

GSV CAPITAL CORP.

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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):

February 2, 2018

GSV CAPITAL CORP.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

1-35156
(Commission File Number)

27-4443543
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

2925 Woodside Road
Woodside, CA 94062
(Address of principal executive offices and zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(650) 235-4769**

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- 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 (17 CFR §230.405) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (17 CFR §240.12b-2).

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 8.01 Other Events.

On February 5, 2018, GSV Capital Corp. (the “Company”) announced that GSV Asset Management, LLC, the Company’s investment adviser (the “Adviser”), has agreed to reduce the fees payable under the Amended and Restated Investment Advisory Agreement, dated March 8, 2013, between the Company and the Adviser (the “Advisory Agreement”). The terms of this fee reduction have been set forth in a fee waiver agreement, dated February 2, 2018 (the “Waiver Agreement”), which has been executed by the Adviser and delivered to Company’s Board of Directors.

As described more fully below, the Waiver Agreement changes the fee structure set forth in the Advisory Agreement by: (i) reducing the Company’s base management fee from 2.00% to 1.75%; and (ii) creating certain high-water marks that must be reached before any incentive fee is paid to the Adviser. In addition to the foregoing changes to the fee structure, pursuant to the Waiver Agreement the Adviser has agreed to forfeit \$5.0 million of its previously accrued but unpaid incentive fees, and to waive base management fees on cash balances until the Company’s 5.25% Convertible Senior Notes due 2018 (the “2018 Notes”) mature or are retired.

Base Management Fee

Under the Advisory Agreement, the Adviser was heretofore entitled to a base management fee of 2.00% of the Company’s gross assets, calculated based on the average value of the Company’s gross assets at the end of the two most recently completed calendar quarters, payable monthly in arrears. Pursuant to the Waiver Agreement, effective February 1, 2018, the base management fee will be reduced to 1.75% of the Company’s gross assets. The base management fee will be calculated based on the average value of the Company’s gross assets at the end of the two most recently completed calendar quarters, and appropriately adjusted for any equity or debt capital raises, repurchases or redemptions during the current calendar quarter. The base management fee for any partial month or quarter will be appropriately prorated.

In addition, because the 2018 Notes mature on September 15, 2018, the Company is currently carrying a larger cash balance than it would in the ordinary course of its business. As a result, under the Waiver Agreement, the Adviser has agreed to waive its base management fee on any cash balances effective as of February 1, 2018 until the 2018 Notes mature (September 15, 2018), or the date that all the 2018 Notes have been repurchased or redeemed, whichever is earlier.

Incentive Fee

Under the Advisory Agreement, the Adviser's incentive fee is determined and payable in arrears as of the end of each calendar year and equals the lesser of (i) 20% of the Company's realized capital gains during such calendar year, if any, calculated on an investment-by-investment basis, subject to a non-compounded preferred return, or "hurdle," and a "catch-up" feature, and (ii) 20% of the Company's realized capital gains, if any, on a cumulative basis from inception through the end of each calendar year, computed net of all realized capital losses and unrealized capital depreciation on a cumulative basis, less the aggregate amount of any previously paid incentive fees. For purposes of determining the incentive fee, the Company's realized capital gains from each investment, expressed as a non-compounded annual rate of return on the cost of such investment since the Company initially acquired it, is compared to a hurdle rate of 8.00% per year. The Company pays the incentive fee only on any realized capital gains from an investment that exceeds the hurdle rate. The Company calculates the amount of the incentive fee payable to the Adviser with respect to the Company's realized capital gains from each investment as follows:

- i) No incentive fee is payable on the amount of any realized capital gains from an investment that, when expressed as a non-compounded annual rate of return on the cost of such investment since the Company initially acquired it, does not exceed the hurdle rate of 8.00% per year.
- ii) The Company includes in the incentive fee 100% of the amount of any realized capital gains from an investment that, when expressed as a non-compounded annual rate of return on the cost of such investment since the Company initially acquired it, exceeds the hurdle rate of 8.00% per year but is less than a rate of 10.00% per year.
- iii) The Company includes in the incentive fee 20% of the amount of any realized capital gains from an investment that, when expressed as a non-compounded annual rate of return on the cost of such investment since the Company initially acquired it, exceeds a rate of 10.00% per year.

