

KROGER CO  
Form 8-K  
October 17, 2013

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, DC 20549

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the**  
**Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of Report: **October 17, 2013**

(Date of earliest event reported)

**THE KROGER CO.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**An Ohio Corporation**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation)

**No. 1-303**  
(Commission File Number)

**31-0345740**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**1014 Vine Street**

**Cincinnati, OH 45201**

(Address of principal executive offices)

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Registrant's telephone number: (513) 762-4000

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Section 5 Corporate Governance and Management

Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

(c) On October 17, 2013, The Kroger Co. (the Company ) announced that Michael L. Ellis, 55, will be named President and Chief Operating Officer, effective January 1, 2014. Mr. Ellis is a current executive officer of the Company, and the information relating to him required by Item 5.02(c) of Form 8-K has been previously reported in the Company s annual report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended February 2, 2013 filed with the Commission on April 2, 2013.

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.

THE KROGER CO.

October 17, 2013

By:

/s/ Paul Heldman  
Paul Heldman  
Executive Vice President, Secretary  
General Counsel