2024 to assist with the transition process. The Company plans to promptly commence a process to identify a successor, looking at both internal and external candidates.

#### **Forward-Looking Statements**

Certain matters discussed in this Current Report on Form 8-K constitute forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These forward-looking statements are distinguished by use of words such as "anticipate," "aim," "believe," "continue," "could," "estimate," "expect," "intends," "may," "might," "plan," "possible," "potential," "predict," "project," "should," "will," "would" and the negative of these terms, and similar references to future periods. These forward-looking statements involve many risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed or implied by such statements. Forward-looking statements speak only as of the date the statements were made. The Company does not undertake an obligation to update forward-looking information, except to the extent required by applicable law. Please refer to the publicly filed documents of the Company, including its most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K and Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, for risks and uncertainties related to the Company's business which may affect the statements made in this Current Report on Form 8-K.

#### Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

On January 10, 2023, the Company issued a press release relating to the matter described in Item 5.02 of this Current Report on Form 8-K. A copy of the press release is attached to this Current Report on Form 8-K as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated by reference in this Item 7.01.

The information contained in this Item 7.01, including Exhibit 99.1, is furnished and shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that Section, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference into any registration statement or other filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, regardless of any general incorporation language in such filing, except as shall be expressly incorporated by specific reference in such filing.

## Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit	
Number	Description
99.1	Press Release issued by ARKO Corp. on January 10, 2023.
104	Cover Page Interactive Data File (embedded within the Inline XBRL document)

# 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.

ARKO Corp.

Date: January 10, 2023

By: /s/ Arie Kotler Arie Kotler Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer

## ARKO Corp. Announces CFO Don Bassell Will Retire

ARKO Corp. (NASDAQ: ARKO), a Fortune 500 company and one of the largest convenience store operators in the United States, announced today that Chief Financial Officer Don Bassell has informed the Company of his intent to retire by the end of 2023, after 42 years in the industry. Bassell is expected to remain as Chief Financial Officer until his successor is in place and remain with the Company until approximately April 2024 to assist with the transition process and ensure continuity of operations. The Company plans to promptly commence a process to identify a successor, considering both internal and external candidates.

"In sixteen years with the Company, Don has been a tireless leader and seasoned partner who helped ARKO grow, scale, and innovate from a regional leader into one of the largest convenience store operators in the country," said Arie Kotler, ARKO's chairman, president and CEO. "As a leader, he has built a world-class finance department with a deep bench of talent, while helping guide the Company through over 20 acquisitions. As a colleague, his deep knowledge of the industry has made him a trusted advisor to the team and mentor to innumerable employees."

"It has been an honor to work alongside our dynamic executive team and employees to grow the Company into the leader it is today through many significant milestones, from transformative growth to inclusion on the Fortune 500 list," said Bassell. "Building an outstanding team has always been my priority, and I am confident that we'll have a smooth transition as the Company plans to deliver growth and excellent results over many years to come."

#### About ARKO Corp.

ARKO Corp. (Nasdaq: ARKO) is a Fortune 500 company that owns 100% of GPM Investments, LLC and is one of the largest operators of convenience stores and wholesalers of fuel in the United States. Based in Richmond, VA, our highly recognizable family of community brands offers delicious, prepared foods, beer, snacks, candy, hot and cold beverages, and multiple popular quick serve restaurant brands. Our high value fas REWARDS<sup>®</sup> loyalty program offers exclusive savings on merchandise and gas. We operate in four reportable segments: retail, which includes convenience stores selling fuel products and other merchandise to retail customers; wholesale, which supplies fuel to independent dealers and consignment agents; GPM Petroleum, which sells and supplies fuel to our retail and wholesale sites; and fleet fueling, which includes the operation of proprietary and third-party cardlock locations, and the issuance of proprietary fuel cards that provide customers access to a nationwide network of fueling sites. To learn more about GPM stores, visit: www.gpminvestments.com. To learn more about ARKO, visit: www.arkocorp.com.

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