

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

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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): April 16, 2018

**The Hillman Companies, Inc.**  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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

**001-13293**  
(Commission File No.)

**23-2874736**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**10590 Hamilton Avenue**  
**Cincinnati, Ohio 45231**  
(Address of principal executive offices)  
Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(513) 851-4900**

**Not Applicable**  
(Former name or former address,  
if changed since last report.)

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?

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

On April 16, 2018, David Owens was elected by the members of the board of directors (the “Board”) of The Hillman Companies, Inc. (the “Company”) to serve as an independent director of the Company effective immediately.

In connection with his election to the Board, Mr. Owens received stock options in HMAN Group Holdings, Inc., our ultimate parent company, which will vest over five years.

*David Owens*

Mr. Owens, age 55, has served on the faculty at Vanderbilt University’s Owen Graduate School of Management in the area of management since 1998, where he has also directed the Accelerator Summer Business Institute since 2010.

Specializing in innovation and new product development, Mr. Owens provides consulting services for a wide range of clients around the world, and his work has been featured in the New York Times, Wall Street Journal, London Guardian, and San Jose Mercury News, as well as on NPR’s Marketplace. Mr. Owens has consulted for NASA, The Smithsonian, Nissan LEAF, Gibson Music, American Conservatory Theater, Alcatel, Tetra Pak, Tennessee Valley Authority, Cisco, LEGO, The Henry Ford Museum, and many other organizations. He has done product design work for well-known firms including Daimler Benz, Apple Computer, Dell Computer, Coleman Camping, Corning World Kitchen, and Steelcase.

Mr. Owens also served as the Chief Executive Officer of a large consumer electronics firm, Griffin Technology Inc., from 2007 to 2008, Director of Product Development at LEGO SeriousPlay from 1999 to 2002, Co-Founder of Nova Bionics from 1998 to 2001, and Product Designer/Design Engineer at IDEO Product Development from 1992 to 1994.

Mr. Owens earned his Ph.D. in management science and engineering through a joint fellowship program between Stanford’s Graduate School of Business and its School of Engineering. He holds an M.S. in engineering product design and a B.S. in electrical engineering from Stanford, and is a registered professional electrical engineer (PE).

A copy of the press release is attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits.

<b>EXHIBIT NUMBER</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
99.1	Press Release dated April 19, 2018.

## 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: April 20, 2018

THE HILLMAN COMPANIES, INC.

By: /s/ Gregory J. Gluchowski, Jr.

Name: Gregory J. Gluchowski, Jr.

Title: President and Chief Executive Officer

## EXHIBIT LIST

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## **OWENS JOINS HILLMAN BOARD**

**CINCINNATI, OHIO, April 19, 2018 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- The Hillman Companies, Inc. (NYSE-AMEX: HLM.PR) (“Hillman”)** announced today that, effective April 16, 2018, David Owens was appointed to Hillman’s Board of Directors.

Mr. Owens has served on the faculty at Vanderbilt University’s Owen Graduate School of Management in the area of management since 1998, where he has also directed the Accelerator Summer Business Institute since 2010.

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Doug Cahill, Chair of the Board, commented: “We are very pleased to add Mr. Owens to the Hillman Board of Directors. We believe that his experiences, especially in innovation and new product development, will greatly benefit the company and its customers.”

### **About Hillman**

Founded in 1964 and headquartered in Cincinnati, Ohio, Hillman is a leading North American provider of complete hardware solutions, delivered with industry best customer service to over 26,000 customers. Hillman designs innovative product and merchandising solutions for complex categories that deliver an outstanding customer experience to home improvement centers, mass merchants, national and regional hardware stores, pet supply stores, and OEM & Industrial customers. Leveraging a world-class distribution and sales network, Hillman delivers a “small business” experience with “big business” efficiency.

For more information on Hillman, please visit our website at <http://www.hillmangroup.com> or call Investor Relations at (513) 851-4900, ext. 60292.