
**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**

September 25, 2018
(Date of Report; Date of Earliest Event Reported)

STEIN MART, INC.
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Florida
(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)

0-20052
(Commission
File Number)

64-0466198
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

1200 Riverplace Blvd., Jacksonville, Florida 32207
(Address of Principal Executive Offices Including Zip Code)

(904) 346-1500
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- 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))

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 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

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 5.02 DEPARTURE OF DIRECTORS OR CERTAIN OFFICERS; ELECTION OF DIRECTORS; APPOINTMENT OF CERTAIN OFFICERS; COMPENSATORY ARRANGEMENTS OF CERTAIN OFFICERS

On October 1, 2018, Stein Mart, Inc. (the “Company”) issued a press release announcing that its chief financial officer, Gregory W. Kleffner (age 63), has shared his plans to retire from the Company next spring. Kleffner will continue in his current role until his successor is appointed. After that he will serve in an advisory role to ensure a smooth transition of responsibilities. The Company has retained an executive search firm to assist with an external search. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

99.1 [Press Release dated October 1, 2018, announcing the planned retirement of the chief financial officer](#)

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.

STEIN MART, INC.
(Registrant)

Date: October 1, 2018

By: /s/ Gregory W. Kleffner
Gregory W. Kleffner
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer



October 1, 2018

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Stein Mart, Inc. Announces Planned Retirement of CFO

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. – Stein Mart, Inc. (NASDAQ: SMRT) (the “Company”) announced today that its chief financial officer, Gregory W. Kleffner, plans to retire from the Company next spring. Kleffner will continue in his current role until his successor is appointed. After that he will serve in an advisory role to ensure a smooth transition of responsibilities. The Company has retained an executive search firm to assist with an external search.

“On behalf of the entire Board and management team, I’d like to thank Greg for his dedication and contributions during his more than nine-year career at Stein Mart,” said D. Hunt Hawkins, chief executive officer. “Greg has been an integral member of the senior executive group and has built strong teams in our finance, internal audit, investor relations, asset protection and credit card areas.”

Kleffner said, “I committed to Hunt and MaryAnne that I would not retire before our financial condition stabilized and we had a new credit agreement in place. With these accomplished, and the right team and strategies in place to continue improving our results, the timing is right. I look forward to Stein Mart’s continued success.”

About Stein Mart

Stein Mart, Inc. is a national specialty off-price retailer offering designer and name-brand fashion apparel, home décor, accessories and shoes at everyday discount prices. Stein Mart provides real value that customers will love every day both in stores and online. The Company currently operates 286 stores across 30 states. For more information, please visit www.steinmart.com.