TRI-CONTINENTAL CORP Form 8-K August 19, 2008

### **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): August 19, 2008

# TRI-CONTINENTAL CORPORATION

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland (State or other jurisdiction of

811-266 (Commission File Number) 13-5441850 (I.R.S. Employer

incorporation)

100 Park Avenue,

Identification No.)

New York, New York 10017

 $(Address\ of\ principal\ executive\ offices,\ zip\ code)$ 

Registrant s telephone number, including area code (212) 850-1864

#### 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 communication	is pursuant to Rule	14d-2(b) under the	Exchange Act (17	CFR 240.14d-2(b))

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17CFR 240.13e-4(c))

#### SECTION 7 - REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE

#### Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

Tri-Continental Corporation (the Corporation ) is furnishing as Exhibit 99.1 the attached press release issued on August 19, 2008, announcing the entry into a settlement agreement among the Corporation and the members of a stockholder group that includes Western Investment LLC.

SECTION 9 - FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

### Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

- Exhibit 99.1 Press Release dated August 19, 2008.
- Exhibit 99.2 Settlement Agreement, dated August 19, 2008 among Tri-Continental and the members of a stockholder group, including Western Investment LLC.

#### **SIGNATURE**

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.

## TRI-CONTINENTAL CORPORATION

Date: August 19, 2008

/s/ Paul B. Goucher Paul B. Goucher Secretary

### **Exhibit Index**

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