

**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):  
**January 21, 2015**

**ROSS STORES, INC.**  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

**0-14678**  
(Commission File No.)

**94-1390387**  
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

**5130 Hacienda Drive, Dublin, California 94568**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:  
**(925) 965-4400**

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):

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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.**

(d) On January 21, 2015 and effective that same day, Mr. Stephen D. Milligan was elected as a member of the Board of Directors of Ross Stores, Inc. (the "Company"), to fill a newly created seat, with an initial term expiring at the Company's 2015 Annual Stockholders Meeting. It is anticipated that Mr. Milligan will be named to one or more committees of the Board in conjunction with the upcoming Annual Stockholders Meeting in May. Mr. Milligan is an independent director under the corporate governance requirements of the Marketplace Rules of the Nasdaq Stock Market.

Mr. Milligan will receive cash compensation and will be granted restricted stock for his services on the Board of Directors and any applicable committees, in accordance with the Company's standard fee arrangements and as approved by the Compensation Committee.

A copy of the press release announcing Mr. Milligan's election is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit <u>No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	January 23, 2015 Press Release by Ross Stores, Inc.

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**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.

Date: January 23, 2015

**ROSS STORES, INC.**  
Registrant

By: /s/J. Call  
John Call  
Executive Vice President, Finance and Legal and  
Corporate Secretary



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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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**STEPHEN D. MILLIGAN JOINS ROSS STORES  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Dublin, California, January 23, 2015** -- Ross Stores, Inc. (Nasdaq: ROST) announced today that Stephen D. Milligan has been elected to its Board of Directors effective immediately.

Mr. Milligan, age 51, has served since 2013 as President and Chief Executive Officer of Western Digital Corporation, a \$15.1 billion data storage solutions provider. He rejoined Western Digital in 2012 as President following the company's acquisition of Hitachi Global Storage Technologies (Hitachi GST), where he was Chief Executive Officer from 2009 to 2012 and Chief Financial Officer from 2007 to 2009. Prior to his tenure at Hitachi GST, Mr. Milligan had been with Western Digital from 2002 to 2007, including serving as Chief Financial Officer. Previously he spent five years with Dell in senior finance roles after starting his career with Price Waterhouse. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting from The Ohio State University.

In commenting on this news, Michael Balmuth, Executive Chairman of Ross Stores, stated, "We are delighted to have Steve Milligan join our Board of Directors. We are confident that the three decades of in-depth financial and technology management and consulting experience he brings to our Board will be valuable to our Company and our shareholders."

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Ross Stores, Inc. is an S&P 500, Fortune 500 and Nasdaq 100 (ROST) company headquartered in Dublin, California, with fiscal 2013 revenues of \$10.2 billion. The Company operates Ross Dress for Less<sup>®</sup> ("Ross"), the largest off-price apparel and home fashion chain in the United States with 1,214 locations in 33 states, the District of Columbia and Guam as of January 23, 2015. Ross offers first-quality, in-season, name brand and designer apparel, accessories, footwear and home fashions for the entire family at everyday savings of 20% to 60% off department and specialty store regular prices. The Company also operates 152 dd's DISCOUNTS<sup>®</sup> in 15 states as of January 23, 2015 that feature a more moderately-priced assortment of first-quality, in-season, name brand apparel, accessories, footwear and home fashions for the entire family at everyday savings of 20% to 70% off moderate department and discount store regular prices. Additional information is available at [www.rossstores.com](http://www.rossstores.com).

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