
**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): June 8, 2018

Hercules Capital, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

814-00702
(Commission
File No.)

74-3113410
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

400 Hamilton Ave., Suite 310
Palo Alto, CA
(Address of principal executive offices)

94301
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (650) 289-3060

Not Applicable
(Former name or 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 (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 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.

Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On June 11, 2018, Hercules Capital, Inc. (the “Company”) issued a press release providing an interim second quarter 2018 portfolio update. The text of the press release is included as an exhibit to this Form 8-K.

This information disclosed under this Item 2.02 including Exhibit 99.1 hereto, is being furnished and shall not be deemed “filed” for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and shall not be deemed incorporated by reference into any filing made under the Securities Act of 1933, except as expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

Item 8.01 Other Events

On June 8, 2018, Hercules Capital, Inc. (the “Company”) issued a press release announcing the official launch of the Hercules Capital SaaS Finance division, which will be dedicated exclusively to servicing the needs of fast growing SaaS companies. The text of the press release is included as an exhibit to this Form 8-K.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

99.1 [Press Release dated June 11, 2018](#)

99.2 [Press Release dated June 8, 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.

June 13, 2018

HERCULES CAPITAL, INC.

By: /s/ Melanie Grace

Melanie Grace

General Counsel and Secretary



Hercules Capital on Pace to Potentially Exceed \$1.0 Billion in Total New Debt and Equity Commitments in 2018

- *Year-to-date "YTD" closed and pending total new debt and equity commitments of \$724.8 million as of June 8, 2018*
 - *Quarter-to-date "QTD" Q2 2018 closed total new debt and equity commitments of \$313.8 million to 17 companies including 11 new and six (6) existing portfolio companies as of June 8, 2018*
 - *Pending new commitments of \$145.0 million in signed non-binding term sheets as of June 8, 2018⁽¹⁾*

PALO ALTO, Calif., June 11, 2018 – Hercules Capital, Inc. (NYSE: HTGC) ("Hercules" or the "Company"), the leading and largest specialty finance company specifically focused on providing growth capital to some of the most innovative and disruptive venture capital backed growth companies in the U.S., many of which are pre-IPO and M&A stage companies backed by some of the leading top tier venture capital firms, today provided an intra-quarter business update for the second quarter and year-to-date outlook for 2018.

"We are off to a tremendous start for 2018 and well positioned to achieve another record year with nearly \$580 million in closed new debt and equity commitments to date," stated Manuel A. Henriquez, founder, chairman and chief executive officer of Hercules. "Our momentum and pace of new loan originations from the first quarter has both continued and accelerated, as evidenced by our strong new commitment activities already realized during second quarter-to-date, and further exemplifies our industry leadership as well as strong brand, reputation and scale of the Hercules platform within the venture capital and private equity community. Although we remain guardedly optimistic, we are nonetheless witnessing unprecedented loan demand, as evidenced with our closed and pending commitments of nearly \$725 million in just the first five months of the year, putting us on pace to originate and close over \$1.0 billion in new commitments for the full year. To meet this demand, we are continuing to actively manage our liquidity by opportunistically accessing both the debt and equity capital markets to fund this demand and growth. We will also, of course, be actively monitoring for critical changes in macro-economic conditions or geopolitical developments, including the administration's new fiscal and trade policies and the impact of the mid-term elections."

New Debt and Equity Commitments for Q2 2018:

As of June 8, 2018, quarter-to-date, Hercules has originated approximately \$313.8 million of new debt and equity commitments to 17 new and existing portfolio companies.

17 new commitments to innovative venture growth-stage companies:

Technology Portfolio

Eight (8) New Commitments - \$196.6 Million

Life Sciences Portfolio

Two (2) New Commitments - \$58.0 Million

Sustainable and Renewable Technologies Portfolio

One (1) New Commitment - \$15.0 Million

Existing Portfolio Companies

Six (6) New Commitments - \$44.2 Million

Unscheduled Early Principal Repayments “Early Pay-Offs”:

As of June 8, 2018, quarter-to-date, Hercules has received \$59.1 million in early pay-offs, of which approximately \$39.6 million was received from portfolio companies that previously had credit ratings of 3-5.

