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) January 6, 2025

Ondas Holdings Inc.

	(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)	
Nevada	001-39761	47-2615102
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)
	One Marina Park Drive, Suite 1410, Boston, MA 02210 (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)	
Reg	gistrant's telephone number, including area code (888) 350-9	994
	<u>N/A</u> (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	e registrant under any of the following provisions:
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☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule	e 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))	
Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:		
Title of each class	Trading Symbol	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common Stock par value \$0.0001	ONDS	The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC
Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerg the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this c	ing growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities hapter).	s Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of
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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.

Appointment Ron Stern as Director

On January 6, 2025, the Board of Directors (the "Board") of Ondas Holdings Inc. (the "Company" or "Ondas") appointed Ron Stern as a director of the Company, effective January 7, 2025.

Mr. Stern, 52, has served as a General Partner and as the head of Portfolio Management of OurCrowd since April 2017 with responsibility for OurCrowd's global portfolio of over 250 active companies, including over 100 board and board observer nominations and led or participated in over 400 financing rounds for start-up and growth companies. Mr. Stern has over twenty years' experience working in Growth Equity and Venture Capital investing, predominantly with Israeli related companies. During his tenure at OurCrowd, Mr. Stern was appointed to the board of director of Airobotics Ltd. in November 2019 and later became Chairman of Airobotics Ltd in January 2021. In this capacity Mr. Stern led the initial public offering of Airobotics Ltd. on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange, ultimately leading to the sale of Airobotics Ltd. to Ondas in January 2023. From February 2015 to April 2017, Mr. Stern served as Chief Financial Officer of Adgorithms, an Israel based AI marketing company, which Mr. Stern helped take public on the London Stock Exchange, raising over \$40 million to the company and its shareholders. From March 2013 to December 2014, Mr. Stern served as a Senior International Advisor to a leading U.S. family office. From January 2010 to December 2014, Mr. Stern served as a scout and advisor to a number of leading U.S. venture capital firms, and advised and managed large capital environmental projects for municipalities and government entities in Israel. From September 2002 to December 2009, Mr. Stern was a partner with Shamrock Holdings where he built the Israeli investing team and facilitated four initial public offerings of Shamrock's portfolio companies. Mr. Stern currently serves as Chairman of Blue Green Water Technology.

Mr. Stern graduated from The Hebrew University of Jerusalem with a degree in Economics and from Columbia Business School with an MBA in Finance and Entrepreneurship. We believe Mr. Stern's experience in senior leadership positions at companies and his board experience makes him well-qualified to serve on our board of directors.

On January 6, 2025, the Company entered into that certain Directorship Agreement, by and between the Company and Mr. Stern (the "Agreement"). Pursuant to the Agreement, Mr. Stern was appointed a director of the Company, effective January 7, 2025, and will be compensated a fixed cash retainer of \$15,000 plus VAT if applicable per month during the period he will serve as a director. In addition, once the Company consummates the next Qualified Event and subject to certain conditions (as described in the Agreement), the Company intends to appoint Mr. Stern as Vice Chairman of the Board and as a special strategic advisor of the Company. Mr. Stern will also be compensated

with (i) a fixed cash retainer of \$24,000 plus VAT if applicable per month during the period he will serve as the Vice Chairman of the Board; (ii) a \$500,000 cash bonus plus VAT if applicable upon and subject to the consummation of a Qualified Event; (iii) a \$250,000 bonus plus VAT if applicable for each additional Acquisition Transaction (as defined in the Agreement) in which he took an active role; (iv) a one-time signing bonus of \$100,000 plus VAT if applicable at the time of the Directorship Agreement; and (v) a grant of options on January 7, 2025 to purchase 2,876,944 shares of common stock of the Company pursuant to the Ondas Holdings Inc. 2021 Stock Incentive Plan with an exercise price of \$2.69.

The foregoing summary of the terms of the Agreement does not purport to be complete and is subject to, and qualified in its entirety by, such document attached as Exhibit 10.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K, which is incorporated herein by reference.

A copy of the press release announcing Mr. Stern's appointment as a director of the Company is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this report, and incorporated herein by reference.

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Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit No.	Description
10.1	Directorship Agreement, by and between Ondas Holdings Inc. and Ron Stern, dated January 6, 2025.
99.1	Press Release, dated January 13, 2025.
104	Cover Page Interactive Data File (embedded within the Inline XBRL document)

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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 hereunto duly authorized.

Date: January 13, 2025 ONDAS HOLDINGS INC.

