# 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): July 27, 2016

## GORES HOLDINGS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) 001-37540 (Commission File Number) 47-4168492 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

9800 Wilshire Blvd.
Beverly Hills, CA
(Address of principal executive offices)

90212 (Zip Code)

(310) 209-3010 (Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable (Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appro	priate box below if the Form 8-K is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:
	Written communication pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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	Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
	Pre-commencements communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

#### Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement

The disclosure set forth below in Item 2.03 of this Current Report on Form 8-K regarding the unsecured promissory note, dated July 27, 2016 (the <u>Note</u>"), issued by Gores Holdings, Inc. (the "<u>Company</u>") to the Company's sponsor, Gores Sponsor LLC (the "<u>Sponsor</u>"), is incorporated by reference herein and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Note, a copy of which is filed with this Current Report on Form 8-K as Exhibit 10.1.

#### Item 2.03 Creation of a Direct Financial Obligation or an Obligation under an Off-Balance Sheet Arrangement of a Registrant

On July 27, 2016, the Sponsor loaned the Company \$500,000 pursuant to the Note issued by the Company to the Sponsor. The Note is unsecured, non-interest bearing and matures on the earlier of: (i) December 31, 2016 or (ii) the date on which the Company consummates its proposed acquisition of the Hostess Brands business (the "Proposed Business Combination") pursuant to that certain Master Transaction Agreement, dated as of July 5, 2016, entered into by the Company and the other parties thereto (the Master Transaction Agreement"). Funds held in the Company's trust account established in connection with its initial public offering will not be used to repay any amounts outstanding under the Note if the Company does not complete an initial business combination by August 19, 2017.

The issuance of the Note was made pursuant to the exemption from registration contained in Section 4(a)(2) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the <u>Securities Act</u>").

A copy of the Note is attached to this Current Report on Form 8-K as Exhibit 10.1 and is incorporated herein by reference. The disclosure set forth in this Section 2.03 is intended to be a summary only and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Note.

#### **Legend Information**

### No Offer or Solicitation

This communication is for informational purposes only and shall not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy any securities pursuant to the Proposed Business Combination or otherwise, nor shall there be any sale of securities in any jurisdiction in which the offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to the 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.

#### Additional Information about the Proposed Transaction and Where to Find It

In connection with the Proposed Business Combination, the Company intends to file a proxy statement with the Securities and Exchange Commission (<u>SEC</u>"). The definitive proxy statement and other relevant documents will be sent or given to the stockholders of the Company and will contain important information about the Proposed Business Combination and related matters. The Company stockholders and other interested persons are advised to read, when available, the proxy statement in connection with the Company's solicitation of proxies for

the meeting of stockholders to be held to approve the Proposed Business Combination because the proxy statement will contain important information about the Proposed Business Combination. When available, the definitive proxy statement will be mailed to the Company stockholders as of a record date to be established for voting on the Proposed Business Combination. Stockholders will also be able to obtain copies of the proxy statement, without charge, once available, at the SEC's website at <a href="www.sec.gov">www.sec.gov</a> or by directing a request to: Gores Holdings, Inc., 9800 Wilshire Blvd., Beverly Hills, California 90212, email: jchou@gores.com, Attn: Jennifer Kwon Chou.

#### Participants in Solicitation

The Company and its directors and officers may be deemed participants in the solicitation of proxies of the Company stockholders in connection with the Proposed Business Combination. The Company stockholders and other interested persons may obtain, without charge, more detailed information regarding the directors and officers of the Company in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015, which was filed with the SEC on March 16, 2016. Information regarding the persons who may, under the SEC rules, be deemed participants in the solicitation of proxies to the Company stockholders in connection with the Proposed Business Combination when available. Additional information regarding the interests of participants in the solicitation of proxies in connection with the Proposed Business Combination will be included in the proxy statement that the Company intends to file with the SEC.

