

BlackRock Inc.
Form 8-K
March 22, 2019

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): March 22, 2019

BLACKROCK, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

001-33099
(Commission
File Number)

32-0174431
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

55 East 52nd Street, New York, New York
(Address of principal executive offices)

10055
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(212) 810-5300**

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

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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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 8.01. Other Events

On March 22, 2019, BlackRock, Inc. (the Company) issued a press release announcing its binding offer and entry into an exclusive agreement (the Exclusive Agreement) to acquire 100% of the equity interests in eFront, the world's leading end-to-end alternative investment management software and solutions provider, for approximately \$1.3 billion in cash. The acquisition is subject to completion of the notification and consultation process with eFront's employee-works council and the entry by the Company and eFront's shareholders into a definitive securities sale agreement contemplated by the Exclusive Agreement, including the satisfaction of the conditions set forth therein.

Separate from the eFront acquisition, on March 22, 2019, the Company announced that it agreed to repurchase approximately 3.1 million shares of the Company's common stock in a private transaction under its existing repurchase program at a per share price of \$412.84.

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

Item 9.01. Financial Statement and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press release dated March 22, 2019 issued by the Company

EXHIBIT INDEX

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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 hereunto duly authorized.

BlackRock, Inc.

(Registrant)

Date: March 22, 2019

By: /s/ Daniel R. Waltcher
Daniel R. Waltcher
Managing Director and Deputy General Counsel