Pursuant to the Waiver Agreement, in addition to the aforementioned "hurdle" feature in the incentive fee, the Adviser has agreed to additional conditions on its ability to receive an incentive fee. Specifically, the Waiver Agreement provides that an incentive fee earned by the Adviser under the Advisory Agreement shall be payable to the Adviser only if, at the time that such incentive fee becomes payable under the Advisory Agreement, both the Company's stock price and its last reported net asset value per share are equal to or greater than \$12.55 (the "High-Water Mark"). The High-Water Mark is based upon the volume weighted average price (VWAP) of all the Company's equity offerings since its initial public offering, less the dollar amount of all dividends paid by the Company since inception. Upon such time that the High-Water Mark is achieved, and the Adviser is paid an incentive fee, a new High-Water Mark will be established. Each new High-Water Mark will be equal to the most recent High-Water Mark, plus 10.0%. Any High-Water Mark then in effect will be adjusted to reflect any dividends paid by the Company or any stock split effected by the Company.

In addition, as of September 30, 2017 the Adviser has accrued approximately \$9.6 million in incentive fees that have not yet become payable under the Advisory Agreement. Pursuant to the Waiver Agreement, the Adviser has agreed to forfeit \$5.0 million of such amount.

For the avoidance of doubt, after these changes take effect, under no circumstances will the aggregate fees earned by the Adviser in any quarterly period be higher than those aggregate fees that would have been earned prior to the effectiveness of the Waiver Agreement.

The foregoing description of the Waiver Agreement is a summary and is qualified in its entirety by the terms of the Waiver Agreement, a copy of which is filed as Exhibit No. 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and incorporated by reference herein.

The Company issued a press release on February 5, 2018 to announce the Waiver Agreement, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.2.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

- (d) Exhibits.

Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	Waiver Agreement from GSV Asset Management, LLC to GSV Capital Corp., dated February 2, 2018
99.2	Press release dated February 5, 2018

SIGNATURE

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

Date: February 5, 2018

GSV CAPITAL CORP.

By: /s/ William F. Tanona

William F. Tanona
President, Chief Financial Officer, Treasurer and
Corporate Secretary

GSV Asset Management, LLC
2925 Woodside Road
Woodside, CA 94062
February 2, 2018

Mark D. Klein
Chief Executive Officer
GSV Capital Corp.
2925 Woodside Road
Woodside, CA 94062

Re: Waiver of/Adjustment to Base Management Fee and Incentive Fee

Dear Mr. Klein:

Reference is hereby made to the Amended and Restated Investment Advisory Agreement (the “*Advisory Agreement*”), dated March 8, 2013, by and between GSV Capital Corp. (the “*Company*”) and GSV Asset Management, LLC (the “*Adviser*”). Capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the meaning ascribed to them in the Advisory Agreement.

As described more fully in this Waiver Agreement (the “*Waiver Agreement*”) the Adviser hereby agrees to waive any fee it would otherwise be entitled to receive under the Advisory Agreement to the extent necessary to effectuate the following: (i) reducing the Base Management Fee from 2.00% to 1.75%; and (ii) establishing certain high-water marks that must be achieved before any Incentive Fee can be paid to the Adviser. In addition to the foregoing changes to the fee structure, the Adviser hereby agrees to forfeit \$5.0 million of its previously accrued but unpaid Incentive Fee, and beginning as of February 1, 2018, agrees to waive its Base Management Fee on all cash balances until such time that the Company’s 5.25% Convertible Senior Notes due 2018 (the “*2018 Notes*”) mature or are repaid in full, whichever is earlier.

