

NEW PLAN EXCEL REALTY TRUST INC

Form 8-K

December 23, 2003

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): **December 23, 2003**

NEW PLAN EXCEL REALTY TRUST, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland

(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

1-12244

(Commission
File Number)

33-0160389

(IRS Employer
Identification Number)

**1120 Avenue of the Americas, 12th Floor
New York, New York**

(Address of principal executive offices)

10036

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

(212) 869-3000

Not applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Item 5. Other Events

New Plan Excel Realty Trust, Inc. (the Company) is revising its historical financial statements in connection with its application of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 144 *Accounting for the Impairment or Disposal of Long-Lived Assets* (SFAS No. 144) to certain transactions. During 2003, the Company sold certain properties and classified others as held for sale. In compliance with SFAS No. 144, the Company has reported revenue, expenses and gain on sale from these properties as income from discontinued operations for each period presented in its quarterly report filed since the date of the sales (including the comparable period of the prior year). The Company's next annual report on Form 10-K will include restated results of operations that reflect this reclassification for prior full years. However, the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC) applicable to the Company require that it reclassify the reported revenue, expenses and gain on sale from these properties as income from discontinued operations in its financial statements for each of the periods presented in the Company's Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the quarterly periods ended March 31, 2003 and June 30, 2003, and in the Company's annual financial statements for each of the three years presented in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2002, if those financials are incorporated by reference in a registration statement to be filed with the SEC under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, even though those financial statements relate to a period prior to the transactions giving rise to the reclassification.

These reclassifications as discontinued operations have no effect on the Company's reported net income available to common shareholders as reported in prior SEC filings. Instead, they present the revenues and expenses relating to properties sold and held for sale as a single line item titled discontinued operations, rather than presenting the revenues and expenses along with the Company's other results of operations.

Following each set of these restated financial statements is an updated management's discussion and analysis of the results of operations of the Company for the periods presented, which we believe may be helpful to you in reviewing these restated financial statements.

For the Company's most recent information concerning its financial condition and results of operations (through the third quarter of 2003), please see the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2003, which is on file with the SEC.

Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits.

| Exhibit Number | Description |
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| 23.1 | Consent of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP |
| 99.1 | Selected Financial Data |
| 99.2 | Financial Statements (including Management's Discussion and Analysis of Results of Operations) |
| 99.3 | Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges and Preferred Stock Dividends |

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.

NEW PLAN EXCEL REALTY TRUST, INC.

Date: December 23, 2003

By: /s/ STEVEN F. SIEGEL
Steven F. Siegel
Executive Vice President, General Counsel
and Secretary

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