

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

**SCHEDULE 13D**  
Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
(Amendment No. 8)\*

**Hostess Brands, Inc.**  
(Name of Issuer)

Class A Common Stock  
(Title of Class of Securities)

44109J106  
(CUSIP Number)

Platinum Equity, LLC  
360 North Crescent Drive, South Building  
Beverly Hills, CA 90210  
310-712-1850

(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)

November 3, 2023  
(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of This Statement)

If the filing person has previously filed a statement on Schedule 13G to report the acquisition that is the subject of this Schedule 13D, and is filing this schedule because of §§ 240.13d-1(e), 240.13d-1(f) or 240.13d-1(g), check the following box.

**Note:** Schedules filed in paper format shall include a signed original and five copies of the schedule, including all exhibits. See §240.13d-7 for other parties to whom copies are to be sent.

\* 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.

The information required on the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

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1	NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS Platinum Equity, LLC	
2	CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP* (a) <input type="checkbox"/> (b) <input type="checkbox"/>	
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) <input type="checkbox"/>	
6	CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION DELAWARE	
NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	7	SOLE VOTING POWER 0
	8	SHARED VOTING POWER 0
	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER 0

	10	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
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11	AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON	
	0	
12	CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	
13	PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)	
	0.0%	
14	TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON	
	OO (Delaware limited liability company)	

1	NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS	
	Tom Gores	
2	CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP*	
	(a) <input type="checkbox"/> (b) <input type="checkbox"/>	
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)	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	
6	CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION	
	UNITED STATES	
NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	7	SOLE VOTING POWER
		0
	8	SHARED VOTING POWER
		0
	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
		0
	10	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
		0
11	AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON	
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12	CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES	
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13	PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)	
	0.0%	
14	TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON	
	IN	

**Explanatory Note**

This Amendment No. 8 (“Amendment No. 8”) amends the Schedule 13D originally filed on November 14, 2016, as amended (the “Schedule 13D”), and is filed jointly by Platinum Equity, LLC (“Platinum Equity”) and Tom Gores (“Tom Gores”), each of whom may be referred to herein as a “Reporting Person” and collectively as the “Reporting Persons,” with respect to the Class A Common Stock, \$0.0001 par value per share (“Class A Common Stock”), of Hostess Brands, Inc. (the “Issuer”). Capitalized terms used herein but not defined shall have the meaning attributed to them in the Schedule 13D.

**Item 4. Purpose of Transaction.**

Item 4 is hereby amended and supplemented as follows:

From November 1, 2023 through November 3, 2023, Platinum Equity disposed of 2,199,477 shares of Class A Common Stock in a series of open-market transactions. Details by date, listing the number of shares of Class A Common Stock disposed of and the weighted average price per share, are provided below. The Reporting Persons undertake to provide, upon request by the staff of the SEC or the Issuer, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price for each transaction.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Shares Disposed Of</b>	<b>Price Range</b>	<b>Weighted Average Price Per Share</b>
November 1, 2023	500,000	\$33.33 to \$33.365	\$ 33.3462
November 2, 2023	750,000	\$33.35 to \$33.415	\$ 33.3782
November 3, 2023	949,477	\$33.315 to \$33.41	\$ 33.3696

**Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer.**

Item 5 is hereby amended and restated in its entirety as follows:

(a) – (b)

This Schedule 13D/A is filed to report that, as of November 3, 2023, the Reporting Persons ceased to be the beneficial owners of any of the outstanding shares of the Class A Common Stock.

(c) Except as described in Item 4, during the past 60 days, none of the Reporting Persons or Related Persons has effected any transactions in the Class A Common Stock.

(d) None.

(e) On November 3, 2023, the Reporting Persons ceased to be the beneficial owners of more than five percent of the Class A Common Stock.

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**SIGNATURE**

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: November 7, 2023

**Platinum Equity, LLC**

By: /s/ Mary Ann Sigler  
Name: Mary Ann Sigler  
Title: Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

**Tom Gores**

By: /s/ Mary Ann Sigler  
Name: Mary Ann Sigler