Fee Structure Modifications

Beginning as of February 1, 2018 (the “*Effective Date*”), the Adviser hereby agrees to calculate the Base Management Fee (defined below as the “Reduced Base Management Fee”) and the Incentive Fee, each as described below.

Base Management Fee

Notwithstanding Section 3(a) of the Advisory Agreement, as of the Effective Date the Base Management Fee shall be calculated at an annual rate of 1.75% of the Company's gross assets (the "**Reduced Base Management Fee**"). The Reduced Base Management Fee shall be payable monthly in arrears, and shall be calculated based on the average value of the Company's gross assets at the end of the two most recently completed calendar quarters, and appropriately adjusted for any equity or debt capital raises, repurchases or redemptions during the current calendar quarter. The Reduced Base Management Fee for any partial month or quarter shall be appropriately prorated.

In addition, notwithstanding Section 3(a) of the Advisory Agreement, beginning as of the Effective Date, the Adviser hereby agrees to irrevocably waive its Base Management Fee (and, for the avoidance of doubt, its Reduced Base Management Fee) on all cash balances until the date that the 2018 Notes mature (September 15, 2018), or the date that the 2018 Notes are repurchased or redeemed, whichever is earlier.

Incentive Fee

Under Section 3(b) of the Advisory Agreement, the Incentive Fee is determined and payable in arrears as of the end of each calendar year and equals the lesser of (i) 20% of the Company's realized capital gains during such calendar year, if any, calculated on an investment-by-investment basis, subject to a non-compounded preferred return, or "hurdle," and a "catch-up" feature, and (ii) 20% of the Company's realized capital gains, if any, on a cumulative basis from inception through the end of each calendar year, computed net of all realized capital losses and unrealized capital depreciation on a cumulative basis, less the aggregate amount of any previously paid Incentive Fee.

As set forth in Section 3(c) of the Advisory Agreement, for purposes of determining the Incentive Fee, the Company's realized capital gains from each investment, expressed as a non-compounded annual rate of return on the cost of such investment since the Company initially acquired it, is compared to a hurdle rate of 8.00% per year. The Company pays the Incentive Fee only on any realized capital gains from an investment that exceeds the hurdle rate. Subject to the limitation set forth in Section 3(d) of the Advisory Agreement, the Company calculates the amount of the Incentive Fee payable to the Adviser with respect to the Company's realized capital gains from each investment as follows:

- i) No Incentive Fee is payable on the amount of any realized capital gains from an investment that, when expressed as a non-compounded annual rate of return on the cost of such investment since the Company initially acquired it, does not exceed the hurdle rate of 8.00% per year.
 - ii) The Company includes in the Incentive Fee 100% of the amount of any realized capital gains from an investment that, when expressed as a non-compounded annual rate of return on the cost of such investment since the Company initially acquired it, exceeds the hurdle rate of 8.00% per year but is less than a rate of 10.00% per year.
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iii) The Company includes in the Incentive Fee 20% of the amount of any realized capital gains from an investment that, when expressed as a non-compounded annual rate of return on the cost of such investment since the Company initially acquired it, exceeds a rate of 10.00% per year.

Pursuant to this Waiver Agreement, in addition to the “hurdle” feature in the Incentive Fee described above, the Adviser hereby agrees to implement additional conditions on its ability to earn, and be paid, an Incentive Fee. As of the Effective Date, the Incentive Fee earned by the Adviser under the Advisory Agreement shall be payable to the Adviser only if, at the time that such Incentive Fee becomes payable under the Advisory Agreement, each of the Company’s common stock price and its last publicly reported net asset value per share is equal to or greater than \$12.55 (the “ **Initial High-Water Mark** ”). The Initial High-Water Mark is based upon the volume weighted average price (VWAP) of all of the Company’s equity offerings since its initial public offering, less the dollar amount of all dividends paid by the Company since its inception. Upon such time as the Initial High-Water Mark is achieved, any Incentive Fee earned by the Adviser shall be due and payable by the Company as soon as practicable.

