

RENT A CENTER INC DE
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UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13D

(Rule 13d-101)

INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN STATEMENTS FILED PURSUANT

TO § 240.13d-1(a) AND AMENDMENTS THERETO FILED PURSUANT TO

§ 240.13d-2(a)

(Amendment No. 11)¹

Rent-A-Center, Inc.

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, \$0.01 par value per share

(Title of Class of Securities)

76009N100

(CUSIP Number)

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(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person

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May 25, 2018

(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of This Statement)

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1 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.

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CUSIP NO. 76009N100

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

Engaged Capital Flagship
Master Fund, LP

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a)
(b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS

WC
CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(d) OR 2(e)

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH 7 CAYMAN ISLANDS SOLE VOTING POWER 2,519,969

8 SHARED VOTING POWER - 0 -

9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

10 2,519,969 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

- 0 -

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT
BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY
EACH REPORTING PERSON

2,519,969

12 CHECK BOX IF
THE AGGREGATE
AMOUNT IN ROW
(11) EXCLUDES
CERTAIN SHARES

13 PERCENT OF CLASS
REPRESENTED BY
AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

4.7%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING
PERSON

PN

CUSIP NO. 76009N100

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

Engaged Capital Co-Invest
V, LP

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER (a) OF A GROUP

(b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS

WC

5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(d) OR 2(e)

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

DELAWARE

NUMBER OF 7 SOLE VOTING POWER
SHARES BENEFICIALLY 2,703,611

OWNED BY 8 SHARED VOTING POWER
EACH REPORTING - 0 -

PERSON WITH 9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

2,703,611
10 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

- 0 -

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT
BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY
EACH REPORTING PERSON

2,703,611

12 CHECK BOX IF
THE AGGREGATE
AMOUNT IN ROW
(11) EXCLUDES
CERTAIN SHARES

13 PERCENT OF CLASS
REPRESENTED BY
AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

5.1%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING
PERSON

PN

CUSIP NO. 76009N100

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

Engaged Capital Co-Invest
V-A, LP

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER (a) OF A GROUP

(b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS

WC
CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(d) OR 2(e)

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

DELAWARE

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH

7 3,390,148

SOLE VOTING POWER

8 SHARED VOTING POWER

- 0 -

9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

3,390,148

10 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

- 0 -

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT
BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY
EACH REPORTING PERSON

3,390,148

12 CHECK BOX IF
THE AGGREGATE
AMOUNT IN ROW
(11) EXCLUDES
CERTAIN SHARES

13 PERCENT OF CLASS
REPRESENTED BY
AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

6.3%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING
PERSON

PN

CUSIP NO. 76009N100

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

Engaged Capital Flagship Fund, LP

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER (a) OF A GROUP

(b)

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)

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

DELAWARE

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH

7 SOLE VOTING POWER 2,519,969

8 SHARED VOTING POWER

- 0 -

9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

2,519,969

10 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

- 0 -

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT
BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY
EACH REPORTING PERSON

2,519,969

12 CHECK BOX IF
THE AGGREGATE
AMOUNT IN ROW
(11) EXCLUDES
CERTAIN SHARES

13 PERCENT OF CLASS
REPRESENTED BY
AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

4.7%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING
PERSON

PN

CUSIP NO. 76009N100

| | | |
|---|--|--------------------------|
| 1 | NAME OF REPORTING PERSON | |
| | Engaged Capital Flagship Fund, Ltd. | |
| 2 | CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP | (a) |
| | | (b) |
| 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) | |
| 6 | CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION | |
| 7 | CAYMAN ISLANDS | |
| NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH | 8 | SOLE VOTING POWER |
| | | 2,519,969 |
| | 8 | SHARED VOTING POWER |
| | | - 0 - |
| 9 | SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER | |
| | | 2,519,969 |
| | 10 | SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER |

- 0 -

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT
BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY
EACH REPORTING PERSON

2,519,969

12 CHECK BOX IF
THE AGGREGATE
AMOUNT IN ROW
(11) EXCLUDES
CERTAIN SHARES

13 PERCENT OF CLASS
REPRESENTED BY
AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

4.7%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING
PERSON

CO

CUSIP NO. 76009N100

| | |
|----|--|
| 1 | NAME OF REPORTING PERSON |
| | Engaged Capital, LLC |
| 2 | CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER (a) OF A GROUP (b) |
| 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) |
| 6 | CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION |
| | DELAWARE |
| 7 | NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH |
| | SOLE VOTING POWER |
| | 8,983,609 |
| 8 | SHARED VOTING POWER |
| | - 0 - |
| 9 | SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER |
| | 8,983,609 |
| 10 | SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER |

- 0 -

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT
BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY
EACH REPORTING PERSON

