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

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT**

**PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): January 5, 2018 (January 1, 2018)**

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**Asbury Automotive Group, Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**Delaware**

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

**001-31262**

(Commission File Number)

**01-0609375**

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

**2905 Premiere Parkway NW Suite 300  
Duluth, GA**

(Address of principal executive offices)

**30097**

(Zip Code)

**(770) 418-8200**

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

**None**

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

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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.

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

In connection with Asbury Automotive Group, Inc.'s (the "Company") recently announced and completed CEO succession plan, the Company has announced that effective January 1, 2018 Senior Vice President, Operations, John S. Hartman, age 54, has begun to serve as the Company's principal operating officer. Prior to joining the Company, Mr. Hartman had served as Market Director of Group 1 Automotive/Ira Motor Group since October 2006. Prior to that, Mr. Hartman held various positions at Toyota Danvers, Ira Dodge, and International Cars/Honda North. He has a BS/BA from the School of Management of Boston University.

## 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 hereunto duly authorized.

ASBURY AUTOMOTIVE GROUP, INC.

Date: January 5, 2018

By: /s/ George A. Villasana

Name: George A. Villasana

Title: Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary