# 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 8, 2024

# AMC ENTERTAINMENT HOLDINGS, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

001-33892

(Commission File Number)

26-0303916 (I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

One AMC Way

11500 Ash Street, Leawood, KS 66211 (Address of Principal Executive Offices, including Zip Code)

(913) 213-2000

(Registrant's Telephone Number, including Area Code)

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:

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" 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))

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Delaware

(State or Other Jurisdiction of

Incorporation)

Title of each class	Trading Symbol	Name of each exchange on which registered
Class A common stock	AMC	New York Stock Exchange

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 8, 2024, a federal court in New York issued an order preliminarily approving a proposed settlement reached by all parties to a civil action brought by plaintiffs Dennis J. Donoghue and Mark Rubenstein, each of whom are shareholders of AMC Entertainment Holdings, Inc. ("AMC"), for AMC to recover so-called "short-swing" profits under Section 16(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act") alleged to have been realized by defendants Antara Capital Master Fund LP, Antara Capital Fund GP LLC, Antara Capital LP, Antara Capital GP LLC, and Himanshu Gulati (collectively, the "Antara Defendants") in connection with their purchases and sales of AMC securities. AMC is party to the suit in name only, which was brought for the benefit of AMC. The court will hold a hearing on May 2, 2024 at 1:15 p.m. in Courtroom 12B at the Daniel Patrick Moynihan United States Courthouse, 500 Pearl Street, New York, New York to, among other things, consider whether to finally approve the proposed settlement. If finally approved, AMC will receive \$3,300,000 from the Antara Defendants and the Antara Defendants will be released from claims of violations of Section 16(b) of the Exchange Act.

Additional information concerning the terms of the proposed settlement, the May 2, 2024 hearing, and the requirements for making any objections to the proposed settlement can be found in the Notice of Pendency of Derivative Action and Hearing on Proposed Settlement and Motion for Settlement Approval, which is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1, and available on the Company's website, at <u>https://investor.amctheatres.com/notice-03-12-2024</u>. The foregoing description of the settlement is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of Exhibit 99.1 attached hereto. A copy of the press release issued by AMC in connection with the proposed settlement is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.2 and is incorporated herein by reference.

# Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit	
No.	Description of Exhibit
<u>99.1</u>	Notice of Pendency of Derivative Action and Hearing on Proposed Settlement and Motion for Settlement Approval.
<u>99.2</u>	Press Release.
104	Cover Page Interactive Data File (embedded within the Inline XBRL document).

# SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: March 12, 2024

AMC ENTERTAINMENT HOLDINGS, INC.

By: /s/ Kevin M. Connor

Name: Kevin M. Connor Title: Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

DENNIS J. DONOGHUE, and MARK RUBENSTEIN,

Plaintiffs,

– v. –

AMC ENTERTAINMENT HOLDINGS, INC.,

Nominal Defendant,

- and -

ANTARA CAPITAL MASTER FUND LP, ANTARA CAPITAL FUND GP LLC, ANTARA CAPITAL LP, ANTARA CAPITAL GP LLC, and HIMANSHU GULATI,

Defendants.

# NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF DERIVATIVE ACTION AND HEARING ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AND MOTION FOR SETTLEMENT APPROVAL

TO: ALL PERSONS OR ENTITIES WHO OWN, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, ANY SECURITY OF AMC ENTERTAINMENT HOLDINGS, INC.

PLEASE READ THIS NOTICE CAREFULLY AND IN ITS ENTIRETY. YOUR RIGHTS WILL BE AFFECTED BY PROCEEDINGS IN THIS ACTION.

This Notice is given by order of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York (the "Court"). The purpose of this Notice is to advise you of a proposed settlement (the "Settlement") of the action captioned above (the "Action"). The terms of the Settlement are set forth in a Stipulation of Settlement dated September 11, 2023. A hearing will be held on the Settlement by the Honorable Jennifer H. Rearden, United States District Judge, in Courtroom 12B of the Daniel Patrick Moynihan United States Courthouse located at 500 Pearl Street, New York, New York at 1:15 p.m. on May 2, 2024 (the "Settlement Fairness Hearing"). At the Settlement Fairness Hearing, the Court will consider, among other things, whether to approve the Settlement as fair, reasonable, and adequate to AMC Entertainment Holdings, Inc. ("AMC") and its stockholders. If the Court approves the Settlement, the Action will be dismissed with prejudice, and AMC and all holders of AMC securities will be barred from prosecuting the claims alleged in the Action.

