

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 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): December 9, 2020**

**Starbucks Corporation**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)



**Washington**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation)

**0-20322**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**91-1325671**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**2401 Utah Avenue South,  
Seattle, Washington 98134**  
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

**(206) 447-1575**  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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	Trading Symbol	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share	SBUX	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 Selection 13(a) of the Exchange Act. ☐

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

On December 9, 2020, Starbucks Corporation (the “Company”) issued a press release announcing that Mellody Hobson will serve as the Company’s next non-executive chair of its board of directors starting in March 2021. Ms. Hobson, who first joined the board as an independent director in 2005 and was appointed as the board’s independent vice chair in 2018, will succeed Myron (E.) Ullman, III. Mr. Ullman has served on the board since 2003 and has served as its chair since 2018. On March 17, 2021, in connection with the 2021 Annual Meeting of Shareholders, Mr. Ullman will retire from the board and Ms. Hobson will assume the role of chair of the board.

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

A copy of the Company’s press release relating to the announcement described in Item 5.02 is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K.

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

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	<a href="#">Press release of Starbucks Corporation dated December 9, 2020.</a>
104	Cover Page Interactive Data File (formatted as Inline XBRL)

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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.

Dated: December 9, 2020

**STARBUCKS CORPORATION**

By: /s/ Rachel A. Gonzalez  
Rachel A. Gonzalez  
executive vice president, general counsel and secretary