#### Forward Looking Statements

This Current Report includes "forward looking statements" within the meaning of the "safe harbor" provisions of the United States Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forward-looking statements may be identified by the use of words such as "forecast," "intend," "seek," "target," "anticipate," "believe," "expect," "estimate," "plan," "outlook," and "project" and other similar expressions that predict or indicate future events or trends or that are not statements of historical matters. Such forward looking statements are based on current expectations that are subject to risks and uncertainties. A number of factors could cause actual results or outcomes to differ materially from those indicated by such forward looking statements. These factors include, but are not limited to: (i) the occurrence of any event, change or other circumstances that could give rise to the termination of the Master Transaction Agreement and the Proposed Business Combination; (ii) the inability to complete the Proposed Business Combination due to the failure to obtain approval of the stockholders of the Company or other conditions to closing in the Master Transaction Agreement; and (iii) other risks and uncertainties indicated from time to time in the final prospectus of the Company, including those under "Risk Factors" therein, and other documents filed or to be filed with the SEC by the Company. You are cautioned not to place undue reliance upon any forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date made. The Company undertakes no commitment to update or revise the forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

### Item 9.01 Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit Number Exhibit

Promissory Note, dated July 27, 2016, issued by Gores Holdings, Inc. to Gores Sponsor LLC. 10.1

## 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.

Gores Holdings, Inc.

Date: July 28, 2016 By: \_/s/ Andrew McBride

Name: Andrew McBride

Title: Chief Financial Officer and Secretary

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10.1 Promissory Note, dated July 27, 2016, issued by Gores Holdings, Inc. to Gores Sponsor LLC.

THIS PROMISSORY NOTE ("NOTE") HAS NOT BEEN REGISTERED UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933, AS AMENDED (THE "SECURITIES ACT"). THIS NOTE HAS BEEN ACQUIRED FOR INVESTMENT ONLY AND MAY NOT BE SOLD, TRANSFERRED OR ASSIGNED IN THE ABSENCE OF REGISTRATION OF THE RESALE THEREOF UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OR AN OPINION OF COUNSEL REASONABLY SATISFACTORY IN FORM, SCOPE AND SUBSTANCE TO THE COMPANY THAT SUCH REGISTRATION IS NOT REQUIRED.

#### PROMISSORY NOTE

Principal Amount: \$500,000 Dated as of July 27, 2016
New York, New York

Gores Holdings, Inc., a Delaware corporation and blank check company (the "Maker"), promises to pay to the order of Gores Sponsor LLC or its registered assigns or successors in interest (the "Payee"), or order, the principal sum of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000) in lawful money of the United States of America, on the terms and conditions described below. All payments on this Note shall be made by check or wire transfer of immediately available funds or as otherwise determined by the Maker to such account as the Payee may from time to time designate by written notice in accordance with the provisions of this Note.

- 1. **Principal.** The principal balance of Note shall be payable on the earlier of: (i) December 31, 2016, or (ii) the date on which Maker consummates its proposed acquisition of the Hostess Brands business pursuant to that certain Master Transaction Agreement, dated as of July 5, 2016, entered into by the Maker and the other parties thereto. The principal balance may be prepaid at any time.
- 2. Interest. No interest shall accrue on the unpaid principal balance of this Note.
- 3. Application of Payments. All payments shall be applied first to payment in full of any costs incurred in the collection of any sum due under this Note, including (without limitation) reasonable attorney's fees, then to the payment in full of any late charges and finally to the reduction of the unpaid principal balance of this Note.
- 4. Events of Default. The following shall constitute an event of default ("Event of Default"):
- (a) Failure to Make Required Payments. Failure by Maker to pay the principal amount due pursuant to this Note within five (5) business days of the date specified above.
- (b) <u>Voluntary Bankruptcy</u>, <u>Etc.</u> The commencement by Maker of a voluntary case under any applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, rehabilitation or other similar law, or the consent by it to the appointment of or taking possession by a receiver, liquidator, assignee, trustee, custodian, sequestrator (or other similar official) of Maker or for any substantial part of its property, or the making by it of any assignment for the benefit of creditors, or the failure of Maker generally to pay its debts as such debts become due, or the taking of corporate action by Maker in furtherance of any of the foregoing.
- (c) Involuntary Bankruptcy, Etc. The entry of a decree or order for relief by a court having jurisdiction in the premises in respect of Maker in an involuntary case under any applicable bankruptcy, insolvency or other similar law, or appointing a receiver, liquidator, assignee, custodian, trustee, sequestrator (or similar official) of Maker or for any substantial part of its property, or ordering the winding-up or liquidation of its affairs, and the continuance of any such decree or order unstayed and in effect for a period of 60 consecutive days.

