Smart & Final Stores, Inc. Form SC 13G/A February 09, 2018

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13G

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Amendment No. 2)*

Smart & Final Stores, Inc.

(Name of Issuer)

common stock, par value \$0.001 per share

(Title of Class of Securities)

83190B 101

(CUSIP Number)

December 31, 2017

(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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

o Rule 13d-1(b)

o Rule 13d-1(c)

x 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).

1.	Names of Reporting Persons Ares Corporate Opportunities Fund III, L.P.		
2.	Check the Appropriate Box if a (a) (b)	a Member of a Group (See In o o	structions)
3.	SEC Use Only		
4.	Citizenship or Place of Organiz Delaware	zation	
Number of	5.		Sole Voting Power 0
Shares Beneficially Owned by	6.		Shared Voting Power 22,109,381 (see Item 4(a))
Each Reporting Person With	7.		Sole Dispositive Power 0
	8.		Shared Dispositive Power 22,109,381 (see Item 4(a))
9.	Aggregate Amount Beneficiall 22,109,381 (see Item 4(a))	y Owned by Each Reporting	Person
10.	Check if the Aggregate Amour	nt in Row (9) Excludes Certa	in Shares (See Instructions) o
11.	Percent of Class Represented b 30.2% (see Item 4(b))	y Amount in Row (9)	
12.	Type of Reporting Person (See PN	Instructions)	

1.	Names of Reporting Persons Ares Corporate Opportunities Fund IV, L.P.		
2.	Check the Appropriate Box if a (a) (b)	Member of a Group (See In o o	structions)
3.	SEC Use Only		
4.	Citizenship or Place of Organiz Delaware	ation	
Number of	5.		Sole Voting Power 0
Shares Beneficially Owned by	6.		Shared Voting Power 22,109,381 (see Item 4(a))
Each Reporting Person With	7.		Sole Dispositive Power 0
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11.	Percent of Class Represented by 30.2% (see Item 4(b))	y Amount in Row (9)	
12.	Type of Reporting Person (See PN	Instructions)	

1.	Names of Reporting Persons ACOF Operating Manager III, LLC		
2.	Check the Appropriate Box if a (a) (b)	a Member of a Group (See Ir o o	structions)
3.	SEC Use Only		
4.	Citizenship or Place of Organiz Delaware	zation	
	5.		Sole Voting Power 0
Number of Shares Beneficially Owned by	6.		Shared Voting Power 22,109,381 (see Item 4(a))
Each Reporting Person With	7.		Sole Dispositive Power 0
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1.	Names of Reporting Persons ACOF Operating Manager IV, LLC		
2.	Check the Appropriate Box if a (a) (b)	Member of a Group (See In o	structions)
3.	SEC Use Only		
4.	Citizenship or Place of Organiz Delaware	cation	
	5.		Sole Voting Power 0
Number of Shares Beneficially Owned by	6.		Shared Voting Power 22,109,381 (see Item 4(a))
Each Reporting Person With	7.		Sole Dispositive Power 0
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11.	Percent of Class Represented b 30.2% (see Item 4(b))	y Amount in Row (9)	
12.	Type of Reporting Person (See OO	Instructions)	

1.	Names of Reporting Persons Ares Management LLC		
2.	Check the Appropriate Box if	a Member of a Group (See I	nstructions)
	(a)	0	
	(b)	0	
3.	SEC Use Only		
4.	Citizenship or Place of Organi Delaware	zation	
	5.		Sole Voting Power 0
Number of Shares	6.		Sharad Vating Dowar
Beneficially	0.		Shared Voting Power 44,218,762 (see Item 4(a))
Owned by			, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
Each	7.		Sole Dispositive Power
Reporting Person With			0
	8.		Shared Dispositive Power 44,218,762 (see Item 4(a))
9.	Aggregate Amount Beneficial 44,218,762 (see Item 4(a))	ly Owned by Each Reporting	Person
10.	Check if the Aggregate Amount	nt in Row (9) Excludes Certa	in Shares (See Instructions) o
11.	Percent of Class Represented b 60.4% (see Item 4(b))	by Amount in Row (9)	
12.	Type of Reporting Person (Sec OO	e Instructions)	

