

**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): October 16, 2019 (October 16, 2019)

GENESCO INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Tennessee (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)	1-3083 (Commission File Number)	62-0211340 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)
1415 Murfreesboro Road Nashville Tennessee (Address of Principal Executive Offices)		37217-2895 (Zip Code)

(615) 367-7000

Registrant's telephone number, including area code

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))

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of exchange on which registered
Common Stock, \$1.00 par value	GCO	New York Stock Exchange

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 8.01. OTHER EVENTS.

On October 16, 2019, Genesco Inc. (the “Company”) announced that Scott E. Becker has been named Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary of the Company, effective October 23, 2019, and will begin employment with the Company on that date.

A press release by the Company announcing the appointment is filed as Exhibit 99.1 hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.**(d) Exhibits**

The following exhibit is furnished herewith:

Exhibit Number	Description
<u>99.1</u>	<u>Press Release dated October 16, 2019, issued by Genesco Inc.</u>
104	Cover Page Interactive Data File (embedded within the Inline XBRL document)

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.

GENESCO INC.

Date: October 16, 2019

By: /s/ Mel Tucker
Name: Mel Tucker
Title: Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

GENESCO NAMES SCOTT E. BECKER NEW GENERAL COUNSEL

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Oct. 16, 2019 - Genesco Inc. (NYSE: GCO) announced today that it has appointed Scott E. Becker as senior vice president, general counsel, and corporate secretary of the Company, effective October 23, 2019. He succeeds Roger Sisson who retired from Genesco earlier this year.

Becker joins Genesco with more than 30 years of legal, financial and administrative leadership experience. He comes to Genesco from Nissan Group of North America and Latin America, where since 2006 he served in a variety of roles with increasing responsibility. Since 2009, he was a senior vice president with responsibilities for Nissan's legal, government affairs, finance, strategy and administration. During this time he served on the executive management committee and as member of the boards of directors of Nissan North America, Inc., Nissan Motor Acceptance Corporation ("NMAC"), Nissan Canada, Inc., and Nissan do Brasil. Becker's responsibilities included oversight for all legal affairs and government relations for Nissan in the U.S., Canada, Mexico and Latin America. In addition, he served as lead administrative and financial officer for the region. From 2006 to 2009, he served as Nissan's general counsel, corporate secretary and vice president, legal and government affairs.

Becker joined Nissan from Sears Holdings Corporation where he served in various legal roles from 2000 to 2006, including senior counsel, commercial litigation; assistant general counsel, litigation; associate general counsel, litigation; and vice president and deputy general counsel, retail operations, real estate and services. He was chief attorney for Sears and Kmart's full line, specialty, dealer and hardware stores, Sears Auto Centers, Sears's consumer credit business, Sears's home services businesses and its commercial real estate department. He began his legal career with several Chicago area law firms.

Genesco Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer Robert J. Dennis, said, "Scott brings a wealth of legal, financial and strategic experience to the Genesco senior executive team. His broad background and leadership as a chief legal officer coupled with his global experience, especially in the areas of corporate securities, mergers and acquisitions, corporate governance and compliance, real estate, labor and employment, and litigation, will be valuable strategic assets to the Company as we build upon Genesco's recent success and drive future value as a footwear-focused company. We look forward to working with Scott and having him join the Genesco senior management team."

An active member of the community, Becker serves as a director on several Middle Tennessee non-profit agency boards, including: Tennessee Governor's Books from Birth Foundation, the United Way of Metropolitan Nashville, the Tennessee Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Tennessee Governor's Drive to 55 Alliance, and is a member of the board of visitors for the Owen Graduate School of Management at Vanderbilt University.

Becker received his undergraduate degree in political science, with honors, from the University of Chicago, and earned a juris doctorate from the University of Pennsylvania Law School.

About Genesco Inc.

Genesco Inc., a Nashville-based specialty retailer, sells footwear and accessories in more than 1,490 retail stores throughout the U.S., Canada, the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland, principally under the names Journeys, Journeys Kidz, Schuh, Schuh Kids, Little Burgundy, Johnston & Murphy, and on internet websites www.journeys.com, www.journeyskidz.com, www.journeys.ca, www.schuh.co.uk, www.littleburgundyshoes.com, www.johnstonmurphy.com, www.johnstonmurphy.ca, www.trask.com, and www.dockersshoes.com. In addition, Genesco sells wholesale footwear under its Johnston & Murphy brand, the Trask brand, the licensed Dockers brand, and other brands. For more information on Genesco and its operating divisions, please visit www.genesco.com.

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