

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT**

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported): **July 24, 2008 (July 24, 2008)**

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**Avis Budget Group, Inc.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

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**Delaware**

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

**1-10308**

(Commission File Number)

**06-0918165**

(IRS Employer Identification Number)

**6 Sylvan Way  
Parsippany, NJ**

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**07054**

(Zip Code)

**(973) 496-4700**

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

**N/A**

(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:

- 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))
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**Item 5.02**                      **Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

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On July 24, 2008, our Board of Directors elected Mr. Eduardo G. Mestre as a director, effective immediately. Mr. Mestre has been Vice Chairman of Evercore Partners since 2004. Prior to joining Evercore, Mr. Mestre served as Chairman of Investment Banking at Citigroup, among numerous leadership positions he filled during a twenty-seven year career there.

Mr. Mestre will stand for re-election by shareholders at our 2009 Annual Meeting. In accordance with compensation provided to all of our non-employee directors, Mr. Mestre will receive an annual retainer fee of \$125,000. Such amount will be paid 50% in cash and 50% in deferred common stock. In addition, Mr. Mestre was also awarded a one-time new director equity grant of 7,500 deferred shares of common stock, which will vest ratably over three years, subject to Mr. Mestre's continued service as a director and a deferred cash award of approximately \$30,000. Each share of deferred common stock entitles a director to receive one share of common stock immediately following such director's retirement or termination of service from the Board for any reason.

Due to a payment made during 2006 by Cendant, as we were known at that time, to Evercore Partners to render advice to its Board of Directors in connection with the Cendant Separation, Mr. Mestre will not be eligible to be an independent director under applicable NYSE rules until January 1, 2010.

**Item 7.01**                      **Regulation FD Disclosure.**

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Our press release announcing Mr. Mestre's appointment described in Item 5.02 above is attached as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated by reference herein.

**Item 9.01**                      **Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

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(d) Exhibits.

The following exhibits are filed as part of this report:

<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
99.1	Press Release dated July 24, 2008.

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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 hereto duly authorized.

**AVIS BUDGET GROUP, INC.**

By: /s/ Jean M. Sera  
Name: Jean M. Sera  
Title: Senior Vice President and Secretary

Date: July 24, 2008

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EXHIBIT INDEX

**Exhibit No.**

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**Description**

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Press Release dated July 24, 2008.



## AVIS BUDGET GROUP APPOINTS EDUARDO G. MESTRE TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**PARSIPPANY, N.J., July 24, 2008** – Avis Budget Group, Inc. (NYSE: CAR), a leading provider of vehicle rental services, today announced the appointment of Eduardo G. Mestre to its Board of Directors. Mr. Mestre fills a newly created seat and will serve for a term scheduled to end at the 2009 annual meeting of stockholders. With the addition of Mr. Mestre, the Company's Board is now comprised of nine members.

Mr. Mestre adds extensive financial and business expertise to our Board of Directors as vice chairman of Evercore Partners since 2004 where he is responsible for the firm's corporate advisory business. Prior to joining Evercore, Mr. Mestre served as Chairman of Investment Banking at Citigroup, among numerous leadership positions he filled during a notable twenty-seven year career there. Born in Havana, Mr. Mestre is a summa cum laude graduate of Yale and a cum laude graduate of Harvard Law School.

"Mr. Mestre's distinguished record and proven counsel will enhance the effectiveness of our Board," said Mr. Nelson, chairman and chief executive officer, "and we are certain that given his investment banking experience and diverse background, he will be invaluable in helping guide Avis Budget in the coming years."

Due to a payment made during 2006 by Cendant, as we were known at that time, to Evercore Partners to render advice to its Board of Directors in connection with the Cendant Separation, Mr. Mestre is not currently eligible to be an independent director under applicable NYSE rules until January 1, 2010. There have been no other relationships between the Company and Mr. Mestre that would impact Mr. Mestre's ability to become independent at such time.

### ***About Avis Budget Group, Inc.***

Avis Budget Group (NYSE: CAR) is a leading provider of vehicle rental services, with operations in more than 70 countries. Through its Avis and Budget brands, the company is the leading general-use vehicle rental company in each of North America, Australia, New Zealand and certain other regions based on published airport statistics. Avis Budget Group is headquartered in Parsippany, N.J. and has more than 30,000 employees. For more information about Avis Budget Group, visit [www.avisbudgetgroup.com](http://www.avisbudgetgroup.com).

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