

HFF, Inc.
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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 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): March 19, 2019

HFF, Inc.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation or Organization)

001-33280
(Commission
File Number)

51-0610340
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

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One Victory Park

2323 Victory Avenue, Suite 1200

Dallas, Texas 75219

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(214) 265-0880

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

(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)

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (17 CFR §230.405) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (17 CFR §240.12b-2).

Emerging growth company

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.

Item 8.01. Other Events.

On March 19, 2019, HFF, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the Company or HFF) and Jones Lang LaSalle Incorporated (Parent or JLL) issued a joint press release announcing the execution of an Agreement and Plan of Merger (the Agreement), by and among HFF, JLL, JLL CM, Inc., a Delaware corporation and wholly owned subsidiary of JLL, and JLL CMG, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company and wholly owned subsidiary of JLL. A copy of the joint press release is filed herewith as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Cautionary Statements Regarding Forward-Looking Information

This communication may contain certain statements that predict or forecast future events or results, or intentions, beliefs and expectations or predictions for the future of the Company, which are forward-looking statements as that term is defined in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, including statements with respect to the anticipated effects of the proposed transaction, expectations with respect to synergies, the proposed transaction's anticipated benefits to stockholders, the anticipated timing of the closing of the proposed transaction and plans with respect to the leadership of the combined company following the closing of the proposed transaction. Words such as believes, expects, anticipates, estimates, intends, plans, seeks, projects or words of similar meaning, or conditional verbs, such as will, should, would, could, may or variations of such words and similar expressions are intended to identify such forward-looking statements, which are not statements of historical fact or guarantees or assurances of future performance. However, the absence of these words or similar expressions does not mean that a statement is not forward-looking.

Actual results could differ materially from those projected or forecast in the forward-looking statements. The factors that could cause actual results to differ materially include, without limitation, the following risks, uncertainties or assumptions: the satisfaction of the conditions precedent to the consummation of the proposed transaction, including, without limitation, the receipt of Company stockholder and regulatory approvals on the terms desired or anticipated; unanticipated difficulties or expenditures relating to the proposed transaction, including, without limitation, difficulties that result in the failure to realize expected synergies, efficiencies and cost savings from the proposed transaction within the expected time period (if at all); potential difficulties in Parent's and the Company's ability to retain employees as a result of the announcement and pendency of the proposed transaction; Parent's ability to obtain and maintain an investment grade credit rating and obtain financing on the anticipated terms and schedule; risks relating to the value of Parent's shares to be issued in the proposed transaction; disruptions of the Company's and Parent's current plans, operations and relationships with customers and clients caused by the announcement and pendency of the proposed transaction; legal proceedings that may be instituted against the Company and Parent following announcement of the proposed transaction; and other factors described in the Company's annual report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2018, which was filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC) on February 28, 2019, Parent's annual report for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2018, which was filed with the SEC on February 26, 2019, and other filings made by the Company and Parent from time to time with the SEC. The factors described in such SEC filings include, without limitation: the effect of political, economic and market conditions and geopolitical events; the logistical and other challenges inherent in operating in numerous different countries; the actions and initiatives of current and potential competitors; the level and volatility of real estate prices, interest rates, currency values and other market indices; the outcome of pending litigation; and the impact of current, pending and future legislation and regulation.

Neither the Company nor Parent undertakes, and each of them expressly disclaims, any duty to update any forward-looking statement whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except as required by law. Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date hereof.

No Offer or Solicitation

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This communication shall not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy any securities, nor shall there be any sale of securities in any jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the securities laws of any such jurisdiction. No offering of securities shall be made except by means of a prospectus meeting the requirements of Section 10 of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and otherwise in accordance with applicable law.

Additional Information Regarding the Proposed Transactions and Where to Find It

The proposed transaction involving the Company and Parent will be submitted to the stockholders of the Company for their consideration. In connection with the proposed transaction, Parent will prepare a registration statement on Form S-4 that will include a proxy statement/prospectus for the Company's stockholders to be filed with the SEC, and the Company will mail the proxy statement/prospectus to its stockholders and both the Company and Parent will file other documents regarding the proposed transaction with the SEC. However, such documents are not currently available. **BEFORE MAKING ANY VOTING OR ANY INVESTMENT DECISION, AS APPLICABLE, INVESTORS AND SECURITYHOLDERS OF THE COMPANY AND/OR PARENT ARE URGED TO READ THE DEFINITIVE PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS REGARDING THE PROPOSED MERGER TRANSACTION AND ANY OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS FILED OR TO BE FILED WITH THE SEC CAREFULLY AND IN THEIR ENTIRETY WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE BECAUSE THEY WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROPOSED TRANSACTION.** Investors and securityholders may obtain free copies of the definitive proxy statement/prospectus, any amendments or supplements thereto and other documents containing important information about each of the Company and Parent, once such documents are filed with the SEC, through the website maintained by the SEC at www.sec.gov. Copies of the documents filed with the SEC by the Company will be available free of charge under the Investor Relations section of the Company's website located at <http://www.hfflp.com> or by contacting the Company's Investor Relations Department at (718) 852-3500 or InvestorRelations@hfflp.com. Copies of the documents filed with the SEC by Parent will be available free of charge under the Investor Relations section of Parent's website located at <http://www.jll.com> or by contacting Parent's Investor Relations Department at (312) 252-8943 or JLLInvestorRelations@jll.com.

Participants in the Solicitation

The Company and Parent and their respective directors and executive officers, certain other members of their respective management and certain of their respective employees, may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies in connection with the proposed merger transaction. Information about the directors and executive officers of the Company is set forth in its proxy statement for its 2018 annual meeting of stockholders, which was filed with the SEC on April 28, 2018, and its annual report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2018, which was filed with the SEC on February 28, 2019, each of which can be obtained free of charge from the sources indicated above. Information about the directors and executive officers of Parent is set forth in its proxy statement for its 2018 annual meeting of stockholders, which was filed with the SEC on April 19, 2018, and its annual report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2018, which was filed with the SEC on February 26, 2019, each of which can be obtained free of charge from the sources indicated above. Other information regarding the participants in the proxy solicitation and a description of their direct and indirect interests, by security holdings or otherwise, will be contained in the definitive proxy statement/prospectus and other relevant materials to be filed with the SEC when they become available.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Joint Press Release issued by HFF and JLL on March 19, 2019.

SIGNATURE

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

Dated: March 19, 2019

HFF, INC.

By: /s/ Gregory R. Conley
Gregory R. Conley
Chief Financial Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

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