## **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): December 2, 2015

# HARRIS & HARRIS GROUP, INC. (Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

	New York	0-11576	13-3119827	
	(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)	
		1450 Broadway New York, New York 10018		
(Address, including zip code, of Principal Executive Offices)				
		(212) 582-0900		
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)				
	ck the appropriate box below if the Form of the following provisions:	8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy th	e filing obligation of the registrant under	
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	Pre-commencement communications pu	mmencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))		
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## Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

The disclosure in Item 8.01 below is hereby incorporated by reference.

#### Item 8.01. Other Events.

On March 16, 2015, Harris & Harris Group, Inc. (the "Company") announced that on March 13, 2015, H&H Ventures Management, Inc. ("Ventures"), a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company, entered into an Administrative Services Agreement ("Agreement") with AutoTech Management, L.L.C. ("AutoTech"). AutoTech has been organized to serve as the management company to a venture fund. That fund will make investments in the transportation industry, an industry that is not currently within the investment focus of the Company. As part of this Agreement, Ventures will provide certain administrative services related to AutoTech for which it will be compensated. In connection with Ventures entering into the Agreement, Alexei A. Andreev, Executive Vice President and Managing Director of the Company, formally notified the Company that he will join AutoTech as a Managing Director, and that once the fund has closed, Mr. Andreev would no longer be an officer of the Company and would assume the title of Venture Partner.

The fund completed its first closing on December 2, 2015. As reported on March 16, 2015, Mr. Andreev will remain an employee with the Company to assist the Company as its representative on the board of directors of D-Wave Systems, Inc., Adesto Technologies Corporation, EchoPixel, Inc., and NGX Bio, Inc., (collectively, the "Legacy Companies"), until such time that the Company and/or Andreev change that representation. The Company and Mr. Andreev agree that for so long as Mr. Andreev is a Managing Director of AutoTech, other than with respect to the Legacy Companies, he shall not source, lead, manage or otherwise invest in any deals on behalf of the Company or its affiliates.

Also on December 2, 2015, Mr. Andreev entered into an employment agreement with the Company that is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 (the "Employment Agreement"). The Employment Agreement states that Mr. Andreev will remain a full-time employee of the Company through December 31, 2015, and continue to receive his same base salary of \$325,000 per annum. As of January 1, 2016, Mr. Andreev will transition to a part-time employee of the Company and receive a base salary of either a) \$180,000 per annum while the Fund's aggregate capital commitment from its investors is equal to or less than \$49,999,999; b) \$115,000 per annum after the Fund's aggregate capital commitment from its investors is equal to or greater than \$50,000,000; or c) until such point that Mr. Andreev is no longer managing all four of the Legacy Companies. At such time, the Company will reduce Mr. Andreev's compensation commensurate with his involvement with the Company to a level determined by the Company and Mr. Andreev. Either party can terminate this Agreement with 30 days' notice to the other party.

## Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

- (a) Not applicable.
- (b) Not applicable.
- (c) Not applicable.
- (d) Exhibits.

## Exhibit No. Description

99.1 Alexei A. Andreev Employment Agreement

## **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.

HARRIS & HARRIS GROUP, INC.

Date: December 4, 2015 By: /s/ Patricia N. Egan

Patricia N. Egan Chief Financial Officer

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## EXHIBIT INDEX

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99.1 Alexei A. Andreev Employment Agreement

#### ALEXELA. ANDREEV EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT

THIS EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT (the "Agreement") is entered into as of December 2, 2015, by and between Alexei A. Andreev ("Andreev"), and Harris & Harris Group, Inc., a New York corporation (the "Company").

#### RECITALS:

A. Andreev will join AutoTech Ventures (" *AutoTech*") as a Managing Director on December 2, 2015, the date of the first closing of AutoTech Fund I, L.P. (the "*Fund*") (the "*Commencement Date*"); and

B. AutoTech and H&H Ventures Management, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company, have signed an Administrative Services Agreement.