8,983,609

12 CHECK BOX IF
THE AGGREGATE
AMOUNT IN ROW
(11) EXCLUDES
CERTAIN SHARES

13 PERCENT OF CLASS
REPRESENTED BY
AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

16.8%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING
PERSON

OO

7

CUSIP NO. 76009N100

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

Engaged Capital Holdings,
LLC

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER (a) OF A GROUP

(b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS

5 OO CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(d) OR 2(e)

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

DELAWARE

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH

7 SOLE VOTING POWER 8,983,609

8 SHARED VOTING POWER

- 0 -

9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

8,983,609

10 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

- 0 -

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT
BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY
EACH REPORTING PERSON

8,983,609

12 CHECK BOX IF
THE AGGREGATE
AMOUNT IN ROW
(11) EXCLUDES
CERTAIN SHARES

13 PERCENT OF CLASS
REPRESENTED BY
AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

16.8%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING
PERSON

OO

CUSIP NO. 76009N100

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

Glenn W. Welling

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER (a) OF A GROUP

(b)

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)

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

USA

| | | |
|---------------------|---|-------------------|
| NUMBER OF | 7 | SOLE VOTING POWER |
| SHARES BENEFICIALLY | | 8,983,609 |

| | | |
|----------------|---|---------------------|
| OWNED BY | 8 | SHARED VOTING POWER |
| EACH REPORTING | | - 0 - |

| | | |
|-------------|---|------------------------|
| PERSON WITH | 9 | SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER |
|-------------|---|------------------------|

| | | |
|--|----|--------------------------|
| | | 8,983,609 |
| | 10 | SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER |

- 0 -

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT
BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY
EACH REPORTING PERSON

8,983,609

12 CHECK BOX IF
THE AGGREGATE
AMOUNT IN ROW
(11) EXCLUDES
CERTAIN SHARES

13 PERCENT OF CLASS
REPRESENTED BY
AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

16.8%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING
PERSON

IN

CUSIP NO. 76009N100

| | | |
|---|--|--------------------------|
| 1 | NAME OF REPORTING PERSON | |
| | Christopher B. Hetrick | |
| 2 | CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP | (a) |
| | | (b) |
| 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) | |
| 6 | CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION | |
| | USA | |
| NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH | 7 | SOLE VOTING POWER |
| | | 14,265* |
| OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH | 8 | SHARED VOTING POWER |
| | | - 0 - |
| PERSON WITH | 9 | SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER |
| | | 14,265* |
| | 10 | SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER |

- 0 -

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT
BENEFICIALLY OWNED
BY EACH REPORTING
PERSON

14,265*

12 CHECK BOX IF
THE AGGREGATE
AMOUNT IN ROW
(11) EXCLUDES
CERTAIN SHARES

13 PERCENT OF CLASS
REPRESENTED BY
AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

14 Less than 1%*
TYPE OF REPORTING
PERSON

IN

* Consists of Shares underlying certain Director Deferred Stock Units awarded to Mr. Hetrick in his capacity as a director of the Issuer. Each Director Deferred Stock Unit represents the right to receive one Share upon the termination of Mr. Hetrick's service as a director of the Issuer.

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The following constitutes Amendment No. 11 to the Schedule 13D filed by the undersigned (“Amendment No. 11”). This Amendment No. 11 amends the Schedule 13D as specifically set forth herein.

Item 4.

Purpose of Transaction.

Item 4 is hereby amended to add the following:

On May 25, 2018, Engaged Capital and certain of its affiliates (collectively, “Engaged”) entered into a letter agreement (the “Letter Agreement”) with the Issuer in connection with that certain Cooperation Agreement (as defined and described in Amendment No. 9 to the Schedule 13D) between Engaged and the Issuer. In accordance with the Cooperation Agreement, Engaged proposed Carol McFate to be nominated for election to the Board of Directors (the “Board”) at the 2018 annual meeting of stockholders (the “2018 Annual Meeting”) and the Board confirmed her qualifications to serve on the Board. In light of the Board’s continuing review of strategic and financial alternatives to maximize stockholder value, Engaged elected to waive, pursuant to the Letter Agreement, its right under the Cooperation Agreement to put forth Ms. McFate as a potential director nominee for election at the 2018 Annual Meeting. In exchange for the waiver, at any time prior to the termination of the Cooperation Agreement, Engaged may put forth Ms. McFate (or another individual) as a potential director nominee for election or appointment to the Board. For the avoidance of doubt, nothing in the Letter Agreement affects Engaged’s rights with respect to proposing the seventh member of the Board pursuant to the Cooperation Agreement in the event that the size of the Board is increased to seven directors during the term of the Cooperation Agreement.

The foregoing description of the Letter Agreement is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Letter Agreement, which is attached as Exhibit 99.1 hereto and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 5.

Interest in Securities of the Issuer.

Items 5(a) and (c) are hereby amended and restated to read as follows:

(a) The aggregate percentage of Shares reported owned by each person named herein is based upon 53,414,526 Shares outstanding as of April 30, 2018, which is the total number of Shares outstanding as reported in the Issuer’s quarterly report on Form 10-Q filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 3, 2018.