ECF CASE

No. 23-cv-4985-JHR

# THE ACTION

### Nature of the Claims and Defenses

The Plaintiffs in the Action are stockholders of AMC. They brought the Action derivatively on AMC's behalf under Section 16(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Act"). Section 16(b) of the Act applies to, among other persons, every beneficial owner of more than 10% of any class of an issuer's registered equity securities (a "10% beneficial owner"). Under Section 16(b), the issuer is entitled to recover from each 10% beneficial owner any profit the 10% beneficial owner realizes from any purchase and sale of the issuer's equity securities within any period of less than six months.

Plaintiffs' First Amended Complaint was filed on July 19, 2023. It asserts claims for recovery under Section 16(b) of the Act against Defendants Antara Capital Master Fund LP, Antara Capital Fund GP LLC, Antara Capital LP, Antara Capital GP LLC, and Himanshu Gulati (collectively, the "Antara Defendants"). The first four claims allege that the Antara Defendants realized a total of at least \$28.75 million in profit recoverable under Section 16(b) from transactions in AMC's equity securities between December 22, 2022 and June 28, 2023. The fifth claim seeks recovery under the alternative theory that the Antara Defendants did not become 10% beneficial owners of AMC until February 7, 2023, when they closed a purchase of 106,595,106 AMC Preferred Equity Units ("APEs") from AMC. Under the alternative theory of the fifth claim, the Antara Defendants allegedly realized approximately \$3.8 million in profit recoverable under Section 16(b) from transactions in AMC's equity securities between February 7, 2023 and June 28, 2023.

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The Antara Defendants have not answered the First Amended Complaint but have addressed its allegations in extensive communications with Plaintiffs' counsel and AMC over the course of several months. In those discussions, counsel to the Antara Defendants have asserted, among other things, that (1) none of the Antara Defendants was at any time subject to Section 16(b) of the Act as a 10% beneficial owner of any class of AMC's registered equity securities; (2) even if certain of the Antara Defendants were 10% beneficial owners subject to Section 16(b) of the Act, they did not become 10% beneficial owners until the closing of the forward purchase of the APEs on February 7, 2023; and (3) Plaintiffs and AMC lack standing to pursue a Section 16(b) action against the Antara Defendants under Article III of the U.S. Constitution. Based on these and other possible defenses, the Antara Defendants contend that AMC has no right to recovery and deny each and every allegation of wrongdoing or liability raised in the First Amended Complaint.

# Settlement Negotiations

AMC began investigating a potential claim under Section 16(b) of the Act against the Antara Defendants in February 2023. The investigation was conducted with the assistance of AMC's outside counsel, who discussed the potential claim in communications with counsel to Plaintiffs and the Antara Defendants. Counsel to AMC and the Plaintiffs also reviewed the Antara Defendants' transactions in AMC's equity securities and prepared potential profit calculations under various scenarios and assumptions.

The terms of the Antara Defendants' transactions in AMC's equity securities were publicly disclosed in statements filed by the Antara Defendants with the SEC. The disclosure included the dates, quantities, prices, and type of security involved in each transaction. Because the terms of these transactions were publicly disclosed and not in dispute, AMC has not relied on discovery in evaluating Plaintiffs' Section 16(b) claims against the Antara Defendants. AMC's evaluation focused instead on the legal questions raised by Plaintiffs' claims. These questions included: (1) when, if at all, the Antara Defendants became 10% beneficial owners of a registered class of AMC's equity securities; (2) how much profit the Antara Defendants realized from any transactions executed while they were 10% beneficial owners; and (3) whether AMC and Plaintiffs have standing to pursue recovery of this profit in federal court.

