

Colony Capital, Inc.
Form 8-K
June 03, 2016

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): June 2, 2016

COLONY CAPITAL, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland

001-34456

27-0419483

**(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)**

**(Commission
File Number)**

**(IRS Employer
Identification No.)**

515 S. Flower Street, 44th Floor

Los Angeles, CA

90071

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (310) 282-8820

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))

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

On June 2, 2016, NorthStar Asset Management Group Inc. (NSAM), NorthStar Realty Finance Corp. (NRF), Colony Capital, Inc. (Colony) and, together with NSAM and NRF, the Companies), New Polaris Inc., New Sirius Inc., NorthStar Realty Finance Limited Partnership, Sirius Merger Sub-T, LLC and New Sirius Merger Sub, LLC entered into a definitive merger agreement (the Merger Agreement) under which the Companies will combine in an all-stock merger of equals transaction. The Companies will host a joint conference call and webcast on June 3, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. Eastern time regarding the proposed transaction during which the management teams of the Companies will discuss a presentation to analysts and investors. The investor presentation slides to be used in connection with this analyst and investor presentation are attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and are incorporated by reference into this Item 7.01.

The information in this Current Report on Form 8-K, including Exhibit 99.1 hereto, is being furnished and shall not be deemed filed for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that Section. The information in this Current Report on Form 8-K, including Exhibit 99.1 hereto, shall not be incorporated by reference into any registration statement or other document pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

Item 8.01 Other Events.

On June 3, 2016, the Companies issued a joint press release announcing, among other things, the entry into the Merger Agreement. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.2 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Cautionary Statement Regarding Forward-Looking Statements

This report may contain forward-looking statements within the meaning of the federal securities laws. Forward-looking statements relate to expectations, beliefs, projections, future plans and strategies, anticipated events or trends and similar expressions concerning matters that are not historical facts. In some cases, you can identify forward-looking statements by the use of forward-looking terminology such as may, will, should, expects, intends, plans, anticipates, believes, estimates, predicts, or potential or the negative of these words and phrases or words or phrases which are predictions of or indicate future events or trends and which do not relate solely to historical matters. Forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties, assumptions and contingencies, many of which are beyond our control, and may cause actual results to differ significantly from those expressed in any forward-looking statement. Among others, the following uncertainties and other factors could cause actual results to differ from those set forth in the forward looking statements: the failure to receive, on a timely basis or otherwise, the required approvals by NSAM, Colony and NRF stockholders, governmental or regulatory agencies and third parties; the risk that a condition to closing of the merger may not be satisfied; each company's ability to consummate the merger; operating costs and business disruption may be greater than expected; the ability of each company to retain its senior executives and maintain relationships with business partners pending consummation of the merger, the ability to realize substantial efficiencies and synergies as well as anticipated strategic and financial benefits, and the impact of legislative, regulatory and competitive changes. The foregoing list of factors is not exhaustive. Additional information about these and other factors can be found in each company's reports filed from time to time with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC). There can be no assurance that the merger will in fact be consummated.

We caution investors not to unduly rely on any forward-looking statements. The forward-looking statements speak only as of the date of this report. None of NSAM, Colony or NRF are under any duty to update any of these forward-looking statements after the date of this report, nor to conform prior statements to actual results or revised

expectations, and none of NSAM, Colony or NRF intends to do so.

Additional Information and Where to Find It

In connection with the proposed transaction, NSAM, Colony and NRF will cause an affiliate of NSAM, New Polaris Inc., a Maryland subsidiary of NSAM that will be renamed Colony NorthStar, Inc. (Colony NorthStar) and will be the surviving parent company of the combined company to file with the SEC a registration statement on Form S-4 that will include a joint proxy statement of NSAM, Colony and NRF and that also will constitute a prospectus of Colony NorthStar. Each of NSAM, Colony, NRF and Colony NorthStar may also file other documents with the SEC regarding the proposed transaction. This document is not a substitute for the joint proxy statement/prospectus or registration statement or any other document which NSAM, Colony, NRF or Colony NorthStar may file with the SEC. INVESTORS AND SECURITY HOLDERS OF NSAM, COLONY AND NRF ARE URGED TO READ THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT, THE JOINT PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS, THE CURRENT REPORT ON FORM 8-K TO BE FILED BY EACH OF NSAM, COLONY AND NRF IN CONNECTION WITH THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE ENTRY INTO THE MERGER AGREEMENT, AND ANY OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS THAT ARE FILED OR WILL BE

FILED WITH THE SEC, AS WELL AS ANY AMENDMENTS OR SUPPLEMENTS TO THESE DOCUMENTS, CAREFULLY AND IN THEIR ENTIRETY BECAUSE THEY CONTAIN OR WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROPOSED TRANSACTION AND RELATED MATTERS. Investors and security holders may obtain free copies of the registration statement and the joint proxy statement/prospectus (when available) and other documents filed with the SEC by NSAM, Colony, NRF and Colony NorthStar through the web site maintained by the SEC at www.sec.gov or by contacting the investor relations department of NSAM, Colony or NRF at the following:

Contacts:

NorthStar Asset Management Group Inc.

Megan Gavigan / Emily Deissler / Hayley Cook

Sard Verbinen & Co.

(212) 687-8080

Colony Capital, Inc.

Owen Blinksilver

Owen Blinksilver PR, Inc.

(516) 742-5950

or

Lasse Glassen

Addo Communications, Inc.

(310) 829-5400

lasseg@addocommunications.com

NorthStar Realty Finance Corp.

Joe Calabrese

Investor Relations

(212) 827-3772

Participants in the Solicitation

Each of NSAM, Colony, and NRF and their respective directors and executive officers may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies from their respective shareholders in connection with the proposed transaction. Information regarding NSAM's directors and executive officers, including a description of their direct interests, by security holdings or otherwise, is contained in NSAM's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended

December 31, 2015, as amended by its Form 10-K/A filed with the SEC on April 29, 2016, and in a Current Report on Form 8-K to be filed by NSAM with the SEC in connection with the announcement of the proposed transaction. Information regarding Colony's directors and executive officers, including a description of their direct interests, by security holdings or otherwise, is contained in Colony's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015, its annual proxy statement filed with the SEC on March 31, 2016 and a Current Report on Form 8-K to be filed by Colony with the SEC in connection with the announcement of the proposed transaction. Information regarding NRF's directors and executive officers, including a description of their direct interests, by security holdings or otherwise, is contained in NRF's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015, as amended by its Form 10-K/A filed with the SEC on April 28, 2016, and in a Current Report on Form 8-K to be filed by NRF with the SEC in connection with the announcement of the proposed transaction. A more complete description will be available in the registration statement on Form S-4 and the joint proxy statement/prospectus. You may obtain free copies of these documents as described in the preceding paragraph.

No Offer or Solicitation

This report is not intended to and shall not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy any securities or a solicitation of any vote of approval, nor shall there be any sale of securities in any jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the securities laws of any such jurisdiction. No offer of securities shall be made except by means of a prospectus meeting the requirements of Section 10 of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit Number	Description
---------------------------	--------------------

99.1	Investor Presentation, dated as of June 3, 2016.
------	--

99.2	Joint Press Release, dated as of June 3, 2016.
------	--

- 4 -

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: June 3, 2016

COLONY CAPITAL, INC.

By: /s/ Darren J. Tangen

Name: Darren J. Tangen

**Title: Chief Financial Officer and
Treasurer**

- 5 -

EXHIBIT INDEX

**Exhibit
Number**

Description

99.1 Investor Presentation, dated as of June 3, 2016.

99.2 Joint Press Release, dated as of June 3, 2016.

- 6 -