

HCI Group, Inc.  
Form 8-K  
February 14, 2018

**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 and Exchange Act of 1934**

**Date of Report (or Date of Earliest Event Reported): February 8, 2018**

**HCI Group, Inc.**

**(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)**

**Florida**  
**(State or Other Jurisdiction**  
**of Incorporation or Organization**

**001-34126**  
**(Commission File Number)**

**5300 West Cypress Street, Suite 100**

**20-5961396**  
**(I.R.S. Employer**  
**Identification Number)**

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**Tampa, Florida 33607**

**(Address of Principal Executive Offices)**

**813-849-9500**

**(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 (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 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement**

On February 8, 2018, the compensation committee of our board of directors awarded our chief executive officer, Paresh Patel, 40,000 restricted common shares and options to purchase 110,000 of our common shares at an exercise price of \$40 per share. Both the restricted shares and the options vest in equal annual installments over four years, so long as Mr. Patel remains employed by the company. The options will expire on February 8, 2028.

The awards were made pursuant to the HCI Group, Inc. 2012 Omnibus Incentive Plan, as amended, and represent the equity portion of Mr. Patel's annual compensation package, the framework of which has been developed in consultation with certain of the company's largest shareholders. In addition to equity awards, the package includes an annual salary and is expected to include an incentive cash bonus plan. In the opinion of the compensation committee, a combination of restricted shares and stock purchase options vesting over four years best aligns Mr. Patel's equity compensation with the long-term success of the company and shareholder returns.

The foregoing summary of the equity awards does not purport to be complete and is subject to, and qualified in its entirety by, the full text of the restricted stock award contract and the nonqualified stock option agreement appearing respectively as exhibit 99.1 and 99.2 to this Form 8-K.

**Item 5.02 Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers**

The matters discussed in Item 1.01 are hereby incorporated into this Item 5.02.

**Item 9.01 Exhibits**

Exhibit 99.1 Restricted Stock Award Contract

Exhibit 99.2 Nonqualified Stock Option Agreement

**SIGNATURE**

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, thereunto duly authorized.

Dated: February 14, 2018.

**HCI GROUP, INC.**

BY: /s/ James Mark Harmsworth

Name: James Mark Harmsworth

Title: Chief Financial Officer

A signed original of this Form 8-K has been provided to HCI Group, Inc. and will be retained by HCI Group, Inc. and furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission or its staff upon request.