

EQUITY LIFESTYLE PROPERTIES INC
Form 8-K
October 20, 2015

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

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): October 19, 2015

EQUITY LIFESTYLE PROPERTIES, INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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| Maryland (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) | 1-11718 (Commission File No.) | 36-3857664 (IRS Employer Identification Number) |
| Two North Riverside Plaza, Chicago, Illinois (Address of principal executive offices) | | 60606 (Zip Code) |

(312) 279-1400
(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):

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

Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On October 19, 2015, Equity LifeStyle Properties, Inc. (referred to herein as “we,” “us,” and “our”) issued a news release announcing our results of operations for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015.

The news release also contains detailed guidance assumptions on our projections for 2015 and preliminary projections for 2016. We project our Normalized Funds from Operations (“Normalized FFO”) per Common Share (fully diluted) and Funds from Operations (“FFO”) per Common Share (fully diluted) for the three months and year ending December 31, 2015 to be between \$0.70 and \$0.76. We also project our Normalized FFO and FFO per Common Share (fully diluted) for the year ending December 31, 2015 to be between \$3.00 and \$3.06 and \$2.81 and \$2.87, respectively. We preliminarily project our Normalized FFO and our FFO per Common Share (fully diluted) for the year ending December 31, 2016, to be between \$3.15 and \$3.25.

We also project our Net income per Common Share (fully diluted) for the three months and year ending December 31, 2015, to be between \$0.37 and \$0.43 and \$1.50 and \$1.56, respectively. We preliminarily project our Net income per Common Share (fully diluted) for the year ending December 31, 2016 to be between \$1.87 and \$1.97.

The projected 2015 and 2016 per Common Share amounts represent a range of possible outcomes and the mid-point of each range reflects management’s best estimate of the most likely outcome. Actual figures could vary materially from these amounts if any of our assumptions are incorrect. The news release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this report on Form 8-K. The news release was also posted on our website, www.equitylifestyle.com, on October 19, 2015.

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure

Our annualized dividend for 2015 is \$1.50 per common share. At the next quarterly Board of Directors meeting, our management intends to recommend an increase of \$0.20 per common share to the annual dividend for 2016 for a total dividend of \$1.70 per common share. Our Board of Directors has the sole discretion to approve an increase of the dividend and therefore there can be no assurance that this increase will be approved.

The information contained in Items 2.02, 7.01 and 9.01 of this report on Form 8-K, including Exhibit 99.1, shall not be deemed “filed” with the Securities and Exchange Commission nor incorporated by reference in any registration statement filed by Equity LifeStyle Properties, Inc. under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

This report includes certain “forward-looking statements” within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. When used, words such as “anticipate,” “expect,” “believe,” “project,” “intend,” “may be” and “will be” and similar words or phrases, or the negative thereof, unless the context requires otherwise, are intended to identify forward-looking statements and may include, without limitation, information regarding our expectations, goals or intentions regarding the future, and the expected effect of our recent acquisitions. These forward-looking statements are subject to numerous assumptions, risks and uncertainties, including, but not limited to:

- our ability to control costs, real estate market conditions, the actual rate of decline in customers, the actual use of sites by customers and our success in acquiring new customers at our properties (including those that we may acquire);
- our ability to maintain historical or increase future rental rates and occupancy with respect to properties currently owned or that we may acquire;
- our ability to retain and attract customers renewing, upgrading and entering right-to-use contracts;
- our assumptions about rental and home sales markets;
- our assumptions and guidance concerning 2015 and 2016 estimated net income, FFO and Normalized FFO;
- our ability to manage counterparty risk;
- in the age-qualified properties, home sales results could be impacted by the ability of potential homebuyers to sell their existing residences as well as by financial, credit and capital markets volatility;

results from home sales and occupancy will continue to be impacted by local economic conditions, lack of affordable manufactured home financing and competition from alternative housing options including site-built single-family housing;

- impact of government intervention to stabilize site-built single family housing and not manufactured housing;
- effective integration of recent acquisitions and our estimates regarding the future performance of recent acquisitions;
- the completion of future transactions in their entirety, if any, and timing and effective integration with respect thereto;
- unanticipated costs or unforeseen liabilities associated with recent acquisitions;
- ability to obtain financing or refinance existing debt on favorable terms or at all;
- the effect of interest rates;
- the dilutive effects of issuing additional securities;
- the effect of accounting for the entry of contracts with customers representing a right-to-use the properties under the

Codification Topic “Revenue Recognition;”

the outcome of pending or future lawsuits filed against us, including those disclosed in our filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, by tenant groups seeking to limit rent increases and/or seeking large damage awards for our alleged failure to properly maintain certain properties or other tenant related matters, such as the case currently pending in the California Court of Appeal, Sixth Appellate District, Case No. H041913, involving our California Hawaiian manufactured home property, including any further proceedings on appeal or in the trial court; and other risks indicated from time to time in our filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

These forward-looking statements are based on management's present expectations and beliefs about future events. As with any projection or forecast, these statements are inherently susceptible to uncertainty and changes in circumstances. We are under no obligation to, and expressly disclaim any obligation to, update or alter our forward-looking statements whether as a result of such changes, new information, subsequent events or otherwise. We are a fully integrated owner and operator of lifestyle-oriented properties and own or have an interest in 387 quality properties in 32 states and British Columbia consisting of 143,895 sites. We are a self-administered, self-managed, real estate investment trust (REIT) with headquarters in Chicago.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

The information contained in the attached exhibit is unaudited and should be read in conjunction with the Registrant's annual and quarterly reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

99.1 Equity LifeStyle Properties, Inc. press release dated October 19, 2015, “ELS Reports Third Quarter Results”

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 thereunto duly authorized.

EQUITY LIFESTYLE PROPERTIES, INC.

By: /s/ Paul Seavey
Paul Seavey
Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

Date: October 20, 2015