1.	Names of Reporting Persons Ares Management Holdings L.P.		
2.	Check the Appropriate Bo (a) (b)	x if a Member of a Group (S o o	ee Instructions)
3.	SEC Use Only		
4.	Citizenship or Place of Org Delaware	ganization	
Number of	5.		Sole Voting Power 0
Number of Shares Beneficially Owned by	6.		Shared Voting Power 44,218,762 (see Item 4(a))
Each Reporting Person With	7.		Sole Dispositive Power 0
	8.		Shared Dispositive Power 44,218,762 (see Item 4(a))
9.	Aggregate Amount Benefi 44,218,762 (see Item 4(a))	cially Owned by Each Report	rting Person
10.	Check if the Aggregate Ar	nount in Row (9) Excludes O	Certain Shares (See Instructions) o
11.	Percent of Class Represent 60.4% (see Item 4(b))	ted by Amount in Row (9)	
12.	Type of Reporting Person PN	(See Instructions)	

1.	Names of Reporting Persons Ares Holdco LLC		
2.	Check the Appropriate Box if a (a) (b)	a Member of a Group (See In o o	structions)
3.	SEC Use Only		
4.	Citizenship or Place of Organiz Delaware	zation	
Number of	5.		Sole Voting Power 0
Shares Beneficially Owned by	6.		Shared Voting Power 44,218,762 (see Item 4(a))
Each Reporting Person With	7.		Sole Dispositive Power 0
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11.	Percent of Class Represented b 60.4% (see Item 4(b))	y Amount in Row (9)	
12.	Type of Reporting Person (See OO	Instructions)	

1.	Names of Reporting Persons Ares Holdings Inc.		
2.	Check the Appropriate Box if a (a) (b)	a Member of a Group (See Ir o o	structions)
3.	SEC Use Only		
4.	Citizenship or Place of Organiz Delaware	zation	
	5.		Sole Voting Power 0
Number of Shares Beneficially Owned by	6.		Shared Voting Power 44,218,762 (see Item 4(a))
Each Reporting Person With	7.		Sole Dispositive Power 0
	8.		Shared Dispositive Power 44,218,762 (see Item 4(a))
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11.	Percent of Class Represented b 60.4% (see Item 4(b))	y Amount in Row (9)	
12.	Type of Reporting Person (See CO	Instructions)	

1.	Names of Reporting Pers Ares Management, L.P.	sons	
2.	Check the Appropriate B (a) (b)	ox if a Member of a Group o o	(See Instructions)
3.	SEC Use Only		
4.	Citizenship or Place of O Delaware	Organization	
Number of	5.		Sole Voting Power 0
Shares Beneficially Owned by	6.		Shared Voting Power 44,218,762 (see Item 4(a))
Each Reporting Person With	7.		Sole Dispositive Power 0
	8.		Shared Dispositive Power 44,218,762 (see Item 4(a))
9.	Aggregate Amount Bener 44,218,762 (see Item 4(a)	ficially Owned by Each Rep))	porting Person
10.	Check if the Aggregate A	Amount in Row (9) Excludes	s Certain Shares (See Instructions) o
11.	Percent of Class Represent 60.4% (see Item 4(b))	nted by Amount in Row (9)	
12.	Type of Reporting Person PN	n (See Instructions)	

1.	Names of Reporting Persons Ares Management GP LLC		
2.	Check the Appropriate Box if (a) (b)	a Member of a Group (See In o o	nstructions)
3.	SEC Use Only		
4.	Citizenship or Place of Organ Delaware	ization	
Number of	5.		Sole Voting Power 0
Shares Beneficially Owned by	6.		Shared Voting Power 44,218,762 (see Item 4(a))
Each Reporting Person With	7.		Sole Dispositive Power 0
	8.		Shared Dispositive Power 44,218,762 (see Item 4(a))
9.	Aggregate Amount Beneficia 44,218,762 (see Item 4(a))	lly Owned by Each Reporting	g Person
10.	Check if the Aggregate Amou	Int in Row (9) Excludes Certa	ain Shares (See Instructions) o
11.	Percent of Class Represented 60.4% (see Item 4(b))	by Amount in Row (9)	
12.	Type of Reporting Person (Se OO	e Instructions)	

