

RENT A CENTER INC DE
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UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13D

(Rule 13d-101)

INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN STATEMENTS FILED PURSUANT

TO § 240.13d-1(a) AND AMENDMENTS THERETO FILED PURSUANT TO

§ 240.13d-2(a)

(Amendment No. 10)¹

Rent-A-Center, Inc.

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, \$0.01 par value per share

(Title of Class of Securities)

76009N100

(CUSIP Number)

glenn w. welling

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(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person

Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)

February 8, 2018

(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of This Statement)

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1 The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person’s initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

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CUSIP NO. 76009N100

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

Engaged Capital Flagship
Master Fund, LP

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a)
(b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS

WC
CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(d) OR 2(e)

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH 7 CAYMAN ISLANDS SOLE VOTING POWER 2,519,969

8 SHARED VOTING POWER - 0 -

9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

10 2,519,969 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

- 0 -

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT
BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY
EACH REPORTING PERSON

2,519,969

12 CHECK BOX IF
THE AGGREGATE
AMOUNT IN ROW
(11) EXCLUDES
CERTAIN SHARES

13 PERCENT OF CLASS
REPRESENTED BY
AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

4.7%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING
PERSON

PN

CUSIP NO. 76009N100

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

Engaged Capital Co-Invest V, LP

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a)

(b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS

WC

5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(d) OR 2(e)

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

DELAWARE

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH

7 SOLE VOTING POWER 2,703,611

8 SHARED VOTING POWER - 0 -

9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

10 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

- 0 -

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT
BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY
EACH REPORTING PERSON

2,703,611

12 CHECK BOX IF
THE AGGREGATE
AMOUNT IN ROW
(11) EXCLUDES
CERTAIN SHARES

13 PERCENT OF CLASS
REPRESENTED BY
AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

5.1%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING
PERSON

PN

CUSIP NO. 76009N100

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON
Engaged Capital Co-Invest V-A, LP

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER (a) OF A GROUP (b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS
WC

5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(d) OR 2(e)

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH 7 DELAWARE SOLE VOTING POWER 3,390,148

8 SHARED VOTING POWER - 0 -

9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER 3,390,148

10 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

- 0 -

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT
BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY
EACH REPORTING PERSON

3,390,148

12 CHECK BOX IF
THE AGGREGATE
AMOUNT IN ROW
(11) EXCLUDES
CERTAIN SHARES

13 PERCENT OF CLASS
REPRESENTED BY
AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

6.4%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING
PERSON

PN

CUSIP NO. 76009N100

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

Engaged Capital Flagship Fund, LP

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER (a) OF A GROUP

(b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS

OO

5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(d) OR 2(e)

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

DELAWARE

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH

7 SOLE VOTING POWER 2,519,969

8 SHARED VOTING POWER - 0 -

9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

2,519,969

10 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

- 0 -

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT
BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY
EACH REPORTING PERSON

2,519,969

12 CHECK BOX IF
THE AGGREGATE
AMOUNT IN ROW
(11) EXCLUDES
CERTAIN SHARES

13 PERCENT OF CLASS
REPRESENTED BY
AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

4.7%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING
PERSON

PN

CUSIP NO. 76009N100

1	NAME OF REPORTING PERSON	
	Engaged Capital Flagship Fund, Ltd.	
2	CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP	(a)
		(b)
3	SEC USE ONLY	
4	SOURCE OF FUNDS	
	OO	
5	CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(d) OR 2(e)	
6	CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION	
7	CAYMAN ISLANDS	
NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	7	SOLE VOTING POWER
		2,519,969
8	SHARED VOTING POWER	
		- 0 -
9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER	
		2,519,969
10	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER	

- 0 -

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT
BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY
EACH REPORTING PERSON

