

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) November 23, 2021

Booking Holdings Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other Jurisdiction of
Incorporation)

1-36691

(Commission File Number)

06-1528493

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

800 Connecticut Avenue

(Address of principal office)

Norwalk

Connecticut

06854

(zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(203) 299-8000**

N/A

(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:

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- 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-4c under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Securities Registered Pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of Each Class:	Trading Symbol	Name of Each Exchange on which Registered:
Common Stock par value \$0.008 per share	BKNG	The NASDAQ Global Select Market
0.800% Senior Notes Due 2022	BKNG 22A	The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC
2.150% Senior Notes Due 2022	BKNG 22	The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC
2.375% Senior Notes Due 2024	BKNG 24	The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC
0.100% Senior Notes Due 2025	BKNG 25	The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC
1.800% Senior Notes Due 2027	BKNG 27	The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC
0.500% Senior Notes Due 2028	BKNG 28	The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC

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 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.

On November 23, 2021, Booking Holdings Inc. announced that it entered into an agreement to acquire global flight booking provider Etraveli Group. A copy of the press release announcing the proposed acquisition is furnished with this Current Report as Exhibit 99.1.

The information furnished pursuant to Item 7.01 of this Current Report shall not be deemed to be "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, and shall not be incorporated by reference into any registration statement or other document under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit Number	Description
99.1	Press release dated November 23, 2021.

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.

BOOKING HOLDINGS INC.

By: /s/ David I. Goulden
Name: David I. Goulden
Title: Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Date: November 23, 2021

Booking Holdings Enters Into An Agreement With CVC Capital Partners To Acquire Etraveli Group

NORWALK, Conn., November 23, 2021--Booking Holdings Inc. (NASDAQ: BKNG) today announced that it has entered into an agreement with funds managed by CVC Capital Partners ("CVC") to acquire global flight booking provider, Etraveli Group, for approximately €1.63 billion. Completion of the acquisition is subject to certain closing conditions, including regulatory approval.

Already a partner of Booking.com - helping power its existing flight product - the acquisition of Etraveli Group will complement Booking Holdings' ongoing work to build a frictionless global flights offering to deliver on the Company's overall mission to make it easier for everyone to experience the world.

"As international air travel rebounds from the impact of the pandemic, we look forward to building upon our existing relationship with Etraveli Group to make the travel booking experience easier and more seamless to support our partners and customers," said Booking Holdings' Chief Executive Officer, Glenn Fogel.

"Booking Holdings pioneered the travel space more than two decades ago and they continue to pave the path forward by developing solutions to create seamless travel experiences," said Mathias Hedlund, Etraveli Group's Chief Executive Officer. "We have had a fantastic time together with our current owner CVC, establishing Etraveli Group as a global provider of attractive flight options at affordable prices. Today is a day of recognition, as well as marking a new phase in our relentless urge to improve further. We are thrilled to become a part of Booking Holdings, and we look forward to the next chapter of our own development as we continue to enhance the flight booking experience for our customers and partners worldwide."

"Mathias and his team have built a world-leading platform for selling flights. Joining the Booking Holdings family is a logical step in Etraveli's journey. We wish them all the very best and bon voyage!" said Lorne Somerville, Chairman of Etraveli Group and a Managing Partner of CVC.

Etraveli Group will remain headquartered in Sweden and operate as an independent business under Booking Holdings, led by their current management team.

About Booking Holdings

Booking Holdings (NASDAQ: BKNG) is the world's leading provider of online travel and related services, provided to consumers and local partners in more than 220 countries and territories through six primary consumer-facing brands: Booking.com, Priceline, Agoda, Rentalcars.com, KAYAK and OpenTable. The mission of Booking Holdings is to make it easier for everyone to experience the world. For more information, visit [BookingHoldings.com](https://www.BookingHoldings.com) and follow us on Twitter @BookingHoldings.

About Etraveli Group

Etraveli Group was founded in 2000 and is a global technology provider for Flights focused on offering the best possible flight content delivered through flexible tech solutions to the consumer and any company facing the consumer. Through our own consumer brands like Gotogate, Mytrip, Flightnetwork and through our global partnerships with the likes of Google Flights, Skyscanner, Kayak, Booking.com and others we provide search, book and fulfilment services of Flights and related products. The Group also operates the airline integration company TripStack. The company has nearly 1000 employees and its headquarters are located in Sweden with offices also in Athens, Toronto and several cities in India.

About CVC Capital Partners

CVC is a leading private equity and investment advisory firm with a network of 25 offices throughout Europe, Asia and the US, with approximately US\$125 billion of assets under management. Since its founding in 1981, CVC has secured commitments in excess of US\$165 billion from some of the world's leading institutional investors across its private equity and credit strategies. Funds managed or advised by CVC are invested in more than 100 companies worldwide, which have combined annual sales of over US\$100 billion and employ more than 450,000 people. For further information about CVC please visit: www.cvc.com.