

**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 1, 2019 (September 30, 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 September 30, 2019, Genesco Inc. (the “Company”) announced that its board of directors has authorized a stock repurchase program pursuant to which the Company may purchase up to \$100 million in shares of the Company’s outstanding common stock, par value \$1.00 per share. Share repurchases under the program will be made from time to time, in the open market, in privately negotiated transactions or otherwise, at the discretion of the management of the Company and in accordance with Securities and Exchange Commission and other applicable legal requirements. The timing, pricing and sizes of these repurchases will depend on a number of factors, including the market price of the Company’s common stock and general market and economic conditions. The stock repurchase program does not obligate the Company to repurchase any dollar amount or number of shares, and the program may be suspended or discontinued at any time.

A copy of the press release announcing the stock repurchase program is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

(d) Exhibits

The following exhibit is furnished herewith:

Exhibit Number	Description
99.1	Press Release dated September 30, 2019, issued by Genesco Inc.
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 1, 2019

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

GENESCO ANNOUNCES NEW \$100 MILLION STOCK REPURCHASE AUTHORIZATION

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Sept. 30, 2019- Genesco Inc. (NYSE: GCO) announced today that its board of directors has authorized it to repurchase up to \$100 million of the Company's common stock.

The Company exhausted its previous \$100 million authorization from May 2019, pursuant to which the Company repurchased roughly 2.5 million shares at a total cost of approximately \$100 million. During the third quarter of fiscal 2020, 0.9 million of those shares were repurchased at a total cost of approximately \$31.0 million. Earlier this year, the Company exhausted its \$125 million repurchase authorization from December 2018, pursuant to which the Company repurchased roughly 2.8 million shares at a total cost of approximately \$125 million. Between these two authorizations, the Company has repurchased 5.3 million shares at a total cost of approximately \$225 million.

The new authorization is intended to be implemented through purchases made from time to time using a variety of methods, which may include open market purchases, private transactions, block trades, or otherwise, or by any combination of such methods, in accordance with SEC and other applicable legal requirements. The timing, prices and sizes of purchases will depend upon prevailing stock prices, general economic and market conditions and other considerations. The repurchase program does not obligate the Company to acquire any particular amount of common stock and the repurchase program may be suspended or discontinued at any time at the Company's discretion.

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.dockershoes.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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