

# COMSTOCK HOLDING COMPANIES, INC.

## **FORM 8-K** (Current report filing)

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

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT  
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d)  
of the Securities Exchange Act Of 1934**

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): June 18, 2018 (June 12, 2018)**

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**Comstock Holding Companies, Inc.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

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**Delaware**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

**1-32375**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**20-1164345**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**1886 METRO CENTER DRIVE, FOURTH FLOOR  
RESTON, VIRGINIA 20190**  
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

**Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code: (703) 883-1700**

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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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.

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**Item 5.02**            **Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

(b) and (c)

On June 12, 2018, Christopher Conover, resigned from his position as Chief Financial Officer of Comstock Holding Companies, Inc. (the “Company”) and was appointed as the EVP-Finance and Strategic Planning of the Company effective as of June 12, 2018. Christopher Guthrie has been appointed as the Chief Financial Officer and principal financial officer of the Company effective as of June 12, 2018.

Mr. Guthrie, 39, has served as Chief Financial Officer of Comstock Partners, LC, since 2013 and brings over 15 years of extensive accounting and finance experience, previously working for Red Zone Capital Management, a private equity fund owned by Dwight Schar and Daniel Snyder. He has also previously served as an audit and transaction services manager at PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP (“PwC”). Mr. Guthrie received a BBA in Finance and a Masters in Professional Accounting degree from the University of Texas at Austin.

Mr. Conover, 36, has served as the Company’s Chief Financial Officer since September 21, 2016, its Interim Chief Financial Officer since November 2015 and previously served as Controller at the Company since January 2012. Mr. Conover has extensive experience in corporate finance, strategic planning, accounting and operations. Prior to joining the Company in 2012, Mr. Conover was the Controller for the Snyder family office and served in public accounting at PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP and Dannible & McKee, LLP, developing extensive experience providing audit and highly technical consulting services for real estate companies of various sizes and asset classes. Mr. Conover is a certified public accountant. Mr. Conover earned a Bachelor of Science in Accounting from Ithaca College.

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On June 12, 2018, A. Clayton Perfall, resigned as a member of the Board of Directors of the Company (the “Board”) and as the Chairman of the Company’s Audit Committee. James McCutcheon, an existing director who has been on the Company’s Audit Committee since December of 2004, has been appointed as the Chairman of the Audit Committee and has been designated as the Audit Committee’s financial expert. Additionally, David Guernsey, also an existing director since 2004, has joined the Company’s Audit Committee. Each of these appointments is effective as of June 12, 2018.

On June 18, 2018, the Company issued a press release announcing these changes. A copy of this press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9.01**            **Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits

<u>Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	<a href="#">Press release by Comstock Holding Companies, Inc., dated June 18, 2018</a>

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Company has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: June 18, 2018

COMSTOCK HOLDING COMPANIES, INC.

By: \_\_\_\_\_ /s/ Christopher Clemente  
Christopher Clemente,  
Chief Executive Officer

June 18, 2018  
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**Comstock Holding Companies Announces Chief Financial Officer Transition and Other Executive Moves**

RESTON, VA -- (MARKET WIRE) Comstock Holding Companies, Inc. (NASDAQ: CHCI) (“Comstock” or the “Company”), a multi-faceted real estate development, asset management and real estate related services company focused on the Washington, DC market, today announced that it has named Christopher Guthrie as Chief Financial Officer and Principal Financial Officer and Christopher Conover as EVP-Finance and Strategic Planning, effective as of June 12, 2018.

Mr. Guthrie, 39 has served as Chief Financial Officer of Comstock Partners, LC, since 2013 and brings over 15 years of accounting and finance experience, previously working for Red Zone Capital Management, a private equity fund owned by Dwight Schar and Daniel Snyder. He has also previously served as an audit and transaction services manager at PwC (where he obtained his CPA). Mr. Guthrie will succeed Mr. Conover as Chief Financial Officer of the Company.

Mr. Conover, 36, has served as our Chief Financial Officer since 2015 and previously served as VP Finance and Corporate Controller at the Company since 2012. In his role as EVP-Finance and Strategic Planning, Mr. Conover will focus on strategic tax planning; corporate strategy; SEC reporting oversight; and investor relations.

Additionally, effective as of June 12, 2018, A. Clayton Perfall has resigned as a director and as Chairman of our Audit Committee. James McCutcheon, an existing director who has been on the Company’s Audit Committee since December of 2004 has been appointed as the Chairman of the Audit Committee. Additionally, David Guernsey, also an existing director since 2004, has agreed to join the Company’s Audit Committee.

