

WILLIS LEASE FINANCE CORP
Form SC 13G
March 23, 2015

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13G
(Rule 13d-102)

INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN STATEMENTS FILED PURSUANT
TO RULE 13d-1(b), (c), AND (d) AND AMENDMENTS THERETO FILED
PURSUANT TO RULE 13d-2(b)

WILLIS LEASE FINANCE CORPORATION
(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, Par Value \$0.01 Per Share
(Title of Class of Securities)

970646105
(CUSIP Number)

March 12, 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)
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* 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 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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NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS

1

M3 FUNDS, LLC

2

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF
A MEMBER OF A GROUP

(a)

(b)

3

SEC USE ONLY

4

CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF
ORGANIZATION

STATE OF DELAWARE, UNITED
STATES OF AMERICA

NUMBER OF
SHARES
BENEFICIALLY
OWNED BY
EACH
REPORTING
PERSON WITH

SOLE VOTING POWER

5

N/A

SHARED VOTING POWER

6

472,686 shares of Common Stock

SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

7

N/A

SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

8

472,686 shares of Common Stock

9

AGGREGATE AMOUNT
BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH
REPORTING PERSON

472,686 shares of Common Stock

10

CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE
AMOUNT IN ROW 9 EXCLUDES
CERTAIN SHARES

11

PERCENT OF CLASS
REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN
ROW 9

5.7% of the outstanding shares of
Common Stock

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

12

OO (Limited Liability Company)

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M3 PARTNERS, LP

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Common Stock

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

12

PN (Limited Partnership)

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NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS

1

M3F, INC.

2

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(b)

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CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF
ORGANIZATION

STATE OF UTAH, UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA

NUMBER OF
SHARES
BENEFICIALLY
OWNED BY
EACH
REPORTING
PERSON WITH

SOLE VOTING POWER

5

N/A

SHARED VOTING POWER

6

472,686 shares of Common Stock

SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

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N/A

SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

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BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH
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Common Stock

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

12

CO, IA

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NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS

1

Jason A. Stock

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2

(a)

(b)

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CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF
ORGANIZATION

4

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

SOLE VOTING POWER

5

N/A

NUMBER OF
SHARES
BENEFICIALLY
OWNED BY
EACH
REPORTING
PERSON WITH

SHARED VOTING POWER

6

472,686 shares of Common Stock

SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

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N/A

SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

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472,686 shares of Common Stock

AGGREGATE AMOUNT
BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH
REPORTING PERSON

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REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN
ROW 9

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TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

12

IN

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NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS

1
William C. Waller

2
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(b)

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CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF
ORGANIZATION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

5
SOLE VOTING POWER
N/A

NUMBER OF
SHARES
BENEFICIALLY
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REPORTING
PERSON WITH
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N/A

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TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

IN

Item 1. (a) Name of Issuer:

Willis Lease Finance Corporation (the "Issuer")

(b) Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices:

773 San Marin Drive, Suite 2215
Novato, CA 94998

Item 2. (a) Name of Persons Filing:

M3 Funds, LLC
M3 Partners, LP
M3F, Inc.
Jason A. Stock
William C. Waller

(b) Address of Principal Business Office or, if None, Residence:

For all persons filing:

10 Exchange Place, Suite 510
Salt Lake City, UT 84111

(c) Citizenship:

M3 Funds, LLC is a Delaware limited liability company
M3 Partners, LP is a Delaware limited partnership
M3F, Inc. is a Utah corporation
Mr. Stock and Mr. Waller are United States citizens

(d) Title of Class of Securities:

Common Stock, Par Value \$0.01 Per Share

(e) CUSIP Number:

970646105

Item 3. If This Statement is Filed Pursuant to Rule 13d-1(b), or 13d-2(b) or (c), Check Whether the Person Filing is a:

Not applicable. Filed pursuant to Rule 13d-1(c).

Item 4. Ownership.

| | M3 Funds, LLC | M3 Partners, LP | M3F, Inc. | Jason A. Stock | William C. Waller |
|---|---------------|-----------------|-----------|----------------|-------------------|
| (a) Amount Beneficially Owned: | 472,686 | 472,686 | 472,686 | 472,686 | 472,686 |
| (b) Percent of Class: | 5.7% | 5.7% | 5.7% | 5.7% | 5.7% |
| (c) Number of Shares to Which Reporting Person Has: | | | | | |
| (i) Sole Voting Power: | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| (ii) Shared Voting Power: | 472,686 | 472,686 | 472,686 | 472,686 | 472,686 |
| (iii) Sole Dispositive Power: | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| (iv) Shared Dispositive Power: | 472,686 | 472,686 | 472,686 | 472,686 | 472,686 |

The reported shares are the Issuer's common stock.

All of the reported shares are owned directly by M3 Partners, L.P. ("M3 Partners"), whose general partner is M3 Funds, LLC (the "General Partner") and whose investment adviser is M3F, Inc. (the "Investment Adviser"). The General Partner and the Investment Adviser could each be deemed to be indirect beneficial owners of the reported shares, and could be deemed to share such beneficial ownership with M3 Partners.

Jason A. Stock and William C. Waller are the managers of the General Partner and the managing directors of the Investment Adviser, and could be deemed to share such indirect beneficial ownership with the General Partner, the Investment Adviser and M3 Partners.

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

If this statement is being filed to report the fact that as of the date hereof the reporting person has ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than five percent of the class of securities, check the following [].

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, each of the undersigned certifies that, to the best of his or its knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above 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.

Exhibits

Exhibit 1

Joint Filing Agreement dated March 23, 2015, among M3 Partners, LP, M3 Funds, LLC, M3F, Inc., Jason A. Stock and William C. Waller.

Signature

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of each of the undersigned's knowledge and belief, each of the undersigned certifies that the information set forth in this Statement is true, complete and correct.

Date: March 23, 2015

M3 PARTNERS, LP

By: M3 Funds, LLC, General Partner

By: /s/ Jason A. Stock

Name: Jason A. Stock

Title: Manager

Date: March 23, 2015

M3 FUNDS, LLC

By: /s/ Jason A. Stock

Name: Jason A. Stock

Title: Manager

Date: March 23, 2015

M3F, INC.

By: /s/ Jason A. Stock

Name: Jason A. Stock

Title: Managing Director

Date: March 23, 2015

/s/ Jason A. Stock

Jason A. Stock

Date: March 23, 2015

/s/ William C. Waller

William C. Waller