

**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): December 4, 2017 (December 4, 2017)

EZCORP, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

0-19424
(Commission
File Number)

74-2540145
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

2500 Bee Cave Road, Bldg One, Suite 200, Rollingwood, Texas 78746
(Address of principal executive offices) (zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (512) 314-3400

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:

- 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 7.01 — Regulation FD Disclosure

On December 4, 2017, EZCORP issued a press release announcing the acquisition of 21 pawn stores located in Mexico. The full text of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

The information set forth, or referred to, in this Item 7.01 (including Exhibit 99.1) shall not be deemed “filed” for purposes of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, and shall not be deemed to be incorporated by reference into any registration statement or other filing made by EZCORP under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, unless such subsequent filing specifically references this Item 7.01 of this Report.

Item 9.01 — Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits.

[99.1 Press Release of EZCORP, Inc. dated December 4, 2017](#)

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.

EZCORP, INC.

Date: December 4, 2017

By: /s/ Thomas H. Welch, Jr.

Thomas H. Welch, Jr.

Chief Legal Officer and Secretary



EZCORP ANNOUNCES ACQUISITION OF 21 PAWN STORES IN SINALOA, MEXICO

AUSTIN, Texas, December 4, 2017 - EZCORP, Inc. (NASDAQ:EZPW), a leading provider of pawn loans in the United States and Latin America, announced that it has acquired 21 pawn stores located in the Mexican state of Sinaloa and operating under the name “Bazareño.” The Bazareño stores make up the largest chain of pawn stores in Culiacan, the capital city of Sinaloa, giving EZCORP the number one position in that market with more than double the store count of its nearest competitor and an important strategic presence in the northwest region of Mexico.

This is EZCORP’s first acquisition in Mexico in over six years, and it continues the company’s strong expansion momentum in Latin America, where 43% of the company’s pawn stores are now located. The company has a total of 894 pawn stores, consisting of 513 in the U.S. and 381 in Latin America, including 269 in Mexico.

Stuart Grimshaw, EZCORP Chief Executive Officer stated: “Our Mexico Pawn business is now growing on all fronts. Our existing Empeño Fácil stores are delivering outstanding PLO and profit growth. We opened ten new stores last fiscal year, have already opened two additional stores since October 1, and expect to open eight more by the end of February. And we have now entered a new market by acquiring the 21 Bazareño stores. With the opening of the planned de novo stores, our expansion initiatives will have increased our store count in Mexico by almost 13% this fiscal year, which will strengthen our position as the second largest for-profit competitor in that high-growth market.

“We expect that this acquisition will be immediately accretive to our earnings, and we see opportunities to grow the profitability of these stores by bringing discipline and focus to the general merchandise pawn loan and retail activities and implementing other best practices and process improvements to enhance the overall customer experience.”

The Bazareño acquisition was completed earlier today, and the purchase price was paid in cash. The company expects to drive synergies by leveraging the back office and support functions of its existing Mexico Pawn business, which is headquartered in Querétaro.

ABOUT EZCORP

EZCORP is a leading provider of pawn loans in the United States and Latin America. We also sell merchandise, primarily collateral forfeited from pawn lending operations and used merchandise purchased from customers. EZCORP is a member of the Russell 2000 Index, S&P SmallCap 600 Index, S&P 1000 Index and Nasdaq Composite Index.

FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENTS

This announcement contains certain forward-looking statements regarding the company’s strategy, initiatives and expected performance. These statements are based on the company’s current expectations as to the outcome and timing of future events. All statements, other than statements of historical facts, including all statements regarding the company’s strategy, initiatives and future performance, that address activities or results that the company plans, expects, believes, projects, estimates or anticipates, will, should or may occur in the future, including future financial or operating results, are forward-looking statements. Actual results for future periods may differ materially from those expressed or implied by these forward-looking statements due to a number of uncertainties and other factors, including operating risks, liquidity risks, legislative or regulatory developments, market factors or current or future litigation. For a discussion of these and other factors affecting the company’s business and prospects, see the company’s annual, quarterly and other reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The company

undertakes no obligation to update or revise forward-looking statements to reflect changed assumptions, the occurrence of unanticipated events or changes to future operating results over time.

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