By: /s/ Eric A. Brock

Eric A. Brock

Chief Executive Officer

January 6, 2025

To: Mr. Ron Stern

Re: Directorship Agreement

Dear Mr. Stern,

Pursuant to our discussions, Ondas Holdings (the 'Company'), wishes to formalize your engagement by the Company and the terms thereof in accordance with the provisions of this letter agreement (the "Agreement").

1. Duties; Insurance and Indemnification.

- 1.1. Commencing from January 7, 2025 (the "Effective Date"), you will serve as a director of the board of directors of the Company (the 'Board'), with the intention to appoint you as Vice Chairman of the Board and as a special strategic advisor to the Company once the Company shall consummate the next Qualified Event, as defined below, subject to your confirmation that no conflict shall exist at the relevant time, with your current engagement with your current employer (of which you informed the Company). You acknowledge and agree that your responsibilities pursuant to this Agreement shall include the following: (i) attend and participate as a Board member in Board meetings, and attend and participate in other meetings ad-hoc as requested by the Chairman, which may require your participation as an expert in the industry in which the Company operates; and following your appointment as Vice Chairman: (ii) advise the Company, primarily by being available to the officers and other management of the Company, with respect to various strategic matters within your field of expertise; and (iii) assist the Company through your network of contacts in the industry (the "Advisory Services"). In addition, commencing from the Effective Date you will server as a director of the Company's Israeli subsidiary, Airobotics Ltd., although you may resign from such position at any time during the term with no implications on your remuneration hereunder.
- 1.2. Commencing as of the Effective Date, the Company shall enter with you in a customary directors' indemnification agreement in such form similar to the form executed with other members of the Board, and you shall be covered by the Company's directors & officers insurance policy.
- 2. Scope of Service. Following your appointment as Vice Chairman, you shall devote approximately 20% of your business time for the provision of the Advisory Services.
- 3. Compensation. As full and complete compensation for the Advisory Services pursuant to this Agreement:
- 3.1. Retainer. You shall be entitled to a fixed cash retainer commencing from the Effective Date in the amount of (i) US\$15,000 plus VAT if applicable per month for as long as you are a director and not Vice Chairman, and (ii) US\$24,000 plus VAT if applicable per month during the period you will serve as the Vice Chairman, in consideration for the Advisory Services; payable on a monthly basis within 5 days of the expiration of each calendar month. Additionally, the Company shall reimburse you for out-of-pocket expenses incurred by you in the provisions of the Advisory Services, according to the Company's policy from time to time. All payments shall be made against a lawful invoice to be provided by you to the Company, accompanied by appropriate receipts.
- 3.2. <u>Bonus.</u> In addition, you shall be entitled to a US\$500,000 cash bonus plus VAT if applicable upon and subject to the consummation of a Qualified Event. For the purposes hereof, a "Qualified Event" shall mean the earlier to occur following the Effective Date of: (i) consummation of an equity, convertible debt and/or debt rounds of financing comprising jointly at least US\$25,000,000, or (ii) consummation of the first acquisition transaction entered by the Company or any wholly owned or controlled subsidiary thereof (including without limitation, is made through a merger, exchange of shares, for cash, or any combination of the foregoing) (each such transaction, an "Acquisition Transaction"). You will also be entitled to an additional bonus of US\$250,000 plus VAT if applicable for each additional Acquisition Transaction in which you took an active role.
 - 3.3. Signing Bonus. You will be entitled to a one-time signing bonus of US\$100,000 plus VAT if applicable upon the execution of this Agreement.

3.4. <u>Incentive Options</u>.