AMC considered these questions with the assistance of its in-house and outside counsel in consultation with Plaintiffs' counsel and with input from counsel to the Antara Defendants. If Plaintiffs were to prevail on all of their claims, AMC could be entitled to recover more than \$28.75 million from the Antara Defendants. If the Court found that the Antara Defendants did not become 10% beneficial owners of AMC until the closing of the forward purchase of APEs on February 7, 2023, then AMC's best possible recovery might be limited to approximately \$3.8 million. If the Antara Defendants were found not to have been 10% beneficial owners of AMC at any time, or if AMC and Plaintiffs were found to lack standing to pursue recovery under Section 16(b), then AMC would likely recover nothing from the Antara Defendants.

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There is limited or conflicting law on the questions discussed above, and AMC cannot predict with certainty which of the questions, if any, would be resolved in its favor. There is also significant uncertainty about the proper method of profit calculation in Section 16(b) cases where, as here, the defendant is alleged to have traded different classes of equity securities or a combination of equity securities and derivative securities. There is also substantial legal authority and principles strongly suggesting that, at best, the Antara Defendants did not become 10% beneficial owners of AMC securities until after the APEs purchase was cleared under the Hart-Scott-Rodino Act on February 7, 2023. AMC considered these risks and uncertainties in negotiating the Settlement. It also considered the other risks and uncertainties of litigation, including the out-of-pocket expenses of litigation, the dissipation of any eventual recovery through the accrual of additional legal fees, the diversion of management's time and energy, and unforeseen events that could bar or limit recovery.

AMC and the Antara Defendants first entered into settlement negotiations in May 2023. Negotiations continued after Plaintiffs filed their complaint on June 13, 2023 and after the First Amended Complaint was filed on July 19, 2023. More than ten offers or counteroffers were exchanged before AMC and the Antara Defendants reached an agreement in principle in August. Plaintiffs were informed of material developments in these negotiations and, after reviewing the proposed terms of the agreement in principle, decided to enter into the Settlement with AMC and the Antara Defendants to resolve the Action. The Settlement was memorialized in a Stipulation of Settlement dated September 11, 2023 (the "Stipulation"), which all of the Parties have signed and which AMC filed with the Court on September 13, 2023.

### Settlement Terms

If the Settlement is approved, the Antara Defendants will be required to make a cash payment to AMC equal to \$3,300,000.00. In exchange, the Action will be dismissed on the merits and with prejudice and the Court will enter a final Order and Judgment which provides for a dismissal of the First Amended Complaint and a release and bar order in the following form:

To the full extent set forth in the Stipulation, each Antara Defendant and every other Antara Released Party (as defined in the Stipulation) is hereby discharged and released from any and all liability and damages under or based upon any and all claims, rights, causes of action, suits, matters, demands, transactions, circumstances and issues, known or unknown, absolute or contingent, accrued or not accrued, liquidated or unliquidated, or otherwise, arising out of or relating to the subject matter of the First Amended Complaint under Section 16(b) of the Act: (i) by Plaintiffs on behalf of themselves or any other person or entity, (ii) by AMC, or (iii) by any and all owners of any security of AMC, whether individually, directly, representatively, derivatively, or in any other capacity.

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Plaintiffs, counsel for Plaintiffs, AMC, and all owners of any security of AMC and their counsel, or any of them, either individually, directly, derivatively, representatively, or in any other capacity, are permanently barred and enjoined from instituting or prosecuting this Action or any other action, in this or any other court or tribunal of this or any other jurisdiction, arising out of or relating to the subject matter of the First Amended Complaint under Section 16(b) of the Act: (i) by Plaintiffs on behalf of herself or any other person or entity, (ii) by AMC, or (iii) by any and all owners of any security of AMC, whether individually, directly, representatively, derivatively, or in any other capacity.

The above terms of the Settlement, if approved, will forever bar AMC, Plaintiffs, and any other owner of any security of AMC from prosecuting the Action or any other action under Section 16(b) of the Act relating to the subject matter of the First Amended Complaint.

Because the Action was brought derivatively on behalf of AMC, the Antara Defendants' payments under the Settlement will be made to AMC directly.

The Settlement is not and shall not be construed or deemed as evidence or an admission of any fault or liability by the Antara Defendants, and the Antara Defendants do not concede any merit to Plaintiffs' theories or any infirmities in the Antara Defendants' prospective defenses. If the Court does not approve the Settlement, or if the Order approving the Settlement is reversed on appeal, then the rights and duties of the Parties will revert to their respective statuses as of the date immediately prior to the execution of the Stipulation.

