

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): **May 12, 2022**

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:

Title of each class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
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.

On May 12, 2022, The Necessity Retail REIT, Inc. (the “Company”) issued a press release, a copy of which 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.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**(d) Exhibits**

Exhibit No	Description
99.1	Press Release dated May 12, 2022
104	Cover Page Interactive Data File - the cover page XBRL tags are 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.

THE NECESSITY RETAIL REIT, INC.

Date: May 12, 2022

By: /s/ Edward M. Weil, Jr.

Name: Edward M. Weil, Jr.

Title: Chief Executive Officer and President

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE****The Necessity Retail REIT CEO Michael Weil Discusses the Retail Renaissance with GlobeSt**

NEW YORK – May 12, 2022 - The Necessity Retail REIT, Inc. (Nasdaq: RTL/ RTLPP / RTLPO) (“RTL”) announced today that Michael Weil, its CEO, was featured in a GlobeSt article focused on the current state of the retail real estate market and how RTL’s portfolio is poised to capitalize on the omnichannel approach retailers have embraced.

“You can’t ignore the long-term value of omnichannel, and bricks and mortar [retail] continues to become an important aspect of that strategy,” Weil said. “A retail renaissance, that’s what we’ve been talking about. I think we’re living in it right now.”

A link to the GlobeSt article, *What’s Behind Retail’s Bricks-and-Mortar Renaissance* is provided below: <https://www.globest.com/2022/05/10/whats-behind-retails-bricks-and-mortar-renaissance/>

About The Necessity Retail REIT *Where America Shops*

The Necessity Retail REIT (Nasdaq: RTL) is the preeminent publicly traded real estate investment trust (REIT) focused "Where America Shops". RTL acquires and manages a diversified portfolio of primarily necessity-based retail single tenant and open-air shopping center properties in the U.S. Additional information about RTL can be found on its website at www.necessityretailreit.com.

Important Notice

The statements in this press release 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 “anticipates,” “believes,” “expects,” “estimates,” “projects,” “plans,” “intends,” “may,” “will,” “seek,” “would” 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 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 the potential adverse effects of the ongoing global COVID-19 pandemic, including actions taken to contain or treat COVID-19, on the Company, the Company’s tenants, any assets under contract to be acquired including their respective tenants and uncertainty and volatility in the global economy and financial markets from, among other things, COVID-19 and the ongoing war in Ukraine, all of which may adversely affect market conditions and capital availability 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 SEC after that date as such risks, uncertainties and other important factors may be updated from time to time in the Company’s subsequent reports. 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, unless required to do so by law.

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