

RESTORATION HARDWARE INC
Form SC 13D
December 10, 2007

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13D

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
(Amendment No. 2)

Restoration Hardware, Inc.

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, par value \$0.0001 per share

(Title of Class of Securities)

760981100

(CUSIP Number)

William R. Harker, Esq.
Sears Holdings Corporation
3333 Beverly Road
B6-210B
Hoffman Estates, Illinois 60179
(847) 286-2500

(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person
Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)

December 7, 2007

(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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**1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON/
I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON (ENTITIES ONLY)**
Sears Holdings Corporation
EIN: **20-1920798**

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

7 SOLE VOTING POWER
5,307,832

8 SHARED VOTING POWER
0

**NUMBER OF
SHARES
BENEFICIALLY
OWNED BY
EACH
REPORTING
PERSON WITH**

9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
5,307,832

10 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
0

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

5,307,832

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

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

13.67%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

CO

This Amendment No. 2 (the Amendment) amends the Statement on Schedule 13D originally filed on November 19, 2007 and amended on November 26, 2007 with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) by Sears Holdings Corporation (Sears Holdings), a corporation organized under the laws of Delaware (as amended, the Schedule 13D).

This Amendment is filed with respect to the common stock, par value \$0.0001 per share (the Shares), of Restoration Hardware, Inc. (the Issuer), and is filed to reflect information required by Rule 13d-2 under the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act), with respect to the Shares. The principal executive office of the Issuer is located at 15 Koch Road, Suite J, Corte Madera, California 95925.

Item 4. Purpose of Transaction

Item 4 is hereby supplemented and amended in its entirety by replacing the text thereof with the following:

In June 2007, on behalf of Sears Holdings, the Chairman of Sears Holdings and another member of the Board of Directors of Sears Holdings approached a non-management director of the Issuer to inquire as to his views concerning a possible business combination or other strategic transaction involving the Issuer and Sears Holdings. This director advised Sears Holdings to contact the Chief Executive Officer of the Issuer. Following this conversation, the Chairman of Sears Holdings spoke with the Chief Executive Officer of the Issuer and discussed the potential benefits of a business or strategic combination between Sears Holdings and the Issuer. After that conversation, the Chairman of Sears Holdings spoke to the non-management director of the Issuer with whom he had previously spoken and this director suggested that the Chairman of Sears Holdings continue speaking with the Chief Executive Officer of the Issuer. Shortly thereafter, the Chairman of Sears Holdings requested an opportunity to meet in person with the Chief Executive Officer of the Issuer to discuss the benefits of a transaction involving the Issuer and Sears Holdings. Due to scheduling conflicts, the Chairman of Sears Holdings and the Chief Executive Officer of the Issuer did not meet during the summer. In early October, the Chairman of Sears Holdings, the President of Sears Holdings Lands End business and a non-management member of Sears Holdings Board of Directors had a meeting with the Chief Executive Officer of the Issuer. Sears Holdings did not enter into a confidentiality agreement or receive non-public information about the Issuer or its business in connection with these discussions, and no price or terms of any transaction were solicited by the Issuer nor proposed by Sears Holdings. In late October, in a conversation with the Chairman of Sears Holdings, the Chief Executive Officer of the Issuer informed Sears Holdings for the first time that the Issuer was considering a potential management buyout transaction and that a Special Committee of the Board had been established. After being informed of this development, Sears Holdings sent a letter to Raymond C. Hemmig, chairman of the Special Committee of the Board of Directors of the Issuer, proposing a transaction at \$4.00 per Share (a 39% premium to the Shares closing price of \$2.87 on the last trading day prior to Sears Holdings making its proposal) and informing him of Sears Holdings potential to increase the offer as a result of information gained from a due diligence process. Mr. Hemmig later responded by e-mail that the Special Committee was not prepared to have Sears Holdings engage with the Issuer s management team and advisers in due diligence on the proposed terms and indicated that in order to have the opportunity to engage in due diligence Sears Holdings should revise its proposal to offer a substantially higher price. On November 8, 2007, the Com-

pany announced it had entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger (the Home Merger Agreement) with Home Holdings, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, and Home Merger Sub, Inc., a Delaware corporation and a wholly owned subsidiary of Home Holdings, LLC.