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#### Attorneys' Fees

Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP has acted as outside counsel to AMC in this matter. AMC also engaged James A. Hunter as Special Section 16(b) Litigation Counsel to advise it on the negotiation of the Settlement and, if necessary, the prosecution of any Section 16(b) claims against the Antara Defendants. Mr. Hunter's agreement with AMC provides for a 22.5% contingency fee payable out of any funds actually received by AMC under the Settlement. If the Settlement is approved and the payments required of the Antara Defendants are duly made in accordance with the Stipulation, then a total of \$742,500.00 will be payable to Mr. Hunter under this contingency fee arrangement.

Mr. Hunter has agreed under the terms of the Settlement to divide his contingency fee evenly with the three firms representing Plaintiffs in the Action. These three firms are David Lopez, Attorney at Law; Miriam Tauber PLLC; and Sterlington PLLC. Each of these three firms and Mr. Hunter is therefore expected to receive \$185,625.00 from the proceeds of the Settlement if the Settlement is approved. AMC consented to the division of Mr. Hunter's contingency fee as described above in order to allow Mr. Hunter to perform an agreement he had entered into prior to the filing of this Action and prior to his engagement by AMC. At that time, Mr. Hunter had represented an AMC stockholder asserting Section 16(b) claims similar to those raised in the First Amended Complaint and had promised to divide evenly with Plaintiffs' counsel any attorneys' fees earned by him in this matter.

Because Plaintiffs' counsel will be paid out of Mr. Hunter's contingency fee as described above, the Settlement does not require AMC to make any separate payment to Plaintiffs' counsel, and no application for an award of attorneys' fees will be made to the Court. The division of Mr. Hunter's contingency fee as described above is an obligation solely of Mr. Hunter. AMC has no liability to make any payment to Plaintiffs' counsel or any other stockholder attorney in connection with the Action or the claims alleged in the First Amended Complaint.

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## THE SETTLEMENT FAIRNESS HEARING

A hearing will be held on the Settlement before the Honorable Jennifer H. Rearden, United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, at the United States Courthouse located at 500 Pearl Street, New York, New York, at 1:15 p.m. on May 2, 2024 (or at such other time and place as the Court hereafter may set, without further notice other than announcement thereof in open court at the above time and place). At the Settlement Fairness Hearing, the Court will consider, among other things, whether the terms of the Settlement are fair, reasonable, adequate, and in the best interests of AMC and its stockholders, and whether AMC and Plaintiffs have diligently prosecuted AMC's putative Section 16(b) claim against the Antara Defendants.

If you are the owner of an AMC security, you may appear personally or by counsel and be heard at the Settlement Fairness Hearing, and you may support, object to, or otherwise express your views regarding the Settlement. But you will not be heard and will not be entitled to contest approval of the Settlement unless, on or before April 18, 2024, you file with the Court a notice of your intent to appear that (i) sets forth the type of AMC security that you own, the amount of such security, and the date or dates on which you purchased it; (ii) states your support of, objections to, or other views on the Settlement; and (iii) lists any witnesses you intend to call and any exhibits or other papers you intend to present to the Court at the Settlement Fairness Hearing. On or before April 18, 2024, you must also serve, in person or by mail, a copy of your notice of intent to appear, including the information described in clauses (i) through (iii) above, on each of the following persons:

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Counsel for the Antara Defendants

# FURTHER INFORMATION

This Notice only summarizes the terms of the Settlement. For the complete terms of the Settlement, you should review the Stipulation, a copy of which has been filed with the Court and posted on AMC's Investor Relations site at https://investor.amctheatres.com. AMC has also filed a copy of the Stipulation on a Form 8-K with the SEC. Copies of AMC's filings with the SEC may be found on the SEC's website at http://www.sec.gov.

You may also wish to review other papers filed with the Court in the Action. Copies of all papers filed with the Court in the Action may be inspected at the office of the Clerk of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, 500 Pearl Street, New York, New York, during normal business hours. Filings may also be downloaded from the Court's Public Access to Court Electronic Records (PACER) system available online at https://ecf.nysd.uscourts.gov/cgi-bin/ShowIndex.pl.

