

HERTZ GLOBAL HOLDINGS INC

Form 8-K

March 20, 2014

**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) **March 20, 2014 (March 18, 2014)**

HERTZ GLOBAL HOLDINGS, INC.

THE HERTZ CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE
DELAWARE
(State of incorporation)

001-33139
001-07541
(Commission File Number)

20-3530539
13-1938568
(I.R.S Employer Identification No.)

225 Brae Boulevard
Park Ridge, New Jersey 07656-0713
225 Brae Boulevard
Park Ridge, New Jersey 07656-0713
(Address of principal executive
offices, including zip code)

(201) 307-2000
(201) 307-2000
(Registrant's telephone number,
including area code)

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ITEM 2.02 RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION

On March 18, 2014, Hertz Global Holdings, Inc. ("Hertz Holdings") and its wholly-owned subsidiary The Hertz Corporation (together with Hertz Holdings, the "Companies") conducted an earnings conference call relating to the Companies' financial results for the three months and full year ended December 31, 2013. The earnings call was made available to the public via conference call and audio webcast and the slides that accompanied the presentation were available to the public at the time of the earnings call and webcast through the Companies' website. Certain financial information relating to completed fiscal periods that was part of the earnings call is included in the set of slides that accompanied the earnings call, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

The earnings call included certain non-GAAP financial measures. Reconciliations of these non-GAAP financial measures to the comparable measures calculated and presented in accordance with GAAP are attached hereto as part of Exhibit 99.1. The reasons why management believes that the presentation of the non-GAAP financial measures included in the earnings call provides useful information regarding the Companies' financial condition and results of operations, and additional purposes for which management utilizes the non-GAAP financial measures, are also attached hereto as part of Exhibit 99.1.

CAUTIONARY NOTE CONCERNING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Certain statements contained in the press release and in related comments by our management include forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Examples of forward-looking statements include information concerning the Companies' outlook, anticipated revenues and results of operations, as well as any other statement that does not directly relate to any historical or current fact. These forward-looking statements often include words such as believe, expect, project, potential, anticipate, intend, plan, seek, will, may, would, should, could, forecasts or similar expressions. These statements are based on certain assumptions that the Companies have made in light of industry experience as well as perceptions of historical trends, current conditions, expected future developments and other factors that the Companies believe are appropriate in these circumstances. We believe these judgments are reasonable, but you should understand that these statements are not guarantees of performance or results, and our actual results could differ materially from those expressed in the forward-looking statements due to a variety of important factors, both positive and negative.

Among other items, such factors could include: levels of travel demand, particularly with respect to airline passenger traffic in the United States and in global markets; the effect of our proposed separation of our equipment rental business and ability to obtain the expected benefits of any related transaction; our ability to collect amounts owed by Simply Wheelz, LLC and uncertainty of our future commercial arrangements with Franchise Services of North America and its subsidiary Simply Wheelz, LLC; significant changes in the competitive environment, including as a result of industry consolidation, and the effect of competition in our markets, including on our pricing policies or use of incentives; occurrences that disrupt rental activity during our peak periods; our ability to achieve cost savings and efficiencies and realize opportunities to increase productivity and profitability; an increase in our fleet costs as a result of an increase in the cost of new vehicles and/or a decrease in the price at which we dispose of used vehicles either in the used vehicle market or under repurchase or guaranteed depreciation programs; our ability to accurately estimate future levels of rental activity and adjust the size and mix of our fleet accordingly; our ability to maintain sufficient liquidity and the availability to us of additional or continued sources of financing for our revenue earning equipment and to refinance our existing indebtedness; our ability to integrate the car rental operations of Dollar Thrifty and realize operational efficiencies from the acquisition; the risk that expected synergies and cost savings from the Dollar Thrifty acquisition may not be fully realized or realized within the expected time frame; the operational and profitability impact of the Advantage divestiture and the divestiture of the airport locations that we agreed to undertake in order to secure regulatory approval for the Dollar Thrifty acquisition; safety recalls by the manufacturers of our vehicles and equipment; a major disruption in our communication or centralized information networks; financial instability of the manufacturers of our vehicles and equipment; any impact on us from the actions of our licensees, franchisees, dealers and independent contractors; our ability to maintain profitability during adverse economic cycles and unfavorable external events (including war, terrorist acts, natural disasters and epidemic disease); shortages of fuel and increases or volatility in fuel costs; our ability to successfully

integrate acquisitions and complete dispositions; our ability to maintain favorable brand recognition; costs and risks associated with litigation; risks related to our indebtedness, including our substantial amount of debt, our ability to incur substantially more debt and increases in interest rates or in our borrowing margins; our ability to meet the financial and other covenants contained in our Senior Credit Facilities, our outstanding unsecured Senior Notes and certain asset-backed and asset-based arrangements; changes in accounting principles, or their application or interpretation, and our ability to make accurate estimates and the assumptions underlying the estimates, which could have an effect on earnings; changes in the existing, or the adoption of new laws, regulations, policies or other activities of governments, agencies and similar organizations where such actions may affect our operations, the cost thereof or applicable tax rates; changes to our senior management team; the effect of tangible and intangible asset impairment charges; the impact of our derivative instruments, which can be affected by fluctuations in interest rates and commodity prices; and our exposure to fluctuations in foreign exchange rates. Additional information concerning these and other factors can be found in our filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including our most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q and Current Reports on Form 8-K.

The Companies therefore caution you against relying on these forward-looking statements. All forward-looking statements attributable to the Companies or persons acting on the Companies' behalf are expressly qualified in their entirety by the foregoing cautionary statements. All such statements speak only as of the date made, and the Companies undertake no obligation to update or revise publicly any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit 99.1 Slides relating to the March 18, 2014 earnings call.

Exhibit 99.1 shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in a filing.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, each registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

HERTZ GLOBAL HOLDINGS, INC.
THE HERTZ CORPORATION
(Registrant)

By:	/s/ THOMAS C. KENNEDY
Name:	Thomas C. Kennedy
Title:	Senior Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Date: March 20, 2014