Upon such time that the Adviser is paid an Incentive Fee, a new high-water mark shall be established for purposes of determining when any future Incentive Fee shall become earned and payable. Each new high-water mark shall be equal to the most recent high-water mark, plus 10.0%. Any high-water mark then in effect shall be adjusted to reflect any dividends paid by the Company or any stock split effected by the Company.

Notwithstanding any other provision of the Advisory Agreement or this Waiver Letter, the Adviser hereby agrees to a one-time forfeiture of \$5.0 million of its currently accrued but unpaid Incentive Fee.

Intended Impact of Waiver Agreement

For the avoidance of doubt, after the Effective Date, under no circumstances shall the aggregate fees earned by the Adviser in any quarterly period under this Waiver Agreement be higher than those aggregate fees would have been otherwise due under the Advisory Agreement prior to the Effective Date.

[*Signature page to follow*]

Sincerely yours,

GSV Asset Management, LLC

By: s/ Michael T. Moe

Name: Michael T. Moe

Title: Manager



GSV Capital Corp. Fee Structure Adjusted to Benefit Shareholders

WOODSIDE, CA, February 5, 2018 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) – GSV Capital Corp. (“GSV Capital”) (Nasdaq:GSVC) announced today that its investment adviser, GSV Asset Management, LLC (the “Manager”) has agreed to material modifications in the Company’s fee structure to benefit shareholders.

Consistent with management’s commentary on GSV Capital’s third quarter 2017 earnings call (November 8, 2017), the Manager has agreed to implement the following actions as part of its continued focus on shareholder-centric initiatives. First, the Manager will forfeit \$5 million of its previously accrued, but unearned incentive fee. Second, the Manager has agreed to achieve certain high-water marks before receiving any incentive fee. Specifically, initially, no incentive fee will be paid until both (1) the Company’s stock price and (2) its last reported net asset value per share is equal to or greater than \$12.55. Third, the management fee will be permanently reduced from 2.0% to 1.75% (the Manager voluntarily waived its management fee by 25 basis points in 2017 and announced its intention to do the same in 2018). Lastly, the Manager has agreed to waive management fees on cash balances until the Company’s 5.25% convertible notes are retired or repurchased.

Comprehensive details about the fee structure adjustment are provided in the Company’s current report on Form 8-K, which was filed in conjunction with this press release.

“We are pleased to announce these proactive adjustments to GSV Capital’s fee structure as we continue to take specific and meaningful steps to enhance shareholder value,” said Michael Moe, Executive Chairman of GSV Capital. “At the same time, we are encouraged by recent updates from the GSV Capital portfolio, including a January announcement from Spotify – our third largest position – that it intends to go public in early 2018. It was also widely reported in January that Dropbox, our fifth largest position, has filed confidentially for an IPO. These developments reinforce my view that the GSV Capital portfolio is positioned as well today as it ever has been.”

About GSV Capital Corp.

GSV Capital Corp. ([GSVC](#)) is a publicly traded investment fund that seeks to invest in high-growth, venture-backed private companies. Led by industry veteran Michael Moe and CEO Mark Klein, the fund seeks to create a portfolio of high-growth emerging private companies via a repeatable and disciplined investment approach, as well as to provide investors with access to such companies through its publicly traded common stock. GSV Capital is headquartered in Woodside, CA. www.gsvcap.com

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Forward-Looking Statements

Statements included herein may constitute "forward-looking statements," which relate to future events or our future performance or financial condition. These statements are not guarantees of our future performance, condition or results of operations and involve a number of risks and uncertainties. Actual results may differ materially from those in the forward-looking statements as a result of a number of factors, including those described from time to time in our filings with the SEC. GSV Capital Corp. undertakes no duty to update any forward-looking statements made herein, unless required to do so by law.

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