#### 5. Remedies.

- (a) Upon the occurrence of an Event of Default specified in Section 4(a) hereof, Payee may, by written notice to Maker, declare this Note to be due immediately and payable, whereupon the unpaid principal amount of this Note, and all other amounts payable hereunder, shall become immediately due and payable without presentment, demand, protest or other notice of any kind, all of which are hereby expressly waived, anything contained herein or in the documents evidencing the same to the contrary notwithstanding
- (b) Upon the occurrence of an Event of Default specified in Sections 4(b) and 4(c), the unpaid principal balance of this Note, and all other sums payable with regard to this Note, shall automatically and immediately become due and payable, in all cases without any action on the part of Payee.
- 6. Waivers. Maker and all endorsers and guarantors of, and sureties for, this Note waive presentment for payment, demand, notice of dishonor, protest, and notice of protest with regard to the Note, all errors, defects and imperfections in any proceedings instituted by Payee under the terms of this Note, and all benefits that might accrue to Maker by virtue of any present or future laws exempting any property, real or personal, or any part of the proceeds arising from any sale of any such property, from attachment, levy or sale under execution, or providing for any stay of execution, exemption from civil process, or extension of time for payment; and Maker agrees that any real estate that may be levied upon pursuant to a judgment obtained by virtue hereof, on any writ of execution issued hereon, may be sold upon any such writ in whole or in part in any order desired by Payee.
- 7. Unconditional Liability. Maker hereby waives all notices in connection with the delivery, acceptance, performance, default, or enforcement of the payment of this Note, and agrees that its liability shall be unconditional, without regard to the liability of any other party, and shall not be affected in any manner by any indulgence, extension of time, renewal, waiver or modification granted or consented to by Payee, and consents to any and all extensions of time, renewals, waivers, or modifications that may be granted by Payee with respect to the payment or other provisions of this Note, and agrees that additional makers, endorsers, guarantors, or sureties may become parties hereto without notice to Maker or affecting Maker's liability hereunder.
- 8. Notices. All notices, statements or other documents which are required or contemplated by this Agreement shall be: (i) in writing and delivered personally or sent by first class registered or certified mail, overnight courier service or facsimile or electronic transmission to the address designated in writing, (ii) by facsimile to the number most recently provided to such party or such other address or fax number as may be designated in writing by such party and (iii) by electronic mail, to the electronic mail address most recently provided to such party or such other electronic mail address as may be designated in writing by such party. Any notice or other communication so transmitted shall be deemed to have been given on the day of delivery, if delivered personally, on the business day following receipt of written confirmation, if sent by facsimile or electronic transmission, one (1) business day after delivery to an overnight courier service or five (5) days after mailing if sent by mail.
- 9. Construction. THIS NOTE SHALL BE CONSTRUED AND ENFORCED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF NEW YORK, WITHOUT REGARD TO CONFLICT OF LAW PROVISIONS THEREOF.
- 10. Severability. Any provision contained in this Note which is prohibited or unenforceable in any jurisdiction shall, as to such jurisdiction, be ineffective to the extent of such prohibition or unenforceability without invalidating the remaining provisions hereof, and any such prohibition or unenforceability in any jurisdiction shall not invalidate or render unenforceable such provision in any other jurisdiction.

- 11. Trust Waiver. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the Payee hereby waives any and all right, title, interest or claim of any kind ("Claim") in or to any distribution of or from the trust account established in which the proceeds of the initial public offering (the "IPO") conducted by the Maker (including the deferred underwriters discounts and commissions) and the proceeds of the sale of the warrants issued in a private placement at the time of the IPO were deposited, as described in greater detail in the registration statement and prospectus filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission in connection with the IPO, and hereby agrees not to seek recourse, reimbursement, payment or satisfaction for any Claim against the trust account for any reason whatsoever.
- 12. Amendment; Waiver. Any amendment hereto or waiver of any provision hereof may be made with, and only with, the written consent of the Maker and the Payee.
- 13. Assignment. No assignment or transfer of this Note or any rights or obligations hereunder may be made by any party hereto (by operation of law or otherwise) without the prior written consent of the other party hereto and any attempted assignment without the required consent shall be void.

[Signature page follows]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Maker, intending to be legally bound hereby, has caused this Note to be duly executed by the undersigned as of the day and year first above written.

GORES HOLDINGS, INC.

By: /s/ Mark Stone

Name: Mark Stone

Title: Chief Executive Officer

Acknowledged and Agreed to as of the date first written above.

GORES SPONSOR LLC

By: AEG Holdings, LLC Its: Managing Member

By: /s/ Alec Gores

Name: Alec Gores Title: Officer

By: Platinum Equity, LLC Its: Managing Member

By: /s/ Mary Ann Sigler

Name: Mary Ann Sigler Title: Chief Financial Officer