Quarter-to-Date Potential Unrealized/Realized Gains:

As of June 8, 2018, Hercules has the following potential unrealized/realized gains from certain portfolio companies:

1. In April 2018, Hercules' portfolio company, **DocuSign Inc.** (NASDAQ: DOCU), a company that provides electronic signature technology and digital transaction management services for facilitating electronic exchanges of contracts and signed documents, completed its IPO. Hercules currently holds 385,000 shares of common stock as of March 31, 2018, which represents an unrealized gain of \$16.2 million, as of the closing price of \$57.92 for **DocuSign** on June 8, 2018. The unrealized gain may increase or decrease as the stock price of **DocuSign** moves up or down from its closing price on June 8, 2018, thereby impacting Hercules' eventual realized gain or (loss).
2. In December 2017, Hercules' portfolio company **Quanterix Corporation** (NASDAQ: QTRX), a company digitizing biomarker analysis to advance the science of precision health, completed its IPO. Hercules currently holds 84,778 shares of common stock and warrants for 66,039 shares of common stock, respectively, as of March 31, 2018, which represents an unrealized gain of approximately \$0.8 million as of the closing price of \$17.02 for **Quanterix** on June 8, 2018. The unrealized gain may increase or decrease as the stock price of **Quanterix** moves up or down from its closing price on June 8, 2018, thereby impacting Hercules' eventual realized gain or (loss).
3. In October 2017, Hercules' portfolio company **ForeScout Technologies, Inc.** (NASDAQ: FSCT), a leading Internet of Things security company, completed its IPO. Hercules currently holds 199,842 shares of common stock, as of March 31, 2018. Subsequent to March 31, 2018, Hercules liquidated its entire position in **ForeScout** and recognized a net realized gain of approximately \$5.7 million.

Portfolio Company IPO, M&A and Other Activity in Q2 2018:

IPO Activities

As of June 8, 2018, Hercules held warrant and equity positions in three (3) portfolio companies that had filed registration statements with the Securities and Exchange Commission in contemplation of a potential IPO.

- In June 2018, Hercules' portfolio company, **Tricida, Inc.**, a privately-held, late-stage pharmaceutical company focused on the development and commercialization of its lead product candidate, TRC101, a non-absorbed, orally-administered polymer drug design to treat metabolic acidosis in patients with chronic kidney disease, filed a Form S-1 Registration Statement with the SEC in contemplation of a potential public offering. Hercules initially committed \$25.0 million in venture debt financing in February 2018 and currently holds 212,765 shares of common stock as of March 31, 2018.
- Two (2) companies filed confidentially under the JOBS Act

There can be no assurances that companies that have yet to complete their IPOs will do so.

M&A Activities

1. In May 2018, Hercules' portfolio company **FanDuel**, a leading U.S. daily fantasy sports operator, announced they had entered into a definitive agreement with Paddy Power Betfair plc (LON: PPB), an international, multi-channel sports betting and gaming operator, to combine Paddy Power's U.S. business (Betfair US) with **FanDuel**. Under the agreement, Paddy Power will contribute its existing U.S. assets along with \$158.0 million of cash. The cash contribution will be used to pay down existing **FanDuel** debt and fund working capital of the combined business. Hercules initially committed \$20.0 million in venture debt financing, including \$1.0 million in convertible debt, in October 2016, and currently holds warrants for 15,570 shares of common stock and 4,648 shares of Preferred Series A stock as of March 31, 2018.
2. In May 2018, Hercules' portfolio company **PerfectServe, Inc.**, a comprehensive and secure care team collaboration platform, was acquired by K1 Investment Management LLC, a private equity firm investing in high-growth private companies across North America. Terms of the acquisition were not disclosed. Hercules initially committed \$20.0 million in venture debt financing in November 2017.
3. In May 2018, Hercules' portfolio company **RazorGator Inc.**, an online ticket reselling platform for sports, theater and concert tickets, and vacation packages for sporting events, was acquired by TickPick, an online ticket marketplace to buy, bid on and sell tickets on sports, concerts and other live events. Terms of the transaction were not disclosed. Hercules initially committed \$5.0 million in venture debt financing in January 2005, and currently holds 34,783 shares of Preferred Series AA stock as of March 31, 2018.

Portfolio Company Activities

1. In May 2018, Hercules' portfolio company **TransEnterix, Inc. (NYSE: TRXC)**, a medical device company that is digitizing the interface between the surgeon and the patient to

improve minimally invasive surgery, announced that they had received FDA 510(k) clearance for expanded indications of its Senhance Surgical System. With this clearance, Senhance System's total addressable annual procedures in the U.S. has more than doubled to over three million. Hercules initially committed \$20.0 million in venture debt financing in May 2018.

2. In June 2018, Hercules' portfolio company **Tricida, Inc.**, a late-stage pharmaceutical company, announced that its TRCA-301 trial met both its primary and secondary endpoints in its pivotal Phase 3 double-blind randomized, placebo-controlled, multi-center Phase 3 clinical trial in 217 chronic kidney disease (CKD) patients with metabolic acidosis.

