

Smart & Final Stores, Inc.
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Mortensen Michael A.

(Last) (First) (Middle)

SMART & FINAL STORES,
 INC., 600 CITADEL DRIVE

(Street)

COMMERCE, CA 90040

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 Smart & Final Stores, Inc. [SFS]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 01/17/2017

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
 SVP Sales & Merchandising

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount (A) or (D) Price		
common stock, par value \$0.001	01/17/2017		M		26,980 (1)	A	\$ 2.09 36,564 D
common stock, par value \$0.001	01/17/2017		S		26,980 (2) (3)	D	\$ 15.02 9,584 D

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)				
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 2.09	01/17/2017		M		26,980		(4)	07/30/2017	Common Stock	215,840 (4)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Mortensen Michael A. SMART & FINAL STORES, INC. 600 CITADEL DRIVE COMMERCE, CA 90040			SVP Sales & Merchandising	

Signatures

/s/ Leland P. Smith, by power of attorney

01/18/2017

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

(1) These shares were acquired pursuant to exercises of stock options as described in Table II.

(2) The sales reported in this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 sales plan adopted by Mr. Mortensen on September 13, 2016.

(3) These shares are comprised of shares acquired pursuant to exercises of stock options as described in Footnote 1, and were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$14.95 to \$15.20 per share. The price reported reflects the weighted average price. Mr. Mortensen undertakes to provide the issuer, any security holder of the issuer or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the range set forth above.

(4) The option was granted on July 30, 2010. A portion of the option was scheduled to vest ratably over four years following the date of grant, and the remainder of the option was scheduled to vest upon achievement by Smart & Final Holdings Corp. of certain performance measures. In connection with the acquisition of Smart & Final Holdings Corp. by Smart & Final Stores, Inc., this option accelerated and vested in accordance with its terms.

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