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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT  
PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

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Date of Report March 29, 2018

**Willis Lease Finance Corporation**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

**001-15369**  
(Commission File  
Number)

**68-0070656**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification Number)

**773 San Marin Drive, Suite 2215  
Novato, California 94998**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(415) 408-4700**

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:

- 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 Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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.

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## **Item 8.01 Other Events**

### **Share Buyback**

On March 29, 2018, the Company entered into a Redemption Agreement to purchase 294,787 shares of its common stock from M3 Partners, LP, a non-affiliated, institutional investor. The agreed purchase price was \$34.28 per share, the closing price of the Company's common stock as of March 29, 2018. This transaction falls within the parameters of the Company's board-approved stock repurchase program.

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## 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 duly authorized officer.

Dated April 4, 2018

WILLIS LEASE FINANCE CORPORATION

By: /s/ Dean M. Poulakidas  
Dean M. Poulakidas  
Senior Vice President and  
General Counsel