

GLOBAL PARTNERS LP  
Form 8-K  
December 22, 2017

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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20549

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**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): December 20, 2017**

**GLOBAL PARTNERS LP**  
**(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

<b>Delaware</b>	<b>001-32593</b>	<b>74-3140887</b>
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)

**P.O. Box 9161**  
**800 South Street**  
**Waltham, Massachusetts 02454-9161**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**(781) 894-8800**  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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:

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))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

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**Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers**

On December 20, 2017, Charles A. Rudinsky, Executive Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer of Global GP LLC (the “General Partner”), the general partner of Global Partners LP (the “Partnership”), notified the General Partner that Mr. Rudinsky will resign as the General Partner’s Executive Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer effective December 31, 2017. He will continue to be employed as a Senior Advisor to the Chief Financial Officer for calendar years 2018 and 2019 on terms to be negotiated.

Effective January 1, 2018, Mr. Matthew Spencer, age 38, will commence serving as the Chief Accounting Officer of the General Partner. Mr. Spencer was appointed to serve as the Chief Accounting Officer by the Board of Directors of the General Partner on December 21, 2017. He has been serving as Controller of the General Partner since September 24, 2012. Mr. Spencer joined the Partnership from SharkNinja Operating LLC (formerly Euro-Pro Operating LLC), where he served as Assistant Controller. Prior to that he was a Senior Manager at Ernst & Young. The terms of any plan, contract or arrangement with, or any grant or award to, Mr. Spencer in connection with his appointment have not yet been determined.

**Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure**

The information set forth under Item 5.02 of this Current Report on Form 8-K is hereby incorporated in Item 7.01 by reference.

The information furnished pursuant to Item 7.01 in this Current Report on Form 8-K, including Exhibit 99.1, shall not be deemed to be “filed” for the purposes of Section 18 of the Exchange Act, or otherwise subject to the liability of that section, unless the Partnership specifically states that the information is to be considered “filed” under the Exchange Act or incorporates it by reference into a filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act.

A copy of the Partnership’s press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(d) Exhibit

99.1 Global Partners LP Press Release dated December 22, 2017

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**SIGNATURES**

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 thereunto duly authorized.

**GLOBAL PARTNERS LP**

By: Global GP LLC,  
its general partner

Dated: December 22, 2017

By: /s/ Edward J. Faneuil  
Executive Vice President,  
General Counsel and Secretary

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**EXHIBIT INDEX**

<b>Exhibit Number</b>	<b>Description</b>
<u>99.1</u>	<u>Global Partners LP Press Release dated December 22, 2017</u>