

Blackstone Group L.P.  
Form 8-K  
October 20, 2017

**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): October 17, 2017*

**The Blackstone Group L.P.**

**(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)**

**Delaware**  
**(State or other jurisdiction of**  
  
**incorporation)**

**345 Park Avenue**

**001-33551**  
**(Commission**  
  
**File Number)**

**20-8875684**  
**(I.R.S. Employer**  
  
**Identification No.)**

**10154**

**New York, New York**  
**(Address of principal executive offices)**  
**(212) 583-5000**

**(Zip Code)**

**(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)**

**NOT APPLICABLE**

**(Former name or former 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 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers**

(b) On October 17, 2017, Richard H. Jenrette, a member of the board of directors (the Board) of Blackstone Group Management L.L.C., the general partner of The Blackstone Group L.P. (the Partnership), notified the Partnership of his intention to retire from the Board effective immediately. In connection with Mr. Jenrette's retirement, the size of the Board was reduced from twelve members to eleven members.

**SIGNATURE**

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.

Date: October 20, 2017

**The Blackstone Group L.P.**

By: Blackstone Group Management L.L.C.,

its General Partner

By: /s/ John G. Finley

Name: John G. Finley

Title: Chief Legal Officer