1.	Names of Reporting Persons Ares Partners Holdco LLC		
2.	Check the Appropriate (a) (b)	e Box if a Member of a G o o	roup (See Instructions)
3.	SEC Use Only		
4.	Citizenship or Place o Delaware	of Organization	
	5.		Sole Voting Power 0
Number of Shares Beneficially Owned by	6.		Shared Voting Power 44,218,762 (see Item 4(a))
Each Reporting Person With	7.		Sole Dispositive Power 0
	8.		Shared Dispositive Power 44,218,762 (see Item 4(a))
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10.	Check if the Aggregat	te Amount in Row (9) Exe	cludes Certain Shares (See Instructions) o
11.	Percent of Class Repr 60.4% (see Item 4(b))	esented by Amount in Ro	w (9)
12.	Type of Reporting Per OO	rson (See Instructions)	

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Item 1.		
	(a)	Name of Issuer:
		Smart & Final Stores, Inc.
	(b)	Address of Issuer s Principal Executive Offices:
		600 Citadel Drive
		000 Chadel Dilve
		Commerce, California 90040
		Commerce, Camorina 20040
Item 2.		
	(a)	Name of Person Filing:
		Ares Corporate Opportunities Fund III, L.P. (ACOF III)
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		Ares Corporate Opportunities Fund IV, L.P. (ACOF IV)
		ACOF Operating Manager III, LLC (ACOF Operating Manager III)
		ACOF Operating Manager IV, LLC (ACOF Operating Manager IV)
		Ares Management LLC (Ares Management LLC)
		Ales Management ELC (Ales Management ELC)
		Area Managamant Haldings I. D. (Area Managamant Haldings)
		Ares Management Holdings L.P. (Ares Management Holdings)
		Ares Holdco LLC (Ares Holdco)
		Ares Holdings Inc. (Ares Holdings)
		Ares Management, L.P. (Ares Management)
		Ares Management GP LLC (Ares Management GP)
		Ares Partners Holdco LLC (Ares Partners and, together with ACOF III, ACOF IV, ACOF Operating
		Manager III, ACOF Operating Manager IV, Ares Management LLC, Ares Management Holdings, Ares
		Holdco, Ares Holdings, Ares Management and Ares Management GP, the Ares Filing Persons)
	(b)	Address of Principal Business Office or, if none, Residence:
		For each Ares Filing Person:
		2000 Avenue of the Stars, 12th Floor
		Los Angeles, CA 90067
	(c)	Citizenship:
		For each Ares Filing Person, Delaware
	(d)	Title of Class of Securities:
		common stock, par value \$0.001 per share
	(e)	CUSIP Number:
	(-)	83190B 101
		031202 101
Item 3.	If this statemen	t is filed pursuant to §§240.13d-1(b) or 240.13d-2(b) or (c), check whether the person filing is a:
	(a)	o Broker or dealer registered under section 15 of the Act (15 U.S.C. 780).
	(b)	o Bank as defined in section 3(a)(6) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c).
	(c)	o Insurance company as defined in section 3(a)(19) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c).
	(d)	o Investment company registered under section 8 of the Investment Company
		Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-8).
	(e)	o An investment adviser in accordance with §240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(E);
	(f)	0

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		An employee benefit plan or endowment fund in accordance with
		§240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(F);
(g)	0	A parent holding company or control person in accordance with
		§240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(G);
(h)	0	A savings association as defined in Section 3(b) of the Federal Deposit
		Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1813);
(i)	0	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)	0	A non-U.S. institution in accordance with § 240.13d-1(b)(ii)(J);
		Group, in accordance with § 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(K). If filing as a non-U.S.
		institution in accordance with
(k)	0	
		§240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J), please specify the type of
		institution:
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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. Amount beneficially owned: (a)

Ares Management LLC directly and indirectly manages the following investment vehicles that, as of December 31, 2017, held in the aggregate 44,218,762 shares of common stock (common stock) of Smart & Final Stores, Inc. (the Issuer) as record holders of the individual amounts noted (the Ares Recordholders):

	Class A Common Stock
Ares Investment Vehicle	Owned of Record
ACOF III	22,109,381
ACOF IV	22,109,381

Each Ares Recordholder holds more than 5% of the common stock of the Issuer.

Each of the additional Ares Filing Persons, as a result of the relationships described below, may be deemed to indirectly beneficially own the common stock reported on the cover pages to this amendment No. 2 to Schedule 13G (this Amendment No. 2) for such Ares Filing Person. The manager of ACOF III is ACOF Operating Manager III, and the sole member of ACOF Operating Manager III is Ares Management LLC. The manager of ACOF IV is ACOF Operating Manager IV, and the sole member of ACOF Operating Manager IV is Ares Management LLC.

