

SOTHEBYS  
Form 8-K  
December 13, 2012

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

December 13, 2012  
(Date of Report)  
(Date of Earliest Event Reported)

Sotheby's  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	1-9750 (Commission File Number)	38-2478409 (IRS Employer Identification No.)
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1334 York Avenue New York, NY (Address of principal executive offices)	10021 (Zip Code)
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(212) 606-7000  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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

Item 8.01. Other Events

On December 13, 2012, Sotheby's issued a press release announcing that the Board of Directors unanimously elected William F. Ruprecht as Sotheby's Chairman of the Board of Directors, a role he will assume in addition to his current duties as President and Chief Executive Officer. Michael I. Sovern, who has served as Chairman of the Board for thirteen years, will remain on the Board of Directors. Steven B. Dodge was unanimously approved by the Board of Directors as Lead Independent Director. The appointments are effective immediately.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits

- 99.1 Press release dated December 13, 2012 announcing the election of William F. Ruprecht as Sotheby's Chairman

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Company has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

SOTHEBY'S

By: /s/ Kevin M. Delaney

Kevin M. Delaney  
Senior Vice President,  
Controller and Chief Accounting Officer

Date: December 13, 2012

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