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

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**Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): February 22, 2022**

**CADENCE DESIGN SYSTEMS, INC.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

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**Delaware**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

**000-15867**  
(Commission File Number)

**00-0000000**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**2655 Seely Avenue, San Jose, California 95134**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

**(408) 943-1234**  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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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)
- ☐ Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- ☐ 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))

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

| Title of each class                      | Trading Symbol(s) | Name of each exchange on which registered |
|--|-------------------|---|
| Common Stock, \$0.01 par value per share | CDNS              | Nasdaq Global Select Market               |

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company ☐

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act. ☐

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**Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.**

On February 22, 2022, Cadence Design Systems, Inc. ("Cadence") issued a press release announcing its financial results for the quarter and fiscal year ended January 1, 2022.

A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.01 and a copy of the commentary by the Chief Financial Officer of Cadence regarding Cadence's financial results for the quarter and fiscal year ended January 1, 2022 is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.02, and the press release and the commentary are incorporated herein by reference.

The information contained in this Current Report shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), or incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

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

(d) Exhibits

| Exhibit No.           | Description   |
|-----------------------|---|
| <a href="#">99.01</a> | <a href="#">Press Release issued by Cadence Design Systems, Inc. on February 22, 2022.</a>  |
| <a href="#">99.02</a> | <a href="#">CFO Commentary on Results of Quarter and Fiscal Year Ended January 1, 2022.</a> |
| 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.

CADENCE DESIGN SYSTEMS, INC.

By: /s/ John M. Wall  
John M. Wall  
Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Dated: February 22, 2022