- 3.4.1. Options. As soon as practicable following the Effective Date (subject to the provisions of Section 3.4.2) and subject to the provisions of this Section 3.4 below, you shall be granted by the Company options to purchase such number of shares of Common Stock of the Company constituting three percent (3%) of the outstanding share capital of the Company as of the date of this Agreement (the "Options).
- 3.4.2. Options Tax Treatment. The Options will be granted to you by the Company in your capacity as a director and as options qualifying for the capital track special tax treatment within the meaning of Section 102(b)(2) of the Israeli Tax Ordinance (New Version), 5721-1961 and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder. If not existing as of the Effective Date, the Company shall adopt, as soon as practicable following the date of this Agreement, and in any event within 14 days from the date hereof, an addendum to its existing equity incentive plan in order to allow for the Options to be treated under such tax treatment and comply with the provisions of the Israeli applicable tax rules and regulations in this respect (including without limitation, act in order to obtain all corporate approvals) (the "Addendum"), and shall file such Addendum with the Israeli tax authorities promptly following the adoption thereof. As soon as practicable following the approve the execution of an appropriate options award or agreement and actual issuance of the Options to you pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions hereof
- 3.4.3. Exercise Price. The exercise price of each Options shall be the closing price of the Common Stock on the stock exchange on the trading day prior to the Effective Date, or, if the Addendum does not currently exist, prior to the actual issuance of the Options in accordance with the provisions of Section 3.4.2 above.
- 3.4.4. Vesting and Term. The Options shall vest as follows: (i) 66.67% of the Options shall vest upon the earlier of (X) on a quarterly basis over a two (2) year period following the Effective Date, and (Y) the expiration of a 30-day period in which the average price per share of the Company in the applicable stock exchange is US\$5 or more per share (the "Valuation Milestone"), and (ii) 33.33% of the Options shall vest in full upon the Company achieving the Valuation Milestone. For the avoidance of doubt, if the Valuation Milestone shall occur prior to the actual issuance of the Options, they shall be fully vested upon the issuance thereof (and the same shall apply to such portion of the Options which was already vested in accordance with clause (i)(X) hereof, if applicable). In addition, all of your Options shall become fully vested and exercisable upon the consummation by the Company of a "Change of Control" event, or any similar term as defined in the Company's existing equity incentive plan. The vesting and exercisability of the Options shall be subject to your continuing service as a director or advisor of the Company or any of its subsidiaries at all times during the period beginning with the granting of the Options and ending upon the date of exercise, provided however, you will be able to exercise any vested Options during a 24-month period following termination of your service without Cause (provided such 24-month period does not exceed the term of the Options). The term of the Options shall end on the five (5) year anniversary of the issuance date of such Options.
- 3.4.5. General Conditions. The grant of the Options and/or their exercise into shares of Common Stock of the Company shall be subject to (i) the terms hereof; and (ii) the execution by you of all documentation required from you for this purpose, including option grant agreement in compliance with the provisions hereof.

3.5. <u>Payments; Tax and Liabilities.</u> At your request, the Company shall direct any cash payments due to you as described under this Section 3 above to your controlled entity, Value Israel Ltd. or alternatively pursuant to a director slip and not against invoice. Additionally, at your request, part of the cash retainer referred to under Section 3.1 above shall be paid directly by Airobotics Ltd. Any and all taxes and liabilities applicable from time to time in connection with the payments and benefits hereunder, including the Options and/or any other payment or benefit which you (or your company) may be entitled to under this Agreement, will be borne solely by you and/or your applicable company, and the Company or Airobotics, as applicable, shall be entitled to make mandatory withholding deductions according to applicable law, if applicable.

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4. Confidentiality and Nondisclosure.

- 4.1. Unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the Company, you agree that during the term of this Agreement and thereafter, you shall not: (i) divulge or communicate to any person, including by way of publication; (ii) use for your own purposes or for any purposes other than those of the Company; or (iii) through any failure to exercise due care and diligence, cause any unauthorized disclosure of any Confidential Information (as defined below). These restrictions shall not apply to information that: (i) was lawfully known to you before the receipt thereof; (ii) is learned by you from a third party that is entitled to disclose same; (iii) becomes publicly known other than through your actions; or (iv) is required by law or court order to be disclosed.
- 4.2. "Confidential Information" means all information which is identified or treated by the Company as confidential including (without prejudice to the foregoing generality) any business plans, proposals relating to the acquisition or disposal of a company or business or proposed expansion or contraction of activities, maturing new business opportunities, research and development projects, designs, secret processes, trade secrets, algorithms, source codes, mask works, product or services development and formulae, know-how, inventions, sales statistics and forecasts, marketing strategies and plans, costs, profit and loss and other financial information (save to the extent published in audited accounts), prices and discount structures. Confidential Information shall also include any information received by the Company under confidentiality obligations of the Company towards such third party.
- 4.3. Promptly upon expiry or termination of your engagement with the Company, or upon written request of the Company, you will cease to make any further use and return to the Company any of the Company's Confidential Information in your possession including all copies thereof.