Accompanying Footnotes:

- (1) Signed non-binding term sheets are subject to satisfactory completion of Hercules' due diligence and final investment committee approval process as well as negotiations of definitive documentation with the prospective portfolio companies. These non-binding term sheets generally convert to contractual commitments in approximately 90 days from signing. It is important to note that not all signed non-binding term sheets are expected to close and do not necessarily represent future cash requirements or investments.

About Hercules Capital, Inc.

Hercules Capital, Inc. (NYSE: HTGC) ("Hercules") is the leading and largest specialty finance company focused on providing senior secured venture growth loans to high-growth, innovative venture capital-backed companies in a broad variety of technology, life sciences and sustainable and renewable technology industries. Since inception (December 2003), Hercules has committed more than \$7.6 billion to over 420 companies and is the lender of choice for entrepreneurs and venture capital firms seeking growth capital financing. Companies interested in learning more about financing opportunities should contact info@htgc.com, or call 650.289.3060.

Hercules' common stock trades on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) under the ticker symbol "HTGC." In addition, Hercules has four outstanding bond issuances of 6.25% Notes due 2024 (NYSE: HTGX), 4.375% Convertible Notes due 2022, 4.625% Notes due October 2022 and 5.25% Notes due 2025 (NYSE: HCXZ).

Forward-Looking Statements

This press release may contain "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. You should understand that under Section 27A(b)(2)(B) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E(b)(2)(B) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or the Exchange Act, the "safe harbor" provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 do not apply to forward-looking statements made in periodic reports we file under the Exchange Act.

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Hercules Capital Forms New SaaS Finance Group – Hercules Capital SaaS Finance Division

New division fills the void in the software and technology lending market

PALO ALTO, Calif., June 8, 2018 – Hercules Capital, Inc. (NYSE: HTGC) (“Hercules” or the “Company”), the leading specialty finance company to innovative venture growth, pre-IPO and M&A stage companies backed by leading venture capital firms, today announced the official launch of the **Hercules Capital SaaS Finance** division, which will be dedicated exclusively to servicing the needs of fast growing SaaS companies in this specialized and growing technology vertical.

Hercules Capital SaaS Finance aims to fill the void in the software and technology lending markets by offering flexible solutions based on monthly or annual recurring revenues (“MRR” and “ARR”), respectively. Hercules SaaS lending solutions expects to provide growth capital to rapidly growing SaaS companies between 2x to 7x MRR or 2x to 5x ARR, and to be drawn upon as needed to support growth, while minimizing dilution.

Anticipated initial industry and sector focus to include:

- Software
- Application software
- Healthcare IT
- Data analytics “Big Data”
- eCommerce
- Tech-enabled services
- Cyber security
- Mobile
- Digital media
- Gaming

The new group, led by senior managing director Steve Kuo, Catherine Jhung, and Thomas Harris, is expected to utilize the deep venture lending expertise of Hercules’ seasoned investment team and leverage the Company’s balance sheet strength to fill the void in the software and technology lending markets. To contact the team and learn more, please visit www.HerculesCapitalSaaS.com.

“Hercules Capital SaaS Finance is a natural extension of our market leading venture lending platform and represents our commitment to supporting the unique needs of entrepreneurs and managers of these high-growth innovative businesses,” commented Manuel A. Henriquez, founder, chairman and CEO of Hercules Capital. “Our team already

possesses a successful track record of working with multiple SaaS companies having completed more than 28 transactions in this area since 2011. We felt that because of the continued growth in this market and the specialized skills it takes to work with these companies, it only made sense to formalize a business line focused exclusively on servicing the needs of these unique SaaS companies.”

Hercules Capital SaaS Finance will offer SaaS loans ranging in size from \$1.0 million to \$100.0 million as well as have the ability to provide additional tranches of structured debt growth capital, including asset-based lending (“ABL”), term loan financing solutions or acquisition financing to support a company’s unique capital needs. With nearly \$1.7 billion in total assets, Hercules Capital has the scale and capabilities to offer a wide range of growth capital financing solutions, having originated over \$7.6 billion to more than 420 companies since its inception in December 2003.

Steve Kuo, senior managing director and head of Hercules SAAS Finance, added, “The universe of SaaS companies is rapidly growing and is defined by a specific set of characteristics which differ from our other industry lending groups. These traits include monthly recurring revenues, a growing backlog of new customers and strong retention rates. Historically, attractive candidates for our innovative financing solutions are SaaS companies that have already completed their Series B financing round.”

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