

KROGER CO
Form 10-K/A
April 01, 2015

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-K/A

(Amendment No. 1)

(Mark One)

☒ **ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For the fiscal year ended January 31, 2015.

OR

☐ **TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For the transition period from _____ to _____

Commission file number 1-303

THE KROGER CO.

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(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Ohio

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization)

31-0345740

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

1014 Vine Street, Cincinnati, OH

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

45202

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code **(513) 762-4000**

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

Title of each class

Name of each exchange on which registered

Common Stock \$1 par value

New York Stock Exchange

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

NONE

(Title of class)

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act.

Yes ☒ No ☐

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Act.

Yes ☐ No ☒

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.

Yes ☒ No ☐

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Website, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files).

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Yes ☒ No ☐

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K (§299.405 of this chapter) is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of the registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K. ☐

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Accelerated filer	<input type="checkbox"/>
Non-accelerated filer (Do not check if a smaller reporting company)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Smaller reporting company	<input type="checkbox"/>

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined by Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).

Yes ☐ No ☒

The aggregate market value of the Common Stock of The Kroger Co. held by non-affiliates as of August 16, 2014: \$24.6 billion. There were 491,106,583 shares of Common Stock (\$1 par value) outstanding as of March 27, 2015.

Documents Incorporated by Reference:

Portions of the proxy statement to be filed pursuant to Regulation 14A of the Exchange Act on or before June 1, 2015, are incorporated by reference into Part III of this Form 10-K.

Explanatory Note

The Kroger Co. (the "Company") is filing this Amendment No. 1 to its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended January 31, 2015, which was originally filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 31, 2015 (the "Original Filing"), solely to correct the number of shares of the Company's common stock outstanding as of March 27, 2015 as disclosed on the cover page of the Original Filing. The number of outstanding shares of the Company's common stock disclosed in the Original Filing inadvertently included 462,562,376 treasury shares that were issued but were not outstanding. Therefore, the number of shares of the Company's common stock outstanding as of March 27, 2015 was 491,106,583.

Pursuant to Rule 12b-15 under Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, this Form 10-K/A also contains new Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) Certifications, which are attached hereto. Because no financial statements have been amended by or included in this Form 10-K/A and this Form 10-K/A does not contain or amend any disclosure with respect to Items 307 and 308 of Regulation S-K, paragraphs 3, 4 and 5 of the certifications have been omitted.

This Form 10-K/A does not change or update any of the other disclosures contained in the Original Filing, including, without limitation, the total number of outstanding shares of common stock otherwise disclosed within the body of the Original Filing.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Company has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

THE KROGER CO.

Dated: April 1, 2015

/s/ W. Rodney McMullen
W. Rodney McMullen
Chief Executive Officer
(principal executive officer)

EXHIBIT INDEX

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| 31.1 | Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) Certification. |
| 31.2 | Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) Certification. |