

RENT A CENTER INC DE
Form SC 13D/A
February 14, 2017

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13D
(Rule 13d-101)

INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN STATEMENTS FILED PURSUANT
TO § 240.13d-1(a) AND AMENDMENTS THERETO FILED PURSUANT TO
§ 240.13d-2(a)

(Amendment No. 1)1

Rent-A-Center, Inc.

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, \$0.01 par value per share
(Title of Class of Securities)

76009N100
(CUSIP Number)

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ENGAGED CAPITAL, LLC
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(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person

Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)

February 14, 2017
(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of This Statement)

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CUSIP NO. 76009N100

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

Engaged Capital Flagship Master Fund, LP

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a) (b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS

WC

5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(d) OR 2(e)

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

CAYMAN ISLANDS

| | | |
|---|----|--------------------------|
| NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH | 7 | SOLE VOTING POWER |
| | | 2,324,944 |
| | 8 | SHARED VOTING POWER |
| | | - 0 - |
| | 9 | SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER |
| | | 2,324,944 |
| | 10 | SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER |
| | | - 0 - |

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

2,324,944

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

4.4%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

PN

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Engaged Capital Co-Invest V, LP

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DELAWARE

| | | |
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| NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH | 7 | SOLE VOTING POWER |
| | | 2,703,611 |
| | 8 | SHARED VOTING POWER |
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5.1%

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CO

CUSIP NO. 76009N100

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

Engaged Capital, LLC

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DELAWARE

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| NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH | 7 | SOLE VOTING POWER |
| | | 5,288,376 |
| | 8 | SHARED VOTING POWER |
| | | - 0 - |
| | 9 | SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER |
| | | 5,288,376 |
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5,288,376

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9.9%

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CUSIP NO. 76009N100

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Engaged Capital Holdings, LLC

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CUSIP NO. 76009N100

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Glenn W. Welling

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USA

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CUSIP NO. 76009N100

The following constitutes Amendment No. 1 to the Schedule 13D filed by the undersigned (“Amendment No. 1”). This Amendment No. 1 amends the Schedule 13D as specifically set forth herein.

Item 4. Purpose of Transaction.

Item 4 is hereby amended to add the following:

On February 14, 2017, Engaged Capital issued a public letter (the “February Letter”) to the Issuer’s Board of Directors (the “Board”) calling on the Board to immediately commence a strategic alternatives review process. In the February Letter, Engaged Capital raised its concerns with the continued destruction of shareholder value and the Board’s apparent lack of urgency to remedy the situation, noting the 26% decline in Share price since Engaged Capital privately sent a letter to the Board on December 7, 2016 (the “December Letter”). In the February Letter, Engaged Capital expressed its belief that the Issuer’s over 75% decline in Share price from its value above \$35 a little over two years ago is largely attributed to poor corporate governance practices, self-inflicted operating mistakes, and a perceived misalignment of interests between the Board and shareholders. Specifically, Engaged Capital noted that five of seven directors have served on the Board for over ten years while two directors (including Chairman, interim CEO and co-founder Mark Speese) have served on the Board for over twenty years, causing Engaged Capital to question the true independence of the members of the Board. Engaged Capital believes that a turnaround of the Issuer would most efficiently and successfully be completed in the private markets and therefore believes that the most logical outcome from a strategic alternatives review process would be a sale of the Issuer. Engaged Capital intends to continue to maintain a constructive dialogue with the Board; however, to the extent that the Board fails to act objectively and expediently for the benefit of shareholders, Engaged Capital is fully prepared to nominate a slate of independent director candidates at the Issuer’s upcoming annual meeting. The full text of the February Letter and December Letter are attached hereto as Exhibits 99.1 and 99.2, respectively, and are incorporated herein by reference.

Item 7. Material to be Filed as Exhibits.

Item 7 is hereby amended to add the following exhibits:

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| 99.1 | Letter to the Board, dated February 14, 2017. |
| 99.2 | Letter to the Board, dated December 7, 2016. |

CUSIP NO. 76009N100

SIGNATURES

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of his knowledge and belief, the undersigned certifies that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: February 14, 2017

Engaged Capital Flagship Master Fund, LP

By: Engaged Capital, LLC
General Partner

By: /s/ Glenn W. Welling
Name: Glenn W. Welling
Title: Founder and Chief Investment Officer

Engaged Capital Co-Invest V, LP

By: Engaged Capital, LLC
General Partner

By: /s/ Glenn W. Welling
Name: Glenn W. Welling
Title: Founder and Chief Investment Officer

Engaged Capital Flagship Fund, LP

By: Engaged Capital, LLC
General Partner

By: /s/ Glenn W. Welling
Name: Glenn W. Welling
Title: Founder and Chief Investment Officer

Engaged Capital Flagship Fund, Ltd.

By: /s/ Glenn W. Welling
Name: Glenn W. Welling
Title: Director

CUSIP NO. 76009N100

Engaged Capital, LLC

By: /s/ Glenn W. Welling
Name: Glenn W. Welling
Title: Founder and Chief Investment Officer

Engaged Capital Holdings, LLC

By: /s/ Glenn W. Welling
Name: Glenn W. Welling
Title: Sole Member

/s/ Glenn W. Welling
Glenn W. Welling

