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 1, 2020

COMPASS DIVERSIFIED HOLDINGS

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) 001-34927 (Commission File Number) 57-6218917 (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:

□ 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))

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of Each Class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of Each Exchange on Which Registered
Shares representing beneficial interests in Compass Diversified Holdings	CODI	New York Stock Exchange
Series A Preferred Shares representing beneficial interests in Compass Diversified Holdings	CODI PR A	New York Stock Exchange
Series B Preferred Shares representing beneficial interests in Compass Diversified Holdings	CODI PR B	New York Stock Exchange
Series C Preferred Shares representing beneficial interests in Compass Diversified Holdings	CODI PR C	New York Stock Exchange

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 \Box

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 8 Other Events

Item 8.01 Other Events

Compass Group Diversified Holdings LLC and Compass Diversified Holdings (NYSE: CODI) reported that CODI will make a cash distribution of \$0.36 per common share for the third quarter of 2020. The distribution is payable on October 22, 2020 to shareholders of record on the close of business on October 15, 2020. CODI also announced that CODI will make a distribution on their 7.250% Series A Preferred Shares (the "Series A Preferred Shares"), their 7.875% Series B Preferred Shares (the "Series B Preferred Shares") and their 7.875% Series C Preferred Shares (the "Series A Preferred Shares, C Preferred Shares"), payable on October 30, 2020 to holders of record as of October 15, 2020. The distribution for the Series A Preferred Shares, Series B Preferred Shares and Series C Preferred Shares covers the period from and including July 30, 2020, up to, but excluding October 30, 2020. A copy of the press release announcing such distribution is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated by reference herein.

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

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit Number	Description
99.1	Press Release of CODI, dated October 1, 2020, regarding quarterly distributions
104	Cover Page Interactive Data File (embedded within the Inline XBRL document)

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: October 1, 2020

COMPASS DIVERSIFIED HOLDINGS

By: <u>/s/ Ryan J. Faulkingham</u>

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: October 1, 2020

COMPASS GROUP DIVERSIFIED HOLDINGS LLC

By: /s/ Ryan J. Faulkingham

Ryan J. Faulkingham Chief Financial Officer



Compass Diversified Holdings Declares Third Quarter 2020 Distributions on Common and Series A, B and C Preferred Shares

Westport, Conn., October 1, 2020 - Compass Diversified (NYSE: CODI) ("CODI" or the Company"), an owner of leading middle market businesses, announced today that its Board of Directors (the "Board") has declared a quarterly cash distribution of \$0.36 per share on the Company's common shares (the "Common Shares"). The distribution for the three months ended September 30, 2020 is payable on October 22, 2020 to all holders of record of Common Shares as of October 15, 2020.

The Board also declared a quarterly cash distribution of \$0.453125 per share on the Company's 7.250% Series A Preferred Shares (the "Series A Preferred Shares"). The distribution on the Series A Preferred Shares covers the period from, and including, July 30, 2020, up to, but excluding, October 30, 2020. The distribution for such period is payable on October 30, 2020 to all holders of record of Series A Preferred Shares as of October 15, 2020.

The Board also declared a quarterly cash distribution of \$0.4921875 per share on the Company's 7.875% Series B Preferred Shares (the "Series B Preferred Shares"). The distribution on the Series B Preferred Shares covers the period from, and including, July 30, 2020, up to, but excluding, October 30, 2020. The distribution for such period is payable on October 30, 2020 to all holders of record of Series B Preferred Shares as of October 15, 2020.

The Board also declared a quarterly cash distribution of \$0.4921875 per share on the Company's 7.875% Series C Preferred Shares (the "Series C Preferred Shares"). The distribution on the Series C Preferred Shares covers the period from, and including, July 30, 2020, up to, but excluding, October 30, 2020. The distribution for such period is payable on October 30, 2020 to all holders of record of Series C Preferred Shares as of October 15, 2020.

"We are pleased that our Board declared a quarterly cash distribution of \$0.36 per share on our Common Shares for the 39th consecutive quarter, as well as distributions on our Series A, B and C Preferred Shares," said Elias Sabo, CEO of Compass Diversified. "Our ability to pay sizable distributions to shareholders every quarter as a publicly listed company, especially amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, is a differentiator in the market and underscores the advantages of our business model. We continue to showcase how our unique permanent capital structure allows us to make compelling acquisitions as evidenced by the recent BOA announcement, and our focus on working with top-tier management teams across highly diversified businesses has positioned us to consistently drive strong subsidiary performance and long-term value for our shareholders."

About Compass Diversified ("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 nine majority-owned subsidiaries are engaged in the following lines of business:

- The design and marketing of purpose-built technical 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);
- The design and marketing of wearable baby carriers, strollers and related products (Ergobaby);
- The design and manufacture of custom molded protective foam solutions and OE components (Foam Fabricators);
- The design and manufacture of premium home and gun safes (Liberty Safe);
- The design and manufacture of baseball and softball equipment and apparel (Marucci Sports);
- The manufacture and marketing of portable food warming systems used in the foodservice industry, creative indoor and outdoor lighting, and home fragrance solutions for the consumer markets (Sterno); and
- The design, manufacture and marketing of airguns, archery products, optics and related accessories (Velocity Outdoor).

This press release may contain certain forward-looking statements, including statements with regard to the future performance of CODI. Words such as "believes," "expects," "anticipates," "estimate," "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, 2019, 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.

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