2,519,969

12 CHECK BOX IF
THE AGGREGATE
AMOUNT IN ROW
(11) EXCLUDES
CERTAIN SHARES

13 PERCENT OF CLASS
REPRESENTED BY
AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

4.7%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING
PERSON

CO

CUSIP NO. 76009N100

1	NAME OF REPORTING PERSON	
	Engaged Capital, LLC	
2	CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP	(a)
		(b)
3	SEC USE ONLY	
4	SOURCE OF FUNDS	
	OO	
5	CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(d) OR 2(e)	
6	CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION	
	DELAWARE	
NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	7	SOLE VOTING POWER
		8,983,609
	8	SHARED VOTING POWER
		- 0 -
	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
		8,983,609
	10	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

- 0 -

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT
BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY
EACH REPORTING PERSON

8,983,609

12 CHECK BOX IF
THE AGGREGATE
AMOUNT IN ROW
(11) EXCLUDES
CERTAIN SHARES

13 PERCENT OF CLASS
REPRESENTED BY
AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

16.9%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING
PERSON

OO

7

CUSIP NO. 76009N100

1	NAME OF REPORTING PERSON
	Engaged Capital Holdings, LLC
2	CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER (a) OF A GROUP (b)
3	SEC USE ONLY
4	SOURCE OF FUNDS
	OO
5	CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(d) OR 2(e)
6	CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION
	DELAWARE
NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	7
	SOLE VOTING POWER
	8,983,609
OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	8
	SHARED VOTING POWER
	- 0 -
PERSON WITH	9
	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
	8,983,609
	10
	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

- 0 -

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT
BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY
EACH REPORTING PERSON

8,983,609

12 CHECK BOX IF
THE AGGREGATE
AMOUNT IN ROW
(11) EXCLUDES
CERTAIN SHARES

13 PERCENT OF CLASS
REPRESENTED BY
AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

16.9%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING
PERSON

OO

CUSIP NO. 76009N100

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

Glenn W. Welling

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER (a) OF A GROUP

(b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS

OO

5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(d) OR 2(e)

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

USA

NUMBER OF 7 SOLE VOTING POWER
SHARES BENEFICIALLY 8,983,609

OWNED BY 8 SHARED VOTING POWER
EACH REPORTING - 0 -

PERSON WITH 9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

8,983,609
10 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

- 0 -

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT
BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY
EACH REPORTING PERSON

8,983,609

12 CHECK BOX IF
THE AGGREGATE
AMOUNT IN ROW
(11) EXCLUDES
CERTAIN SHARES

13 PERCENT OF CLASS
REPRESENTED BY
AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

16.9%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING
PERSON

IN

CUSIP NO. 76009N100

1	NAME OF REPORTING PERSON	
	Christopher B. Hetrick	
2	CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP	(a)
		(b)
3	SEC USE ONLY	
4	SOURCE OF FUNDS	
	OO	
5	CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(d) OR 2(e)	
6	CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION	
	USA	
NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	7	SOLE VOTING POWER
		14,265*
OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	8	SHARED VOTING POWER
		- 0 -
PERSON WITH	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
		14,265*
	10	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

- 0 -

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT
BENEFICIALLY OWNED
BY EACH REPORTING
PERSON

14,265*

12 CHECK BOX IF
THE AGGREGATE
AMOUNT IN ROW
(11) EXCLUDES
CERTAIN SHARES

13 PERCENT OF CLASS
REPRESENTED BY
AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

14 Less than 1%*
TYPE OF REPORTING
PERSON

IN

* Consists of Shares underlying certain Director Deferred Stock Units awarded to Mr. Hetrick in his capacity as a director of the Issuer. Each Director Deferred Stock Unit represents the right to receive one Share upon the termination of Mr. Hetrick's service as a director of the Issuer.

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The following constitutes Amendment No. 10 to the Schedule 13D filed by the undersigned (“Amendment No. 10”). This Amendment No. 10 amends the Schedule 13D as specifically set forth herein.