5. Disclosure and Assignment of Inventions.

- 5.1. It is anticipated that as part of the provisions of the Advisory Services hereunder, you are not expected to create any Inventions (as defined below). Notwithstanding the foregoing, you agree that in the event of creation of such Inventions, the provisions below shall apply.
- 5.2. You undertake and covenant that you will promptly disclose in confidence to the Company all inventions, improvements, designs, concepts, techniques, methods, systems, processes, know how, computer software programs, databases, mask works and trade secrets relating to the Company business, whether or not patentable, copyrightable or protectable as trade secrets, that are made or conceived or first reduced to practice or created by you, either alone or jointly with others, during the period of your engagement with the Company hereunder and in connection with the provision of the Advisory Services hereunder (the "Inventions").
- 5.3. You agree that all Inventions are hereby assigned to the Company and shall be the Company's sole and complete property, and that the consideration granted to you under this Agreement is sufficient consideration for, *inter alia*, your obligations pursuant to this Section 5.

6. Non-Compete; No Conflict.

- 6.1. You agree that for as long as this Agreement is in force, you shall not take part in any activity which may directly compete with the Company or its business, throughout the country or abroad, in the field of defense and HLS autonomous drone systems, including without limitation, as an employee, consultant, advisor, contractor, service provider, shareholder, partner, manager of any entity or person etc., *however* excluding the holdings of up to 3% of shares in any corporation whose shares are publicly traded and any existing portfolio companies of your current employer.
- 6.2. The Company agrees that for as long as this Agreement is in force, you will be free to accept other engagements including as an advisor and/or director provided that: (i) they do not create a conflict with and potentially cause damage to the interests of the Company, and (ii) they do not restrict you from devoting the necessary time and attention to properly perform the Advisory Services under this Agreement. In the event that you become aware of any potential conflicts of interest, you shall refrain from any action that may cause damage to the Company, and these must be disclosed to the Board, in writing, as soon as possible.

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7. <u>Termination</u>. Each of the parties may terminate this Agreement by sending the other a prior written notice of at least 90 days. The provisions of Sections 3, 4, 5, 6 and 8 shall survive the termination or expiration of this Agreement in accordance with their respective terms. If this Agreement is terminated, you will tender your resignation as a director of the Company and Airobotics Ltd. effective as of such termination date.

8. General Conditions.

- 8.1. You represent that there is no contractual or other legal restriction preventing or limiting you from entering into this Agreement or performing any of your obligations hereunder, and no third party consent is required for you to enter into this Agreement and provide the Advisory Services.
- 8.2. You acknowledge that the Advisory Services are being provided by you as an independent contractor of the Company, and there shall be no employment relationship between you on the one hand, and the Company on the other hand.
- 8.3. This Agreement represents the entire agreement of the parties, and shall supersede any and all previous contracts, arrangements or understandings between the parties hereto, with respect to the subject matter hereof. This Agreement shall not be modified, amended or terminated except with the written consent of all parties.
 - 8.4. All notices made under this Agreement shall be made in writing to the following addresses:

	Ondas Holdings Inc.	Ron Stern
Mailing Address:	One Marina Park Drive Suite 1410 Boston, MA 02210	[]
Attention:	Eric Brock, Chief Executive Officer	
E-mail:		[]

[signatures page follows]

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Sincerely,

/s/ Eric Brock

Eric Brock

Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

ACKNOWLEDGED, ACCEPTED AND AGREED:

/s/ Ron Stern

8.5. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Nevada.

Ron Stern

Ron Stern Appointed to the Board of Directors of Ondas Holdings to Support Expanded Growth Plan

Mr. Stern has over 20 years of experience in growth equity and venture capital, with leadership roles at OurCrowd and Shamrock Holdings

Mr. Stern has expertise in supporting emerging technology companies including via board service for multiple organizations

Mr. Stern was former Board Chairman of Ondas subsidiary Airobotics

BOSTON, MA / January 13, 2025 / Ondas Holdings Inc. (NASDAQ:ONDS) ("Ondas" or the "Company"), a leading provider of private industrial wireless networks and commercial drone and automated data solutions, announced today that Ron Stern has been appointed to the Board of Directors of Ondas. At Ondas, Mr. Stern is expected to take an active role in supporting the accelerated growth of the Company's Ondas Autonomous Systems (OAS) business unit.

Mr. Stern is an accomplished executive and brings a wealth of financial and operating experience to Ondas through his work with emerging technology companies. He has over 20 years' experience working in Growth Equity and Venture Capital investing. Mr. Stern is a General Partner and Head of Portfolio at OurCrowd, which is considered the most active venture funding firm in Israel, a position he has held since 2017. In his role at OurCrowd, he was responsible for increasing the value of OurCrowd's 250+ active portfolio companies. This included nominating directors and observers to over 100 companies and leading or participating in over 400 rounds of financing, including over 40 exits and IPOs. During his tenure at OurCrowd, Mr. Stern was appointed to the board of directors of Airobotics Ltd. in November 2019 and later became Chairman of Airobotics Ltd. in January 2021. In this capacity, Mr. Stern led the initial public offering of Airobotics Ltd. on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange, ultimately leading to the sale of Airobotics Ltd. to Ondas in January 2023. Mr. Stern was previously a partner with Shamrock Holdings where he built the Israeli investing team and facilitated multiple IPOs of Shamrock's portfolio companies. He later served as a scout to several US marque venture capital firms and family offices. Mr. Stern currently serves as Chairman of Blue Green Water Technology.

