

AVIS BUDGET GROUP, INC.
Form SC 13G
July 20, 2015

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20549

SCHEDULE 13G

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

(Amendment No. ____)*

Avis Budget Group, Inc.
(Name of Issuer)

Common stock, par value \$0.01
(Title of Class of Securities)

053774105
(CUSIP Number)

July 9, 2015
(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

☐ Rule 13d-1(b)

☒ Rule 13d-1(c)

☐ Rule 13d-1(d)

*The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON OR
I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON

Marcato Capital Management LP

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a) ☐
(b) ☐

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

5 SOLE VOTING POWER

-0-

NUMBER OF
SHARES
BENEFICIALLY OWNED
BY EACH REPORTING
PERSON
WITH

6 SHARED VOTING POWER

5,717,175

7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

-0-

8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

5,717,175

9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

5,717,175

10 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES ☐

11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

5.4%

12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

IA

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON OR
I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON

Richard T. McGuire III

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a) ☐
(b) ☐

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

USA

5 SOLE VOTING POWER

-0-

NUMBER OF
SHARES

6 SHARED VOTING POWER

BENEFICIALLY OWNED
BY EACH REPORTING
PERSON
WITH

5,717,175

7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

-0-

8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

5,717,175

9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

5,717,175

10 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES ☐

11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

5.4%

12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

IN

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON OR
I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON

Marcato, L.P.

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a) ☐
(b) ☐

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

5 SOLE VOTING POWER

-0-

NUMBER OF
SHARES

6 SHARED VOTING POWER

BENEFICIALLY OWNED
BY EACH REPORTING
PERSON
WITH

1,378,743

7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

-0-

8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

1,378,743

9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

1,378,743

10 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES ☐

11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

1.3%

12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

PN

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON OR
I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON

Marcato II, L.P.

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a) ☐
(b) ☐

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

5 SOLE VOTING POWER

-0-

NUMBER OF
SHARES

6 SHARED VOTING POWER

BENEFICIALLY OWNED
BY EACH REPORTING
PERSON
WITH

96,034

7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

-0-

8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

96,034

9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

96,034

10 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES ☐

11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

0.1%

12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

PN

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON OR
I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON

Marcato International Master Fund, Ltd.

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a) ☐
(b) ☐

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Cayman Islands

5 SOLE VOTING POWER

-0-

NUMBER OF
SHARES

6 SHARED VOTING POWER

BENEFICIALLY OWNED
BY EACH REPORTING
PERSON
WITH

4,242,398

7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

-0-

8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

4,242,398

9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

4,242,398

10 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES ☐

11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

4.0%

12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

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Item 1. (a). Name of Issuer:

Avis Budget Group, Inc.

(b). Address of issuer's principal executive offices:

6 Sylvan Way
Parsippany, NJ 07054

Item (a). Name of person filing:

2.

This Schedule 13G is being filed by Marcato Capital Management LP, a Delaware limited partnership ("Marcato"), Richard T. McGuire III, a United States citizen, Marcato, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership, Marcato II, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership, and Marcato International Master Fund, Ltd., a Cayman Islands exempted company. Mr. McGuire is the managing partner of Marcato, the investment manager of Marcato, L.P., Marcato II, L.P. and Marcato International Master Fund, Ltd. Marcato, Mr. McGuire, Marcato, L.P., Marcato II, L.P. and Marcato International Master Fund, Ltd. are each a "Reporting Person" and are collectively referred to herein as the "Reporting Persons".

(b). Address or principal business office or, if none, residence:

For each reporting person:

c/o Marcato Capital Management LP
Four Embarcadero Center, Suite 2100
San Francisco, CA 94111

(c). Citizenship:

See Line 4 of the cover sheet for each Reporting Person.

(d). Title of class of securities:

Common Stock, \$0.01 par value per share

(e). CUSIP No.:

053774105

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Item 3. If This Statement is filed pursuant to §§.240.13d-1(b) or 240.13d-2(b), or (c), check whether the person filing is a

- (a) ☐ Broker or dealer registered under section 15 of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78o).
- (b) ☐ Bank as defined in section 3(a)(6) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c).
- (c) ☐ Insurance company as defined in section 3(a)(19) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c).
- (d) ☐ Investment company registered under section 8 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-8).
- (e) ☐ An investment adviser in accordance with § 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(E);
- (f) ☐ An employee benefit plan or endowment fund in accordance with § 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(F);
- (g) ☐ A parent holding company or control person in accordance with §240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(G);
- (h) ☐ A savings association as defined in Section 3(b) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C.1813);
- (i) ☐ A church plan that is excluded from the definition of an investment company under section 3(c)(14) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-3);
- (j) ☐ A non-U.S. institution in accordance with §240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J);
- (k) ☐ Group, in accordance with §240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(K). If filing as a non-U.S. institution in accordance with §240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J), please specify the type of institution:

Item 4. Ownership.

Provide the following information regarding the aggregate number and percentage of the class of securities of the issuer identified in Item 1.

(a) Amount beneficially owned:

See Line 9 of the cover sheet for each Reporting Person.

(b) Percent of class:

See Line 11 of the cover sheet for each Reporting Person.

(c) Number of shares as to which the person has:

- (i) Sole power to vote or to direct the vote
- (ii) Shared power to vote or to direct the vote
- (iii) Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of
- (iv) Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of

See Lines 5-8 of the cover sheet for each Reporting Person.

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Item 5. Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class.

Not Applicable.

Item 6. Ownership of More Than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person.

Not Applicable.

Item 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on by the Parent Holding Company or Control Person.

Not Applicable.

Item 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group.

Not Applicable.

Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group.

Not Applicable.

Item 10. Certification.

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired and are held in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect.

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SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: July 20, 2015

Marcato Capital Management
LP*

By: Marcato Holdings LLC

By:/s/ Richard T. McGuire III
Richard T. McGuire III,
Authorized Person

/s/ Richard T. McGuire III*
Richard T. McGuire III

Marcato, L.P.

By: MCM General Partner
LLC, its General Partner

By:/s/ Richard T. McGuire III
Richard T. McGuire III,
Authorized Person

Marcato II, L.P.

By: MCM General Partner
LLC, its General Partner

By:/s/ Richard T. McGuire III
Richard T. McGuire III,
Authorized Person

Marcato International Master Fund, Ltd.

By:/s/ Richard T. McGuire III
Richard T. McGuire III,
Director

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Attention: Intentional misstatements or omissions of fact constitute Federal criminal violations (see 18 U.S.C. 1001).

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Exhibit A

AGREEMENT

Each of the undersigned hereby consents and agrees to this joint filing of the Schedule 13G.

Dated: July 20, 2015

Marcato Capital Management
LP*

By: Marcato Holdings LLC

By: /s/ Richard T. McGuire III
Richard T. McGuire III,
Authorized Person

/s/ Richard T. McGuire III*
Richard T. McGuire III

Marcato, L.P.

By: MCM General Partner
LLC, its General Partner

By: /s/ Richard T. McGuire III
Richard T. McGuire III,
Authorized Person

Marcato II, L.P.

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LLC, its General Partner

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