

SOTHEBYS
Form 8-K
March 13, 2013

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

March 13, 2013
(Date of Report)

March 8, 2013
(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 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Directors

On March 8, 2013, Michael Blakenham informed Chairman of the Board William F. Ruprecht of his intention to retire as a director of Sotheby's (the "Company") at the end of his current term and not to stand for re-election at the upcoming 2013 Annual Meeting of Stockholders of the Company. Michael Blakenham has been a highly valued member of the Sotheby's Board of Directors since 1987 and the Company has benefited greatly from his outstanding service. The Board of Sotheby's has no immediate plans to fill the vacancy that will be created by Michael Blakenham's retirement.

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/ Gilbert L. Klemann, II

Gilbert L. Klemann, II
Executive Vice President,
Worldwide General Counsel and Secretary

Date: March 13, 2013