You may also obtain further information about the Action or the Settlement by contacting AMC's Special Section 16(b) Litigation Counsel during normal business hours as follows:

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# PLEASE DO NOT CALL OR WRITE THE COURT OR THE CLERK'S OFFICE OTHER THAN TO FILE NOTICES OF YOUR INTENT TO SUPPORT OR OPPOSE THE SETTLEMENT AND ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTS.

Dated: March 8, 2024 New York, New York

> BY ORDER OF THE U.S. DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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Exhibit 99.2

**INVESTOR RELATIONS:** John Merriwether, 866-248-3872 InvestorRelations@amctheatres.com

> **MEDIA CONTACTS:** Ryan Noonan, (913) 213-2183

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THEATRES

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## AMC ENTERTAINMENT HOLDINGS, INC. **PROVIDES SETTLEMENT NOTICE**

LEAWOOD, KANSAS - (March 12, 2024) - AMC Entertainment Holdings, Inc. (NYSE: AMC), today announced that a federal court in New York has issued an order preliminarily approving a proposed settlement reached by all parties to a civil action brought by plaintiffs Dennis J. Donoghue and Mark Rubenstein, each of whom are AMC shareholders, for AMC to recover so-called "short-swing" profits under Section 16(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act") alleged to have been realized by defendants Antara Capital Master Fund LP, Antara Capital Fund GP LLC, Antara Capital LP, Antara Capital GP LLC, and Himanshu Gulati (collectively, the "Antara Defendants") in connection with their purchases and sales of AMC securities. AMC is party to the suit in name only, which was brought for the benefit of AMC.

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The settlement notice has been posted to the Investor Relations section of AMC's website at https://investor.amctheatres.com/notice-03-12-2024.

### About AMC Entertainment Holdings, Inc.

AMC is the largest movie exhibition company in the United States, the largest in Europe and the largest throughout the world with approximately 900 theatres and 10,000 screens across the globe. AMC has propelled innovation in the exhibition industry by: deploying its Signature power-recliner seats; delivering enhanced food and beverage choices; generating greater guest engagement through its loyalty and subscription programs, website, and mobile apps; offering premium large format experiences and playing a wide variety of content including the latest Hollywood releases and independent programming. For more information, visit www.amctheatres.com.



#### Website Information

This press release, along with other news about AMC, is available at <u>www.amctheatres.com</u>. We routinely post information that may be important to investors in the Investor Relations section of our website, <u>https://investor.amctheatres.com/</u>. We use this website as a means of disclosing material, non-public information and for complying with our disclosure obligations under Regulation FD, and we encourage investors to consult that section of our website regularly for important information about AMC. The information contained on, or that may be accessed through, our website is not incorporated by reference into, and is not a part of, this document. Investors interested in automatically receiving news and information when posted to our website can also visit <u>https://investor.amctheatres.com/</u> to sign up for email alerts.

### **Forward-Looking Statements**

This communication includes "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the federal securities laws, including the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forward-looking statements may be identified by the use of words such as "may," "will," "forecast," "estimate," "project," "intend," "plan," "expect," "should," "believe" and other similar expressions that predict or indicate future events or trends or that are not statements of historical matters. These forward-looking statements are based only on our current beliefs, expectations and assumptions regarding the future of our business, future plans and strategies, projections, anticipated events and trends, the economy and other future conditions and speak only as of the date on which they are made. Examples of forward-looking statements include statements we make regarding the settlement and any approval thereof. These forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties, assumptions and other factors, and are based on information available at the time the statements are made and/or management's good faith belief as of that time with respect to future events, and are subject to risks, trends, uncertainties and other facts that could cause actual performance or results to differ materially from those expressed in or suggested by the forward-looking statements should not be read as a guarantee of future performance or results and will not necessarily be accurate indications of the times at, or by, which such performance or results will be achieved. For a detailed discussion of risks, trends and uncertainties facing AMC, see the section entitled "Risk Factors" in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2023, as thereafter amended, and Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2023, each as filed with the SEC, and the risks, trends and uncertainties identified in the Company's other public filings. The Company does not intend, and undertakes no duty, to update

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