

Ladder Capital Corp
Form SC 13D/A
March 03, 2017

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. 3)**

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

**505743 104
(CUSIP Number)**

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

March 1, 2017

(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

12,955,247*

reporting 9. Sole dispositive power

person

with: 0

10. Shared dispositive power

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This Amendment No. 3 (Amendment No. 3) 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 and Amendment No. 2 thereto filed with the SEC on December 21, 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. 3, by adding the following at the end thereof:

On February 27, 2017, Ladder Capital Corp (Ladder or the Company), Related Real Estate Fund II, L.P. (Related), which is an affiliate of The Related Companies, L.P., and certain pre-IPO stockholders of Ladder, including Ladder HoldCo, GI III-A and GI III-B, entered into a Stock Purchase Agreement, pursuant to which Related agreed to purchase (the February 2017 Equity Sale) \$80.0 million of Ladder 's Class A common stock (the Shares) from the pre-IPO stockholders, including Ladder HoldCo, GI III-A and GI III-B. The investment was made by a wholly owned subsidiary of Related. The February 2017 Equity Sale closed on March 3, 2017.

In connection with the February 2017 Equity Sale, on March 1, 2017, Ladder Holdco exchanged an aggregate of 1,675,013 shares of Class B Common Stock and Units into 1,675,013 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. 3, by adding the following at the end thereof:

In connection with the February 2017 Equity Sale, on March 3, 2017, GI III-A, GI III-B and Ladder HoldCo completed a sale of an aggregate 2,023,254 shares of Class A Common Stock to the Purchaser at a price of \$13.59 per share.

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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. 3:

(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 | 12,955,247 (as converted) | 12,955,247 (as converted) | 11.7%* |
| Ladder HoldCo | 0 | 12,955,247 (as converted) | 12,955,247 (as converted) | 11.7%* |
| GI III-A | 0 | 12,955,247 (as converted) | 12,955,247 (as converted) | 11.7%* |
| GI III-B | 0 | 12,955,247 (as converted) | 12,955,247 (as converted) | 11.7%* |
| GI GP LP | 0 | 12,955,247 (as converted) | 12,955,247 (as converted) | 11.7%* |
| GI Holdings | 0 | 12,955,247 (as converted) | 12,955,247 (as converted) | 11.7%* |
| GI GP LLC | 0 | 12,955,247 (as converted) | 12,955,247 (as converted) | 11.7%* |

- * The ownership percentages are based on 72,291,533 shares of Class A Common Stock and 38,434,658 Units and Class B Common Stock, as set forth in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC on February 24, 2017.

- (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 Second Amended and Restated Registration Rights Agreement, dated as of March 3, 2017, by and among Ladder Capital Corp, Ladder Capital Finance Holdings LLLP and each of the Ladder Investors (as defined therein), incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99.2 to the Form 8-K for Ladder Capital Corp, filed on March 3, 2017.
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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 March 3, 2017.

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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