As of the date hereof, Engaged Capital Flagship Master beneficially owned 2,519,969 Shares, constituting approximately 4.7% of the Shares outstanding. Each of Engaged Capital Fund and Engaged Capital Offshore, as feeder funds of Engaged Capital Flagship Master, may be deemed to beneficially own the 2,519,969 Shares owned by Engaged Capital Flagship Master, constituting approximately 4.7% of the Shares outstanding.

As of the date hereof, Engaged Capital Co-Invest V beneficially owned 2,703,611 Shares, constituting approximately 5.1% of the Shares outstanding.

As of the date hereof, Engaged Capital Co-Invest V-A beneficially owned 3,390,148 Shares, constituting approximately 6.3% of the Shares outstanding.

As of the date hereof, 369,881 Shares were held in the Engaged Capital Account, constituting less than 1% of the Shares outstanding.

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Engaged Capital, as the general partner and investment adviser of Engaged Capital Flagship Master, Engaged Capital Co-Invest V and Engaged Capital Co-Invest V-A and the investment adviser of the Engaged Capital Account, may be deemed to beneficially own the 8,983,609 Shares owned in the aggregate by Engaged Capital Flagship Master, Engaged Capital Co-Invest V and Engaged Capital Co-Invest V-A and held in the Engaged Capital Account, constituting approximately 16.8% of the Shares outstanding. Engaged Holdings, as the managing member of Engaged Capital, may be deemed to beneficially own the 8,983,609 Shares owned in the aggregate by Engaged Capital Flagship Master, Engaged Capital Co-Invest V and Engaged Capital Co-Invest V-A and held in the Engaged Capital Account, constituting approximately 16.8% of the Shares outstanding. Mr. Welling, as the Founder and CIO of Engaged Capital and sole member of Engaged Holdings, may be deemed to beneficially own the 8,983,609 Shares owned in the aggregate by Engaged Capital Flagship Master, Engaged Capital Co-Invest V and Engaged Capital Co-Invest V-A and held in the Engaged Capital Account, constituting approximately 16.8% of the Shares outstanding.

As of the date hereof, Mr. Hetrick may be deemed to beneficially own 14,265 Shares, consisting of Director Deferred Stock Units representing the right to receive Shares upon the termination of his service as a director, constituting less than 1% of the Shares outstanding.

Each Reporting Person, as a member of a “group” with the other Reporting Persons for the purposes of Section 13(d)(3) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”), may be deemed the beneficial owner of the Shares directly owned by the other Reporting Persons. The filing of this Schedule 13D shall not be deemed an admission that the Reporting Persons are, for purposes of Section 13(d) of the Exchange Act, the beneficial owners of any securities of the Issuer he or it does not directly own. Each of the Reporting Persons specifically disclaims beneficial ownership of the securities reported herein that he or it does not directly own.

(c) There have been no transactions in the securities of the Issuer by the Reporting Persons during the past 60 days.

Item 6. Contracts, Arrangements, Understandings or Relationships With Respect to Securities of the Issuer.
Item 6 is hereby amended to add the following:

On May 25, 2018, Engaged and the Issuer entered into the Letter Agreement as defined and described in Item 4 above and attached as Exhibit 99.1 hereto.

Item 7. Material to be Filed as Exhibits.
Item 7 is hereby amended to add the following exhibit:

99.1 Letter Agreement, dated May 25, 2018.

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SIGNATURES

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of his knowledge and belief, the undersigned certifies that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: May 25, 2018

Engaged Capital Flagship Master Fund, LP

By: Engaged Capital, LLC
General Partner

By: /s/ Glenn W. Welling
Name: Glenn W. Welling
Title: Founder and Chief Investment Officer

Engaged Capital Co-Invest V, LP

By: Engaged Capital, LLC
General Partner

By: /s/ Glenn W. Welling
Name: Glenn W. Welling
Title: Founder and Chief Investment Officer

Engaged Capital Co-Invest V-A, LP

By: Engaged Capital, LLC
General Partner

By: /s/ Glenn W. Welling
Name: Glenn W. Welling
Title: Founder and Chief Investment Officer

Engaged Capital Flagship Fund, LP

By: Engaged Capital, LLC
General Partner

By: /s/ Glenn W. Welling
Name: Glenn W. Welling

Title: Founder and Chief Investment Officer

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Engaged Capital Flagship
Fund, Ltd.

By: /s/ Glenn W. Welling
Name: Glenn W. Welling
Title: Director

Engaged Capital, LLC

By: /s/ Glenn W. Welling
Name: Glenn W. Welling

Title: Founder and Chief Investment Officer

Engaged Capital Holdings,
LLC

By: /s/ Glenn W. Welling
Name: Glenn W. Welling
Title: Sole Member

/s/ Glenn W. Welling
Glenn W. Welling

/s/ Christopher B. Hetrick
Christopher B. Hetrick