

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 3, 2023**

**The Necessity Retail REIT, Inc.**  
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

**Maryland**

(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**001-38597**

(Commission File Number)

**90-0929989**

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**650 Fifth Avenue, 30th Floor  
New York, New York 10019**

(Address, including zip code, of Principal Executive Offices)

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (212) 415-6500**

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:

- 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:

<b>Title of each class:</b>	<b>Trading Symbol(s)</b>	<b>Name of each exchange on which registered:</b>
Class A Common Stock, \$0.01 par value per share	RTL	The Nasdaq Global Select Market
7.50% Series A Cumulative Redeemable Perpetual Preferred Stock, \$0.01 par value per share	RTLPP	The Nasdaq Global Select Market
7.375% Series C Cumulative Redeemable Perpetual Preferred Stock, \$0.01 par value per share	RTLPO	The Nasdaq Global Select Market
Preferred Stock Purchase Rights		The Nasdaq Global Select Market

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 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.

### *Common Stock Dividend*

On January 3, 2023, The Necessity Retail REIT, Inc. (the “Company”) issued a press release announcing the declaration of a dividend of \$0.2125 per share payable on January 17, 2023 to holders of record of shares of the Company’s Class A common stock at the close of business on January 13, 2023.

A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K. Such press release shall not be deemed “filed” for any purpose, including for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that Section. The information in Item 7.01, including Exhibit 99.1, shall not be deemed incorporated by reference into any filing under the Exchange Act or the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, regardless of any general incorporation language in such filing.

The statements in this Current Report on Form 8-K that are not historical facts may be forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements involve risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results or events to be materially different. The words “may,” “will,” “seeks,” “anticipates,” “believes,” “expects,” “estimates,” “projects,” “plans,” “intends,” “should” and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements, although not all forward-looking statements contain these identifying words. These forward-looking statements are subject to a number of risks, uncertainties and other factors, many of which are outside of the Company’s control, which could cause actual results to differ materially from the results contemplated by the forward-looking statements. These risks and uncertainties include (a) the potential adverse effects of (i) the global COVID-19 pandemic, including actions taken to contain or treat COVID-19, and (ii) the geopolitical instability due to the ongoing military conflict between Russia and Ukraine, including related sanctions and other penalties imposed by the U.S. and European Union, and the related impact on the Company, the Company’s tenants and the global economy and financial markets, and (b) that any potential future acquisition is subject to market conditions and capital availability and may not be completed on favorable terms, or at all, as well as those risks and uncertainties set forth in the Risk Factors section of the Company’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2021 filed on February 24, 2022, and all other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission after that date, as such risks, uncertainties and other important factors may be updated from time to time in the Company’s subsequent reports. Further, forward-looking statements speak only as of the date they are made, and the Company undertakes no obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statement to reflect changed assumptions, the occurrence of unanticipated events or changes to future operating results over time, unless required to do so by law.

## Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

### (d) Exhibits

<u>Exhibit No</u>	<u>Description</u>
<u>99.1</u>	<u><a href="#">Press Release dated January 3, 2023</a></u>
104	Cover Page Interactive Data File - the cover page XBRL tags are embedded within the Inline XBRL document.

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**The Necessity Retail REIT  
Announces Common Stock Dividend for First Quarter 2023**

**NEW YORK – January 3, 2023** - The Necessity Retail REIT, Inc. (Nasdaq: RTL/ RTLPP / RTLPO) (“RTL”) announced today that it intends to continue to pay dividends on its shares of Class A common stock at an annualized rate of \$0.85 per share or \$0.2125 per share on a quarterly basis. RTL anticipates paying dividends authorized by its board of directors on its shares of Class A common stock on a quarterly basis in arrears on the 15th day of the first month following the end of each fiscal quarter (or, if not a business day, the next succeeding business day) to Class A common stock holders of record on the record date for such payment.

Accordingly, RTL declared a dividend of \$0.2125 per share of Class A common stock payable on January 17, 2023 to common stock holders of record at the close of business on January 13, 2023.

**About The Necessity Retail REIT *Where America Shops***

The Necessity Retail REIT, Inc. (Nasdaq: RTL) is a publicly traded real estate investment trust listed on the Nasdaq focused on acquiring and managing a diversified portfolio of primarily service-oriented and traditional retail and distribution related commercial real estate properties in the U.S. Additional information about RTL can be found on its website at [www.necessityretailreit.com](http://www.necessityretailreit.com).

**Important Notice**

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