"I am delighted to welcome Ron to Ondas' board as we aim to accelerate growth and maximize our world-class dual-use technology platforms to seize the significant market opportunities ahead," said Eric Brock, CEO of Ondas. "With over 20 years of proven success in supporting dynamic, high-growth companies like Ondas, Ron brings particular expertise in accretive funding and M&A strategies. His previous role as Chairman of our subsidiary, Airobotics, provides him with deep insights into the company, enabling him to make an immediate and substantial impact. I anticipate Ron will play a crucial role as we enhance our operational capabilities and pursue strategic initiatives."

"I am excited to join Ondas and collaborate with Eric and the board to advance the company's business initiatives," said Mr. Stern. "Ondas has developed strategically significant technologies that serve essential security and infrastructure markets. I am eager to work alongside the board and management team to support our customers and deliver the innovative solutions we've created. As we do, I believe we will have an opportunity to drive value for customers, employees and investors by enhancing growth and operating scale via targeted, accretive acquisitions."

About Ondas Holdings Inc.

Ondas Holdings Inc. ("Ondas") is a leading provider of private wireless data solutions via Ondas Networks Inc. ("Ondas Networks") and commercial drone solutions through Ondas Autonomous Systems Inc. via its wholly owned subsidiaries American Robotics, Inc. ("American Robotics" or "AR") and Airobotics LTD ("Airobotics"), which we operate as a separate business unit called Ondas Autonomous Systems.

Ondas Networks is a developer of proprietary, software-based wireless broadband technology for large established and emerging commercial and government markets. Ondas Networks' standards-based (802.16s), multi-patented, software-defined radio FullMAX platform enables Mission-Critical IoT (MC-IoT) applications by overcoming the bandwidth limitations of today's legacy private licensed wireless networks. Ondas Networks' customer end markets include railroads, utilities, oil and gas, transportation, aviation (including drone operators) and government entities whose demands span a wide range of mission critical applications.

Ondas Autonomous Systems Inc. (OAS) specializes in designing, developing, and marketing autonomous drone solutions via its two advanced drone platforms: the Optimus System, the world's first FAA-certified small UAS (sUAS) for aerial security and data capture, and the Iron Drone Raider, a counter-drone system designed to combat hostile drones. Both platforms are highly automated, AI-powered, and capable of continuous, remote operation for critical defense, infrastructure, industrial, and government applications. American Robotics and Airobotics have achieved industry-leading regulatory milestones, including the first-ever FAA Type Certification for the Optimus System and the first drone system approved by the FAA for automated beyond-visual-line-of-sight (BVLOS) operations without an on-site human operator.

Ondas Networks, American Robotics and Airobotics together provide users in defense, homeland security, public safety and other critical industrial and government security and infrastructure markets with improved connectivity, situational awareness and data collection and information processing capabilities.

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For additional information on Ondas Holdings, visit www.ondas.com or follow Ondas Holdings on X formerly known as Twitter and LinkedIn. For additional information on Ondas Networks, visit www.ondasnetworks.com or follow Ondas Networks on X and LinkedIn. For additional information on American Robotics, visit www.american-robotics.com or follow American Robotics on X and LinkedIn. For additional information on Airobotics, visit www.airoboticsdrones.com or follow Airobotics on X and LinkedIn. For additional information on Ondas Autonomous Systems, follow us on LinkedIn.

Information on our websites and social media platforms is not incorporated by reference in this release or in any of our filings with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

Forward-Looking Statements

Statements made in this release that are not statements of historical or current facts are "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. We caution readers that forward-looking statements are predictions based on our current expectations about future events. These forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance and are subject to risks, uncertainties and assumptions that are difficult to predict. Our actual results, performance, or achievements could differ materially from those expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements as a result of a number of factors, including the risks discussed under the heading "Risk Factors" discussed under the caption "Item 1A. Risk Factors" in Part II of our quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q and in our other filings with the SEC. We undertake no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise that occur after that date, except as required by law.

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