“The transformation of our operating platform is proceeding as planned” said Christopher Clemente, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer. “Mr. Guthrie is a tremendous addition to the Comstock executive management team given his deep knowledge of the anchor portfolio of transit-oriented, mixed-use assets under management and his financial background and management experience. Additionally, Mr. Guthrie’s appointment as CFO enables Mr. Conover to focus on execution of strategic corporate initiatives, including the marshalling of resources necessary to monetize the Company’s significant \$143M tax asset.”

For additional details on the above referenced transactions, refer to the disclosures within the Company’s Form 8-K, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on June 18, 2018.

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The Company's latest investor relations presentation describing the strategic vision of the Company can be found at [www.ComstockCompanies.com](http://www.ComstockCompanies.com).

### **About Comstock Holding Companies, Inc.**

CHCI is a multi-faceted real estate development, asset management and real estate related services company that, since 1985, has designed, developed, constructed and managed several thousand residential units and millions of square feet of residential and mixed-use projects throughout the Washington, DC metropolitan market and in other key markets in the southeastern United States. In early 2018, CHCI transitioned its operating platform from being primarily focused on developing on-balance sheet, for-sale, homebuilding projects to being focused on commercial real estate development, asset management and real estate related services. As a result, CHCI began operating through two real estate focused platforms, CDS Asset Management ("CAM") and Comstock Real Estate Services ("CRES"). CAM provides real estate development, asset management, and property management services, while CRES provides development supply chain services, including capital markets, real estate brokerage, environmental consulting and design services in the Washington, DC metropolitan area and in New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Anchoring the transition of CHCI is a long-term asset management agreement covering two of the largest transit-oriented, mixed-use developments in the Washington, DC area; Reston Station, a 3 million square foot transit-oriented, mixed-use development located in Reston, VA, and Loudoun Station, a 2.5 million square foot transit-oriented, mixed-use development in Ashburn, VA, as well as other additional development assets. Comstock's substantial experience in entitling, designing, developing, and managing a diverse range of properties including apartments, single-family homes, townhomes, mid-rise condominiums, high-rise condominiums and mixed-use (residential and commercial) properties, as well as large scale commercial parking garages and infrastructure projects, has positioned the Comstock organization as a premier developer and real estate related service provider in the mid-Atlantic Region. The Company is a publicly traded company, trading on NASDAQ under the symbol CHCI. For more information about CHCI or its businesses, please visit [www.ComstockCompanies.com](http://www.ComstockCompanies.com).

### **Cautionary Statement Regarding Forward-Looking Statements**

This release includes "forward-looking" statements that are made pursuant to the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These forward-looking statements can be identified by use of words such as "anticipate," "believe," "estimate," "may," "intend," "expect," "will," "should," "seeks" or other similar expressions. Forward-looking statements are based largely on our expectations and involve inherent risks and uncertainties, many of which are beyond our control. You should not place undue reliance on any forward-looking statement, which speaks only as of the date made. Some factors which may affect the accuracy of the forward-looking statements apply generally to the real estate industry, while other factors apply directly to us. Any number of important factors which could cause actual results to differ materially from those in the forward-looking statements include, without limitation: completion of Comstock's financial accounting and review procedures; general economic and market conditions, including interest rate levels; our ability to service our debt; inherent risks in investment in real estate; our ability to compete in the markets in which we operate; economic risks in the markets in which we operate, including actions related to government spending; delays in governmental approvals and/or land development activity at our projects; regulatory actions; fluctuations in operating results; our anticipated growth strategies; shortages and increased costs of labor or building materials; the availability and cost of land in desirable areas; adverse weather conditions or natural disasters; our ability to raise debt and equity capital and grow our operations on a profitable

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basis; the reliance of substantially all of our revenues derived from our provision of management services to a limited number of companies; the Asset Management Agreement and other agreements with clients are subject to termination; and our continuing relationships with affiliates. Additional information concerning these and other important risk and uncertainties can be found under the heading “Risk Factors” in our Annual Report on Form 10-K, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017. Our actual results could differ materially from these projected or suggested by the forward-looking statements. Comstock claims the protection of the safe harbor for forward-looking statements contained in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 for all forward-looking statements contained herein. Comstock specifically disclaims any obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future developments or otherwise.

**Company:**

Comstock Holding Companies, Inc.  
Christopher Guthrie, 703-230-1292  
Chief Financial Officer