

Ladder Capital Corp
Form SC 13D/A
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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13D/A
Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
(Amendment No. 1)

Ladder Capital Corp
(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share

(Title of Class of Securities)

505743 104

(CUSIP Number)

David Smolen

GI GP III LLC

188 The Embarcadero, Suite 700

San Francisco, CA 94105

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(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)

January 21, 2016

(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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3 SEC USE ONLY

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This Amendment No. 1 (Amendment No. 1) amends and supplements the statements on Schedule 13D filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 21, 2014 (the Original Schedule 13D) relating to the Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share (Common Stock), of Ladder Capital Corp (the Company). The Original Schedule 13D is hereby amended as follows:

Item 2(b) of the Original Schedule 13D is hereby amended, with effect from the date of the event giving rise to this Amendment No. 1, by replacing the business address of each of the Reporting Persons (as defined below) with the following: 188 The Embarcadero, Suite 700, San Francisco, CA 94105.

Item 3. Source and Amount of Funds or other Consideration.

Item 3 of the Original Schedule 13D is hereby amended, with effect from the date of the event giving rise to this Amendment No. 1, by adding the following at the end thereof :

On January 21, 2016, the Company paid a dividend of \$1.45 per share of Class A Common Stock of the Company, par value \$0.001 per share (Class A Common Stock), payable in a combination of cash and stock (the Stock Dividend). GI Ladder Holdco, LLC (Ladder HoldCo), by virtue of its direct ownership of units of Series REIT of Ladder Capital Finance Holdings (LCFH) and units of Series TRS of LCFH (collectively, the Units) and Class B Common Stock of the Company, par value \$0.001 per share (Class B Common Stock) and together with the Class A Common Stock and Units, the Equity Interests), that together are exchangeable for Class A Common Stock, received 1,418,572 Units and shares of Class B Common Stock in the Stock Dividend. GI Partners Fund III-A L.P. (GI III-A), by virtue of its direct ownership of the Company's Class A Common Stock, received 35,759 shares of Class A Common Stock in the Stock Dividend. GI Partners Fund III-B L.P. (GI III-B), by virtue of its direct ownership of the Company's Class A Common Stock, received 249,004 shares of Class A Common Stock in the Stock Dividend.

Item 4. Purpose of Transaction.

Item 4 of the Original Schedule 13D is hereby amended, with effect from the date of the event giving rise to this Amendment No. 1, by adding the following at the end thereof :

Pursuant to the Stock Dividend, Ladder HoldCo received 1,418,572 shares of Class B Common Stock and Units, GI III-A received 35,759 shares of Class A Common Stock, and GI III-B received 249,004 shares of Class A Common Stock.

Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer.

Item 5 of Schedule 13D is hereby amended and restated in its entirety, with effect from the date of the event giving rise to this Amendment No. 1, as follows:

The ownership percentages set forth below are based on 60,759,576 shares of the Issuer's Class A Common Stock and 48,666,776 Units and shares of the Issuer's Class B Common Stock outstanding as set forth in the Company's quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2015 and after giving effect to 5,607,762 shares of Class A Common Stock and 4,468,031 Units and shares of Class B Common Stock issued in connection with the Share Dividend, as reported by the Company.

(a) Ladder HoldCo directly owns 15,406,081 Units and shares of Class B Common Stock, representing 14.1% of the total number of Class A Common Stock outstanding, assuming that all vested and unvested Units outstanding, except

those held directly or indirectly by Ladder Capital Corp, together with all outstanding Class B Common Stock are exchanged into shares of Class A Common Stock. GI III-A directly owns 402,218 shares of Class A Common Stock, representing 0.4% of the total number of Class A Common Stock outstanding, assuming that all vested and unvested Units outstanding, except those held by Ladder Capital Corp, together with all outstanding Class B Common Stock are exchanged into shares of Class A Common Stock. GI III-B directly owns 2,800,753 shares of Class A Common Stock, representing 2.6% of the total number of Class A Common Stock outstanding, assuming that all vested and unvested Units outstanding, except those held by Ladder Capital Corp, together with all outstanding Class B Common Stock are exchanged into shares of Class A Common Stock. Ladder HoldCo is wholly owned by GI Partners Fund III L.P. (GI

III). Each of GI III, GI III-A and GI III-B is controlled by its sole general partner, GI GP III L.P. (GI GP LP). GI Holdings III L.P. (GI Holdings) is a limited partner of GI III, GI III-A and GI III-B. Each of GI GP LP and GI Holdings is controlled by its sole general partner, GI GP III LLC (GI GP LLC) and, together with GI III, Ladder HoldCo, GI III-A, GI III-B, GI GP LP and GI Holdings, the Reporting Persons). As a result, each of GI GP LP, GI Holdings, and GI GP LLC may be deemed to have shared voting and investment power with respect to the the Equity Interests. As such, GI III, Ladder Holdco, GI III-A, GI III-B, GI GP LP, GI Holdings, and GI GP LLC may be deemed to have shared beneficial ownership over such Equity Interests. Each of GI III, Ladder Holdco, GI III-A, GI III-B, GI GP LP, GI Holdings, and GI GP LLC, however, disclaims beneficial ownership of such Equity Interests as to which they are not the record owner, except to the extent of their pecuniary interest therein, if any.

(b) The Reporting Persons have and will have the shared power to vote and dispose of the shares of the securities that they beneficially own, by virtue of the relationships described above.

(c) To the best knowledge of the Reporting Persons, except as described in Items 3 and 4, none of the Reporting Persons has effected a transaction in Units, shares of Class B Common Stock or shares of Class A Common Stock during the past 60 days (other than transactions that may have been effected in the ordinary course of business in an agency or a fiduciary capacity).

(d) Other than the Reporting Persons, no other person is known to have the right to receive or the power to direct the receipt of dividends from, or the proceeds from the sale of the Reporting Persons securities.

(e) Not applicable.

Item 7. Material to be Filed as Exhibits.

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| Exhibit 1 | Amended and Restated Limited Liability Limited Partnership Agreement of Ladder Capital Finance Holdings LLLP, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.4 to the Registration Statement on Form S-1 of Ladder Capital Corp, filed on January 15, 2014.* |
| Exhibit 2 | Form of Amended and Restated Registration Rights Agreement, by and among Ladder Capital Corp, Ladder Capital Finance Holdings LLLP, and each of the Ladder Investors (as therein defined), incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.3 of the Registration Statement on Form S-1 of Ladder Capital Corp, filed on January 13, 2014.* |
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| Exhibit 6 | Third Amended and Restated Limited Liability Limited Partnership Agreement, dated December 31, 2014, by and among Ladder Capital Finance Holdings LLLP, each General Partner and each Person party thereto or otherwise bound as a Limited Partner (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.3 to Ladder Capital Corp s Form 8-K filed on January 2, 2015). |
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* Previously filed.

SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

February 5, 2016

GI Partners Fund III L.P.

By: GI GP III L.P., its general partner

By: GI GP III LLC, its general partner

By: /s/ David Smolen
Name: David Smolen
Title: General Counsel

GI Ladder Holdco, LLC

By: GI Partners Fund III L.P., its sole member

By: GI GP III L.P., its general partner

By: GI GP III LLC, its general partner

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