

Ladder Capital Corp
Form SC 13D/A
December 21, 2016

SCHEDULE 13D

CUSIP No. 505743104

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

**SCHEDULE 13D/A
Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
(Amendment No. 2)**

**Ladder Capital Corp
(Name of Issuer)
Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share
(Title of Class of Securities)**

**505743 104
(CUSIP Number)**

David A. Smolen

G I G P III LLC

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(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)

December 8, 2016

(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)

GI Partners Fund III L.P.

2. Check the appropriate box if a member of a group (See Instructions)

(a) (b)

3. SEC use only

4. Source of funds (See Instructions)

OO

5. Check if disclosure of legal proceedings is required pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e)

6. Citizenship or place of organization

Delaware

Number of 7. Sole voting power

shares

beneficially 0

8. Shared voting power

owned by

each

14,819,606*

reporting 9. Sole dispositive power

person

with: 0

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This Amendment No. 2 (Amendment No. 2) amends and supplements the statements on Schedule 13D filed with the SEC on February 21, 2014 (as amended by Amendment No. 1 thereto filed with the SEC on February 5, 2016, the Original Schedule 13D), relating to the Class A Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share (Class A Common Stock), of Ladder Capital Corp (the Company). The Original Schedule 13D is hereby amended as follows:

ITEM 3. SOURCE AND AMOUNT OF FUNDS OR OTHER CONSIDERATION

Item 3 of the Original Schedule 13D is hereby amended, with effect from the date of the event giving rise to this Amendment No. 2, by adding the following at the end thereof:

On December 6, 2016, the Company entered into an Equity Underwriting Agreement with GI III-A, GI III-B, Ladder HoldCo, the other selling stockholders party thereto (collectively, the Selling Stockholders), and Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, Deutsche Bank Securities Inc. and Wells Fargo Securities, as representative of the several underwriters (the Underwriters), pursuant to which the Selling Stockholders agreed to (i) sell 10,000,000 shares of Class A Common Stock and (ii) provide the Underwriters an option to purchase an additional 1,500,000 shares of Class A Common Stock from certain Selling Stockholders other than the Reporting Persons (the Option Shares), in an underwritten offering (the December 2016 Offering). On December 7, 2016, the Underwriters exercised their option to purchase the Option Shares.

In connection with the December 2016 Offering, on December 8, 2016, Ladder HoldCo exchanged an aggregate of 3,137,211 shares of Class B Common Stock and Units into 3,137,211 shares of Class A Common Stock. No cash or other consideration was exchanged in connection with the foregoing exchange.

ITEM 4. PURPOSE OF TRANSACTION

Item 4 of the Original Schedule 13D is hereby amended, with effect from the date of the event giving rise to this Amendment No. 2, by adding the following at the end thereof:

In connection with the December 2016 Offering, on December 12, 2016, GI III-A, GI III-B and Ladder HoldCo completed a sale of an aggregate 3,789,446 shares of Class A Common Stock to the Underwriters at a public offering price of \$13.60 per share.

In connection with the December 2016 Offering, GI III-A, GI III-B and Ladder HoldCo agreed, subject to specified exceptions, not to offer, pledge or sell, or enter into any agreement to sell or otherwise dispose of or transfer, any shares of Class A Common Stock, or securities convertible into or exchangeable or exercisable for shares of Class A Common Stock, for a period of 60 days after December 6, 2016, except with the prior written consent of the Underwriters (the December 2016 Lock-Up Agreement).

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References to and descriptions of the December 2016 Lock-up Agreement set forth above in this Item 4 do not purport to be complete and are qualified in their entirety by reference to the full text of the December 2016 Lock-Up Agreement, a form of which has been filed as an exhibit hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

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ITEM 5. INTEREST IN SECURITIES OF THE ISSUER

Item 5 of the Original Schedule 13D is hereby amended and restated, with effect from the date of the event giving rise to this Amendment No. 2:

(a) and (b)

Reporting Persons	Number of Shares With Sole Voting and Dispositive Power	Number of Shares With Shared Voting and Dispositive Power	Aggregate Number of Shares Beneficially Owned	Percentage of Class Beneficially Owned
GI III	0	14,819,606 (as converted)	14,819,606 (as converted)	13.5%*
Ladder HoldCo	0	14,819,606 (as converted)	14,819,606 (as converted)	13.5%*
GI III-A	0	14,819,606 (as converted)	14,819,606 (as converted)	13.5%*
GI III-B	0	14,819,606 (as converted)	14,819,606 (as converted)	13.5%*

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GI GP LP	0	14,819,606 (as converted)	14,819,606 (as converted)	13.5%*
GI Holdings	0	14,819,606 (as converted)	14,819,606 (as converted)	13.5%*
GI GP LLC	0	14,819,606 (as converted)	14,819,606 (as converted)	13.5%*

* The ownership percentages are based on 71,765,885 shares of Class A Common Stock and 37,822,629 Units and Class B Common Stock outstanding following the December 2016 Offering, as set forth in the Company's prospectus supplement filed with the SEC on December 7, 2016.

- (c) To the best knowledge of the Reporting Persons, except as described in Items 3 and 4, none of the Reporting Persons has effected a transaction in Units, shares of Class B Common Stock or shares of Class A Common Stock during the past 60 days (other than transactions that may have been effected in the ordinary course of business in an agency or a fiduciary capacity).
- (d) Other than the Reporting Persons, no other person is known to have the right to receive or the power to direct the receipt of dividends from, or the proceeds from the sale of, the Reporting Persons' securities.
- (e) Not applicable.

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ITEM 7. MATERIAL TO BE FILED AS EXHIBITS

- Exhibit 1 Third Amended and Restated Limited Liability Limited Partnership Agreement of Ladder Capital Finance Holdings LLLP, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.3 to the Form 8-K for Ladder Capital Corp, filed on January 5, 2015.
- Exhibit 2 Amendment to Third Amended and Restated Limited Liability Limited Partnership Agreement of Ladder Capital Finance Holdings LLLP, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to the Form 10-K for Ladder Capital Corp, filed on March 7, 2016.
- Exhibit 3 Amended and Restated Registration Rights Agreement, dated as of February 11, 2014, by and among Ladder Capital Corp, Ladder Capital Finance Holdings LLLP, and each of the Ladder Investors (as therein defined), incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.2 to the Form 10-K for Ladder Capital Corp, filed on March 6, 2015.
- Exhibit 4 Amendment No. 1 to the Amended and Restated Registration Rights Agreement, dated as of January 28, 2015, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.3 to the Form 10-K of Ladder Capital Corp, filed on March 6, 2015
- Exhibit 5 Amendment No. 2 to the Amended and Restated Registration Rights Agreement, dated as of December 1, 2016, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99.1 to the Form 8-K of Ladder Capital Corp, filed on December 8, 2016.
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SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated as of December 21, 2016.

GI Partners Fund III L.P.

By: GI GP III L.P., its general partner

By: GI GP III LLC, its general partner

By: /s/ David A. Smolen
David A. Smolen
General Counsel

GI Ladder Holdco, LLC

By: GI Partners Fund III L.P., its sole member

By: GI GP III L.P., its general partner

By: GI GP III LLC, its general partner

By: /s/ David A. Smolen
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David A. Smolen
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GI GP III L.P.

By: GI GP III LLC, its general partner

By: /s/ David A. Smolen
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By: GI GP III LLC, its general partner

By: /s/ David A. Smolen
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