The sole member of Ares Management LLC is Ares Management Holdings and the general partner of Ares Management Holdings is Ares Holdco. The sole member of Ares Holdco is Ares Holdings, whose sole stockholder is Ares Management. The general partner of Ares Management is Ares Management GP and the sole member of Ares Management GP is Ares Partners. Ares Partners is managed by a board of managers (the Board), which is composed of Michael Arougheti, Ryan Berry, R. Kipp deVeer, David Kaplan, Michael McFerran, Antony Ressler and Bennett Rosenthal. Mr. Ressler generally has veto authority over Board decisions. Each of the Ares Filing Persons (other than each of ACOF III and ACOF IV with respect to the shares held directly by it) and the members of the Board and the other directors, officers, partners, stockholders, members and managers of the Ares Filing Persons expressly disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares of the common stock, and the filing of this amendment No. 2 to Schedule 13G shall not be deemed an admission that any such person or entity is the beneficial owner of such securities for the purposes of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or for any other purpose. Percent of class:

(b)

The information contained on the cover pages to this Amendment No. 2 is incorporated herein by reference. The percentage amount is based on an aggregate of 73,228,474 shares of common stock outstanding as of November 14, 2017 as provided in the Issuer s Quarterly report on Form 10-Q filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on November 16, 2017. Number of shares as to which the person has:

(c)

(i)	Sole power to vote or to direct the vote		
	The information contained on the cover pages to this Amendment		
	No. 2 is incorporated herein by reference.		
(ii)	Shared power to vote or to direct the vote		

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		The information contained on the cover pages to this Amendment No. 2 is incorporated herein by reference.		
	(iii)	Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of		
		The information contained on the cover pages to this Amendment No. 2 is incorporated herein by reference.		
	(iv)	Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of		
		The information contained on the cover pages to this Amendment No. 2 is incorporated herein by reference.		
Item 5.Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a ClassIf 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 thanfive percent of the class of securities, check the following o.				
Item 6. Not applicable	Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person			
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	Torang company of condition			
Item 8. Not applicable	Identification and Classification of Members of the Group			

Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group
Not applicable

Item 10. Not applicable Certification

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.

Date: February 9, 2018

ARES CORPORATE OPPORTUNITIES FUND III, L.P.

By: Its: ACOF OPERATING MANAGER III, LLC Manager

/s/ Naseem Sagati Aghili By: Naseem Sagati Aghili Its: Authorized Signatory

ARES CORPORATE OPPORTUNITIES FUND IV, L.P. By: ACOF OPERATING MANAGER IV, LLC Its: Manager

> /s/ Naseem Sagati Aghili By: Naseem Sagati Aghili Its: Authorized Signatory

ACOF OPERATING MANAGER III, LLC

/s/ Naseem Sagati Aghili By: Naseem Sagati Aghili Its: Authorized Signatory

ACOF OPERATING MANAGER IV, LLC

/s/ Naseem Sagati Aghili By: Naseem Sagati Aghili Its: Authorized Signatory

ARES MANAGEMENT LLC

/s/ Naseem Sagati Aghili By: Naseem Sagati Aghili Its: Authorized Signatory

ARES MANAGEMENT HOLDINGS L.P. By: Its:

ARES HOLDCO LLC General Partner

/s/ Naseem Sagati Aghili By: Naseem Sagati Aghili Its: Authorized Signatory

ARES HOLDCO LLC

/s/ Naseem Sagati Aghili By: Naseem Sagati Aghili Its: Authorized Signatory

ARES HOLDINGS INC.

/s/ Naseem Sagati Aghili By: Naseem Sagati Aghili Its: Authorized Signatory

ARES MANAGEMENT, L.P. By: Its:

ARES MANAGEMENT GP LLC General Partner

/s/ Naseem Sagati Aghili By: Naseem Sagati Aghili Its: Authorized Signatory

ARES MANAGEMENT GP LLC

/s/ Naseem Sagati Aghili By: Naseem Sagati Aghili Its: Authorized Signatory

ARES PARTNERS HOLDCO LLC

/s/ Naseem Sagati Aghili By: Naseem Sagati Aghili Its: Authorized Signatory