On November 23, 2007, Sears Holdings sent a letter to the Special Committee of the Board of Directors of the Issuer (the November 23 Letter) providing the Special Committee, at its request, with a proposal to offer holders of Shares of the Issuer \$6.75 per Share in cash via a tender offer, subject to the terms set forth in the November 23 Letter. The November 23 Letter also stated that Sears Holdings would contemplate entering into a merger agreement on terms substantially similar to the Home Merger Agreement, modified as necessary to accommodate a tender offer structure and with a lower, more reasonable break-up fee than contained in the Home Merger Agreement. A copy of the November 23 Letter is attached hereto as Exhibit 1 and incorporated by reference into this Item 4.

Subsequent to sending the November 23 Letter, representatives of Sears Holdings and the financial advisor for the Issuer and counsel to Sears Holdings and counsel to the Issuer and counsel to the Special Committee engaged in discussions about a confidentiality agreement and Sears Holdings proposal. On December 7, 2007, after extensive negotiations, Sears Holdings and the Issuer entered into a confidentiality agreement on terms permitted by the Home Merger Agreement (the Confidentiality Agreement). A copy of the Confidentiality Agreement is attached hereto as Exhibit 2 and incorporated by reference into this Item 4.

Subject to the terms of the Confidentiality Agreement, Sears Holdings intends to evaluate the Issuer and the desirability of confirming the proposal set forth in the November 23 Letter (or a proposal on substantially similar terms). Subject to the terms of the Confidentiality Agreement, Sears Holdings also intends to review its holdings of Shares on a continuing basis and in that connection expects to consider various factors including, without limitation, the current and anticipated future trading price levels of the Shares, the status of the transactions contemplated by the Home Merger Agreement, the financial condition, results of operations and prospects of the Issuer, tax considerations, any non-public information which it receives from the Issuer, conditions in the home furnishings industry and securities markets, general economic and industry conditions, other investment and business opportunities available to Sears Holdings, and other factors that Sears Holdings may deem relevant, and will in the future take such actions with respect to Sears Holdings investment in the Issuer as it deems appropriate. Such actions that Sears Holdings may take include, subject to the terms of the Confidentiality Agreement but otherwise without limitation: (a) announcing its intention or plan to undertake or otherwise undertaking an extraordinary corporate transaction such as a tender offer or exchange offer for some or all of the Shares or a merger, consolidation, other business combination or reorganization involving the Issuer; (b) increasing or decreasing its position in the Issuer through, among other things, the purchase or sale of Shares in open market or private transactions for cash or for other consideration; (c) seeking to acquire or influence control of the Issuer, including seeking representation on the board of the Issuer; (d) entering into derivative transactions, engaging in short selling of or any hedging or similar transactions with respect to the Shares; or (e) taking any other action similar to those listed above. Subject to the terms of the Confidentiality Agreement, any open market or privately

negotiated purchases, sales, distributions or other transactions may be made at any time without further prior notice.

While neither Sears Holdings nor, to the knowledge of Sears Holdings, any of the persons listed on Schedule A, except as provided above, has any specific plans or proposals that relate to or would result in any of the transactions involving Sears Holdings described in sub-paragraphs (a) through (j) of Item 4 of Schedule 13D, Sears Holdings may, subject to the terms of the Confidentiality Agreement, from time to time consider pursuing or proposing any or all of the transactions described in subparagraphs (a) through (j) of Item 4. Sears Holdings retains its rights, subject to the terms of the Confidentiality Agreement, to modify its plans with respect to the transactions described in this Item 4, to acquire or dispose of Shares and to formulate plans and proposals that could result in the occurrence of any such events, subject to applicable laws and regulations.

Item 6. Contracts, Arrangements, Understandings or Relationships with Respect to Securities of the Issuer.

Item 6 is hereby supplemented and amended by replacing the text thereof with the following:

Other than the Confidentiality Agreement described in Item 4 above and attached hereto as Exhibit 2 and incorporated by reference into this Item 6, there are no contracts, arrangements, understandings or relationships (legal or otherwise) involving Sears Holdings with respect to any securities of the Issuer. None of the Shares held by Sears Holdings have been pledged or are otherwise subject to a contingency the occurrence of which would give another person voting power or investment power over the Shares.

Item 7. Material to Be Filed as Exhibits

Item 7 is hereby supplemented and amended by replacing the text thereof with the following:

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| Exhibit 1 | Letter from Sears Holdings to the Special Committee of the Board of Directors of Issuer, dated November 23, 2007 |
| Exhibit 2 | Confidentiality Agreement, dated December 7, 2007, by and between Restoration Hardware, Inc. and Sears Holdings Corporation |

SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

SEARS HOLDINGS CORPORATION

Date: December 10, 2007

By: /s/ William R. Harker

Name:

William R. Harker

Title:

Senior Vice President, General Counsel
and Corporate Secretary

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