

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): **January 31, 2018**

CAPITAL SOUTHWEST CORPORATION

(Exact Name Of Registrant As Specified In Charter)

Texas
(State or Other Jurisdiction of
Incorporation)

814-00061
(Commission File Number)

75-1072796
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

5400 Lyndon B. Johnson Freeway, Suite 1300
Dallas, Texas 75240
(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(214) 238-5700**

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 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

On January 31, 2018, Capital Southwest Corporation (the “Company”) issued a press release announcing the income tax treatment of its 2017 dividends, a copy of which has been furnished as Exhibit 99.1 hereto and is incorporated by reference herein. For the tax year ended December 31, 2017, approximately 27.9% of the distributions paid in 2017 will be taxed as long-term capital gains, approximately 16.7% will be taxed as qualified dividends and approximately 55.4% will be taxed as ordinary income.

The information furnished in this Current Report on Form 8-K under Item 7.01, including Exhibit 99.1, shall not be deemed “filed” for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1934, except as shall be expressly set forth by reference in a future filing.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press release issued by Capital Southwest Corporation on January 31, 2018

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.

Dated: January 31, 2018

By: /s/ Bowen S. Diehl
Name: Bowen S. Diehl
Title: Chief Executive Officer and
President

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Capital Southwest Announces Federal Tax Treatment of 2017 Dividends

Dallas, Texas – January 31, 2018 – Capital Southwest Corporation (“Capital Southwest” or the “Company”; Nasdaq: CSWC), an internally managed Business Development Company focused on providing flexible financing solutions to support the acquisition and growth of middle market businesses, announced today the tax treatments of its 2017 dividends.

Capital Southwest paid dividends totaling \$1.16 per share that are attributable to the tax year ended December 31, 2017, with approximately 27.9% of those dividends taxed as long-term capital gains, approximately 16.7% taxed as qualified dividends and approximately 55.4% taxed as ordinary income. Long-term capital gains and qualified dividends paid to non-corporate taxpayers (including individuals) qualify for favorable tax treatment under the Internal Revenue Code (“IRC”) and, for 2017, will generally be subject to a maximum 20% U.S. federal income tax rate (plus a 3.8% Medicare surtax, if applicable). The Company has posted information regarding the U.S. federal income tax characteristics of its dividends that are attributable to 2017 (the “2017 Form 1099 Information”) on its website (<http://www.capitalsouthwest.com/tax-information>).

Non-U.S. resident and foreign corporation shareholders (“Non-U.S. Shareholders”) in a Regulated Investment Company (“RIC”) such as Capital Southwest are exempt from U.S. withholding tax on both “interest-related” dividends and short-term capital gains in accordance with the IRC sections 871(k) and 881(e). In addition, Non-U.S. Shareholders in a RIC are also exempt from U.S. withholding tax on long-term capital gains. Approximately 94.5% of Capital Southwest’s 2017 dividends relate to “interest-related” dividends, short-term capital gains and long-term capital gains. See the “Tax Treatment of 2017 Dividends for Non-U.S. Shareholders” posted on the Company’s website for more details (<http://www.capitalsouthwest.com/tax-information>).

Dividends distributed to Non-U.S. Shareholders may have been withheld to pay U.S. federal income tax. Non-U.S. Shareholders should contact their tax advisor with any questions regarding this information, and its application to any claim for refund of taxes paid to the U.S. Internal Revenue Service.

About Capital Southwest

Capital Southwest Corporation (Nasdaq: CSWC) is a Dallas, Texas-based, internally managed Business Development Company, with approximately \$293 million in net assets as of September 30, 2017. As a middle-market lending firm focused on supporting the acquisition and growth of middle market businesses, Capital Southwest makes investments ranging from \$5 to \$20 million in securities across the capital structure, including first lien, unitranche, second lien, subordinated debt and non-control equity co-investments. As a public company with a permanent capital base, Capital Southwest has the flexibility to be creative in its financing solutions and to invest to support the growth of its portfolio companies over long periods of time.

Forward-Looking Statements

This press release contains historical information and forward-looking statements within the meaning of The Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 with respect to the business and investments of Capital Southwest. Forward-looking statements are statements that are not historical statements and can often be identified by words such as “will,” “may,” “could,” “believe,” “expect” and similar expressions and variations or negatives of these words. These statements are based on management's current expectations, assumptions and beliefs. They are not guarantees of future results and are subject to numerous risks, uncertainties and assumptions that could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed in any forward-looking statement. These risks include risks related to changes in the markets in which Capital Southwest invests, changes in the financial and lending markets, regulatory changes, tax treatment and general economic and business conditions.

Readers should not place undue reliance on any forward-looking statements and are encouraged to review Capital Southwest's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended March 31, 2017 and subsequent filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission for a more complete discussion of the risks and other factors that could affect any forward-looking statements. Except as required by the federal securities laws, Capital Southwest does not undertake any obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events, changing circumstances or any other reason after the date of this press release.

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