## AGREEMENT:

THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and the mutual covenants herein contained, the parties hereby agree as follows:

#### 1. Alexei Andreev.

- 1.1 The Company agrees and understands that Andreev shall become a Managing Director of AutoTech prior to the Commencement Date. Upon Andreev's admission to AutoTech as a Managing Director, Andreev will cease to be a Managing Director of the Company, and Andreev will assume a new title of Venture Partner of the Company.
- 1.2 Notwithstanding the foregoing, Andreev shall continue to serve as the Company's representative on the board of directors of D-Wave Systems, Inc., Adesto Technologies Corporation, EchoPixel, Inc., and NGX Bio, Inc., (collectively, the "Legacy Companies"), until such time that the Company and/or Andreev change that representation.
- 1.3 The Company and Andreev agree that for so long as Andreev is a Managing Director of AutoTech, other than with respect to the Legacy Companies, he shall not source, lead, manage or otherwise invest in any deals on behalf of the Company or its affiliates.
- (a) As part of this Agreement and without any further compensation, Andreev will be available to the Company to advise and consult the Company's Managing Directors on topics related to the Company.
  - 1.4 The Company and Andreev agree to the following with respect to Andreev's compensation and benefits:
- 1.4.1 From the Commencement Date through December 31, 2015, Mr. Andreev will remain a full-time employee of the Company and continue to receive the same compensation and benefits as he had been receiving prior to the Commencement Date.

1.4.2 Beginning January 1, 2016, Mr. Andreev will transition to a part-time employee of the Company and the Company will compensate Andreev:

a) \$180,000 annualized, paid in 24 equal installments, each on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of each month and the final day of each month, for his part-time employment with the Company while the Fund's aggregate capital commitment from its investors is equal to or less than \$49,999,999, until such point that Andreev is no longer managing all four of the Legacy Companies. At such time, the Company will reduce Andreev's compensation commensurate with his involvement with the Company to a level determined by the Company and Andreev; or

b) \$115,000 annualized, paid in 24 equal installments, each on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of each month and the final day of each month, for his part time employment with the Company after the Fund's aggregate capital commitment from its investors is equal to or greater than \$50,000,000, until such point that Andreev is no longer managing all four of the Legacy Companies. At such time, the Company will reduce Andreev's compensation commensurate with his involvement with the Company to a level determined by the Company and Andreev.

1.4.3 The Company will not pay any benefits, including health insurance, to Andreev after December 31, 2015. Andreev will be eligible to participate in the Company's 401(k) Plan, including the match benefit, if such benefit is approved by the Board of Directors on an annual basis and Andreev is employed by the Company as of December 31 in each year of employment.

1.4.4 The Company will reimburse all reasonable and necessary business expenses incurred by Andreev in fulfilling his responsibilities to the Company as outlined in this Agreement.

1.4.5 At the discretion of the Compensation Committee of the Company's Board of Directors, Andreev will be eligible for a bonus and/or future equity grants while he is a part-time employee of the Company if and as granted by the Compensation Committee of Company's Board of Directors.

## 2. <u>Term of Agreement; Amendment.</u>

- 2.1 Either party can terminate this Agreement with 30 days' notice to the other party.
- 2.2 Except for the right to terminate as set forth in this section, this Agreement may be amended only with the written consent of each of the parties hereto.

### 3. <u>Miscellaneous</u>.

3.1 <u>Assignment; Binding Agreement</u>. No party may assign any of its rights or obligations under this Agreement without the written consent of the other party hereto. This Agreement shall be binding upon the transferees, successors, assigns and legal representatives of the parties hereto.

- 3.2 <u>Severability</u>. Each provision of this Agreement is intended to be severable. If any term or provision hereof is found to be illegal, invalid or unenforceable for any reason whatsoever, such illegality, invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect the validity of the remainder of this Agreement.
- 3.3 <u>Notices</u>. Unless otherwise provided, any notice required or permitted under this Agreement shall be given in writing and shall be deemed effectively given upon personal delivery to the party to be notified or upon delivery by confirmed facsimile transmission, nationally recognized overnight courier service, or upon deposit with the United States Post Office, by registered or certified mail, postage prepaid and addressed to the party to be notified at the address indicated for such party on the signature page hereof, or at such other address as such party may designate by ten (10) days' advance written notice to the other party.
- 3.4 <u>Jurisdiction</u>. The laws of the State of New York (without reference to conflicts of laws provisions) shall govern the validity of this Agreement, the construction of its terms and the interpretation of the rights and duties of the parties.
- 3.5 <u>Counterparts</u>. This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, which together shall constitute one instrument.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Agreement has been executed by the parties hereto as of the date first above written.

Alexei A. Andreev

By: <u>/s/ Alexei A. Andreev</u>
Alexei A. Andreev

Address:

559 Everett Avenue Palo Alto, CA 94301

Harris & Harris Group, Inc.

By: /s/ Daniel B. Wolfe Name: Daniel B. Wolfe Title: President Address:

1450 Broadway, 24<sup>th</sup> Floor New York, NY 10018

SIGNATURE PAGE TO ANDREEV EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT