## 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): April 2, 2018

### COMPASS DIVERSIFIED HOLDINGS

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware001-3492757-6218917(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)(Commission File Number)(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

# COMPASS GROUP DIVERSIFIED HOLDINGS LLC

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

001-34926 (Commission File Number) 20-3812051 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

301 Riverside Avenue
Second Floor
Westport, CT 06880
(Address of principal executive offices and zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (203) 221-1703

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- o Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- o 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))
- o 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 of 1934 (§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. o

#### Section 7 Regulation FD Disclosure Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure

On April 2, 2018, Compass Diversified Holdings (the "Trust") and Compass Group Diversified Holdings LLC (the "Company" and, together with the Trust, "CODI") issued a press release relating to the proposed offering of senior secured notes (the "Offering") to qualified institutional buyers pursuant to Rule 144A under the Securities Act and to certain non-U.S. persons in accordance with Regulation S under the Securities Act. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

The information contained under Item 7.01 in this Report, including Exhibits 99.1, is being furnished and, as a result, such information shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Exchange Act or subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall such information be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

This Report, including Exhibits 99.1, does not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy any security and shall not constitute an offer, solicitation or sale of any security in any jurisdiction in which such offering, solicitation or sale would be unlawful.

Section 9 Financial Statements and Exhibits Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits.

99.1 Press Release of CODI dated April 2, 2018

#### **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.

Date: April 2, 2018 COMPASS DIVERSIFIED HOLDINGS

By: /s/ Ryan J. Faulkingham

Ryan J. Faulkingham Regular Trustee

### **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.

Date: April 2, 2018 COMPASS GROUP DIVERSIFIED HOLDINGS LLC

By: /s/ Ryan J. Faulkingham

Ryan J. Faulkingham Chief Financial Officer



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# Compass Diversified Holdings Announces Proposed Private Offering of \$400 Million of Senior Unsecured Notes Due 2026

Westport, Conn., April 2, 2018 - Compass Diversified Holdings (NYSE: CODI) ("CODI"), a Delaware statutory trust and the sole owner of 100% of the trust interests in Compass Group Diversified Holdings, LLC (the "Company"), and the Company announced today that the Company intends, subject to market and other conditions, to commence an offering of \$400 million of senior unsecured notes due 2026 (the "Notes") in a private offering.

The Company intends to use the net proceeds of the Notes offering, together with cash on hand and borrowings from a refinancing transaction concurrent with the Notes offering, to repay debt under the Company's existing credit facilities. Any remaining proceeds are expected to be used for general corporate purposes. The offering of the Notes is not conditioned upon the consummation of the Company's concurrent refinancing transaction.

The notes will be the Company's senior unsecured obligations and will not be guaranteed by any of the Company's subsidiaries.

The Notes will not be registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act") or any state securities laws and, unless so registered, may not be offered or sold in the United States except pursuant to an applicable exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act and applicable state securities laws. The Notes will be offered only to qualified institutional buyers in accordance with Rule 144A and to non-U.S. Persons under Regulation S under the Securities Act.

This press release does not and will not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy the Notes, nor will there be any sale of the Notes in any state in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the securities laws of any such state. This press release is being issued pursuant to and in accordance with Rule 135c under the Securities Act.

#### **About Compass Diversified Holdings ("CODI")**

CODI owns and manages a diverse family of established North American middle market businesses. Each of its current subsidiaries is a leader in its niche market.

CODI maintains controlling ownership interests in each of its subsidiaries in order to maximize its ability to impact long term cash flow generation and value. The Company provides both debt and equity capital for its subsidiaries, contributing to their financial and operating flexibility. CODI utilizes the cash flows generated

by its subsidiaries to invest in the long-term growth of the Company and to make cash distributions to its shareholders.

Our ten majority-owned subsidiaries are engaged in the following lines of business:

- The design and marketing of purpose-built tactical apparel and gear serving a wide range of global customers (5.11);
- The manufacture of quick-turn, small-run and production rigid printed circuit boards (Advanced Circuits);
- The manufacture of engineered magnetic solutions for a wide range of specialty applications and end-markets (Arnold Magnetic Technologies);
- Environmental services for a variety of contaminated materials including soils, dredged material, hazardous waste and drill cuttings (Clean Earth);
- The design, manufacture and marketing of airguns, archery products, optics and related accessories (**Crosman**);
- The design and marketing of wearable baby carriers, strollers and related products (Ergobaby);
- The design and manufacture of custom molded protective foam solutions and OEM components (Foam Fabricators);
- The design and manufacture of premium home and gun safes (Liberty Safe);
- The manufacture and marketing of branded, hemp-based food products (Manitoba Harvest); and
- The manufacture and marketing of portable food warming fuels and creative ambience solutions for the hospitality and consumer markets (Sterno Products).

This press release may contain certain forward-looking statements, including statements with regard to the future performance of CODI. Words such as "believes," "expects," "projects," and "future" or similar expressions, are intended to identify forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements are subject to the inherent uncertainties in predicting future results and conditions. Certain factors could cause actual results to differ materially from those projected in these forward-looking statements, and some of these factors are enumerated in the risk factor discussion in the Form 10-K filed by CODI with the SEC for the year ended December 31, 2017 and other filings with the SEC. Except as required by law, CODI undertakes no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.