Item 6. Contracts, Arrangements, Understandings or Relationships With Respect to Securities of the Issuer.
Item 6 is hereby amended to add the following:

As was previously disclosed in the Schedule 13D and Amendment No. 4 to the Schedule 13D, from January 23, 2017 to March 1, 2017, Engaged Capital Flagship Master entered into certain cash-settled total return swap agreements (the “Swap Agreements”) with Nomura Securities International, Inc. (“Nomura”) as the counterparty that constituted economic exposure to an aggregate of 1,924,488 notional Shares, which had a maturity date of January 23, 2018. In strict accordance with their terms and not as a result of any action by the Reporting Persons, the Swap Agreements expired and have been settled (as further described below). For the avoidance of doubt, due to Mr. Hetrick’s status as a director of the Issuer and the Director of Research at Engaged Capital, the Reporting Persons were prohibited from exercising investment discretion with respect to the Swap Agreements because the Issuer was not in an open trading window for its directors and officers at the time of, and leading up to, the maturity of the Swap Agreements. Notwithstanding the expiration of the Swap Agreements, (i) the Reporting Persons continue to be the Issuer’s largest stockholder with beneficial ownership of, and economic exposure to, an aggregate of 16.9% of the Issuer’s outstanding Shares, (ii) the Reporting Persons have never sold a single Share of the Issuer and (iii) the Issuer continues to represent the second largest position in Engaged Capital’s investment portfolio.

Upon the maturity of the Swap Agreements on January 23, 2018, Nomura began the process of unwinding the Swap Agreements in accordance with their terms, and on February 8, 2018, Nomura settled the Swap Agreements and paid to Engaged Capital Flagship Master the difference between the value of the Shares at the time of settlement for each of the 1,924,488 notional Shares subject to the Swap Agreements and the (i) \$8.1919 per Share reference price for each of the 370,702 Shares referenced in one set of Swap Agreements, (ii) \$8.3213 per Share reference price for each of the 382,591 Shares referenced in another set of Swap Agreements, (iii) \$8.3299 per Share reference price for each of the 136,079 Shares referenced in another set of Swap Agreements, (iv) \$8.2145 per Share reference price for each of the 264,079 Shares referenced in another set of Swap Agreements, (v) \$7.9092 per Share reference price for each of the 441,037 Shares referenced in another set of Swap Agreements and (vi) \$8.8969 per Share reference price for each of the 330,000 Shares referenced in the remaining set of Swap Agreements.

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SIGNATURES

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of his knowledge and belief, the undersigned certifies that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: February 9, 2018

Engaged Capital Flagship Master Fund, LP

By: Engaged Capital, LLC
General Partner

By: /s/ Glenn W. Welling
Name: Glenn W. Welling
Title: Founder and Chief Investment Officer

Engaged Capital Co-Invest V, LP

By: Engaged Capital, LLC
General Partner

By: /s/ Glenn W. Welling
Name: Glenn W. Welling
Title: Founder and Chief Investment Officer

Engaged Capital Co-Invest V-A, LP

By: Engaged Capital, LLC
General Partner

By: /s/ Glenn W. Welling
Name: Glenn W. Welling
Title: Founder and Chief Investment Officer

Engaged Capital Flagship Fund, LP

By: Engaged Capital, LLC
General Partner

By: /s/ Glenn W. Welling
Name: Glenn W. Welling

Title: Founder and Chief Investment Officer

CUSIP NO. 76009N100

Engaged Capital Flagship
Fund, Ltd.

By: /s/ Glenn W. Welling
Name: Glenn W. Welling
Title: Director

Engaged Capital, LLC

By: /s/ Glenn W. Welling
Name: Glenn W. Welling

Title: Founder and Chief Investment Officer

Engaged Capital Holdings,
LLC

By: /s/ Glenn W. Welling
Name: Glenn W. Welling
Title: Sole Member

/s/ Glenn W. Welling
Glenn W. Welling

/s/ Christopher B. Hetrick
Christopher B. Hetrick