UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, DC 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report: March 6, 2020 (Date of earliest event reported)

STEVEN MADDEN, LTD.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware

000-23702

13-3588231

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

(Commission File Number)

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

52-16 Barnett Avenue, Long Island City, New York 11104 (Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (718) 446-1800

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

| Title of Each Class | Trading Symbol(s) | Name of each exchange on which registered |
|--------------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| Common Stock, par value \$0.0001 per share | SHOO | The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC |

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:

o Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

o Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)

o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

o 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 o

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. o

Item 4.01. Change in Registrant's Certifying Accountant.

(a) Dismissal of Previous Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

On March 6, 2020, the Audit Committee (the "Audit Committee") of the Board of Directors of Steven Madden, Ltd. ("we," "us," or "our") dismissed EisnerAmper LLP ("EisnerAmper") as our independent registered public accounting firm effective immediately.

EisnerAmper's reports on our consolidated financial statements for the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018 did not contain an adverse opinion or a disclaimer of opinion, and were not qualified or modified as to uncertainty, audit scope, or accounting principles.

During our two most recent fiscal years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018, and the subsequent interim period through March 6, 2020, there were (i) no disagreements, within the meaning of Item 304(a)(1)(iv) of Regulation S-K promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended ("Regulation S-K"), and the related instructions thereto, with EisnerAmper on any matter of accounting principles or practices, financial statement disclosure, or auditing scope or procedure, which disagreements, if not resolved to the satisfaction of EisnerAmper, would have caused it to make reference to the subject matter of the disagreements in connection with its reports on our consolidated financial statements for such years, and (ii) no "reportable events" within the meaning of Item 304(a)(1)(v) of Regulation S-K and the related instructions thereto.

We have provided EisnerAmper with the disclosures under this Item 4.01(a), and have requested EisnerAmper to furnish us with a letter addressed to the Securities and Exchange Commission stating whether it agrees with the statements made by us in this Item 4.01(a) and, if not, stating the respects in which it does not agree. EisnerAmper's letter is attached as Exhibit 16.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

(b) Appointment of New Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

On March 6, 2020, the Audit Committee approved the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP ("EY") as our independent registered public accounting firm, effective upon dismissal of EisnerAmper on March 6, 2020. During our two most recent fiscal years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018, and the subsequent interim period through March 6, 2020, neither we nor anyone acting on our behalf consulted with EY regarding any of the matters or events set forth in Item 304(a)(2) of Regulation S-K.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

| (d) | Exhibits: |
|---------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| Exhibit | Description |
| 16.1 | Letter from EisnerAmper LLP, dated March 11, 2020 |
| 104 | Cover Page Interactive Data File (formatted as Inline XBRL) |

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: March 11, 2020

STEVEN MADDEN, LTD.

By: /s/ Edward R. Rosenfeld Edward R. Rosenfeld Chief Executive Officer March 11, 2020

Securities and Exchange Commission 100 F Street, N.E. Washington, DC 20549

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have read item 4.01(a) of Form 8-K dated March 11, 2020 of Steven Madden, LTD. and are in agreement with the statements contained therein as it regards our firm. We have no basis to agree or disagree with the other statements of the registrant contained in Item 4.01(b).

Sincerely,

/s/ EisnerAmper LLP EisnerAmper LLP