

**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) August 9, 2017



HUNTINGTON BANCSHARES INCORPORATED
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

1-34073
(Commission
File Number)

31-0724920
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

**Huntington Center
41 South High Street
Columbus, Ohio**
(Address of principal executive offices)

43287
(Zip Code)

(614) 480-8300
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 8.01 Other Events.

On August 9, 2017, Huntington announced Nick Stanutz's intention to retire effective at the end of the calendar year following 31 years of service in various roles of increasing leadership. As part of Stanutz's retirement, each of his teams will be led by their current leaders, who as of January 1, 2018, will report to different members of Huntington's executive leadership team.

A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 hereto.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit 99.1 – Press release of Huntington Bancshares Incorporated, dated August 9, 2017.

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.

HUNTINGTON BANCSHARES INCORPORATED

Date: August 9, 2017

By: /s/ Richard A. Cheap

Richard A. Cheap

Title: Secretary

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No.	Description
Exhibit 99.1	News release of Huntington Bancshares Incorporated, dated August 9, 2017.

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE****August 9, 2017****Media contact:** Michael Sherman, (Michael.sherman@huntington.com) 614.480.6114**Investor Relations contact:** Mark Muth, (mark.muth@huntington.com) 614.480.4720**HUNTINGTON AUTO FINANCE GROUP AND CRE EXECUTIVE STANUTZ TO RETIRE**

Thirty-one year senior executive Nick Stanutz, who built and led Huntington's Auto Finance business to new heights, to remain through year end

COLUMBUS, Ohio - Nick Stanutz today announced his intention to retire from Huntington Bancshares Incorporated (NASDAQ: HBAN; www.huntington.com) effective at the end of the year following 31 years of service in various roles of increasing leadership.

"I have thoroughly enjoyed my more than three decades at Huntington and having the opportunity to build a best-in-class auto lending business from the ground up. I have been fortunate to work with the best teams in the business and am grateful for the strong partnerships and true friendships with my colleagues and our customers," said Stanutz.

Stanutz, who began his career in retail banking at Indiana National Bank in 1978 where he also worked in commercial banking, came to Huntington in May of 1986 to help build Huntington's new auto lending portfolio. In 1993, he moved to Columbus to lead all of consumer banking for Huntington. In 1998, Stanutz became part of Huntington's leadership team at which time auto became a separate line of business for the bank. In 2010, Stanutz also took on responsibility for leading Commercial Real Estate (CRE) during a pivotal time in the economic cycle and across the industry.

"Nick has been an invaluable and integral member of our executive leadership team over the years. He's made many outstanding contributions to Huntington during his long tenure helping to lead, build and grow the bank," said Steve Steinour, Huntington's chairman, president and CEO. "Nick is an industry-respected leader, a great colleague and partner, and someone who has always looked out for our colleagues and our customers. We're grateful for his leadership and will continue to benefit from the strength of his teams, their consistent execution, depth of management and leadership."

As part of Stanutz's retirement, each of his teams will be led by their current leaders, who as of January 1, 2018, will report to different members of Huntington's executive leadership team.

"Nick has spent his entire career developing talented people," added Steinour. "We have strong teams in place as a result of his leadership, with 29-year Huntington veteran Rich Porrello continuing to manage our Auto Finance business together with experienced executives Tom Wirth and Renee Csuhran managing Recreational Vehicle & Marine and Commercial Real Estate, respectively."

Stanutz will work closely with each business and Huntington's partners and customers to ensure a seamless transition.

About Huntington Bank

Huntington Bancshares Incorporated is a regional bank holding company headquartered in Columbus, Ohio, with \$101 billion of assets and a network of 996 branches and 1,860 ATMs across eight Midwestern states. Founded in 1866, The Huntington National Bank and its affiliates provide consumer, small business, commercial, treasury management, wealth management, brokerage, trust, and insurance services. Huntington also provides auto dealer, equipment finance, national settlement and capital market services that extend beyond its core states. Visit huntington.com for more information.

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