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): July 26, 2021

CADENCE DESIGN SYSTEMS, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

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 ar | rea code) |
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| Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is inter ☐ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the | , , , | igation of the registrant under any of the following provisions: |
| $\hfill \square$ Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the E | Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12) | |
| $\hfill\square$ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule | 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 2 | 240.14d-2(b)) |
| $\hfill\square$ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule | 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 2 $$ | 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 |
| 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 accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the | | d transition period for complying with any new or revised financial |
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Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On July 26, 2021, Cadence Design Systems, Inc. ("Cadence") issued a press release announcing its financial results for the quarter ended July 3, 2021.

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 ended July 3, 2021 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 | |
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| Exhibit No. | Description |
| <u>99.01</u> | Press Release issued by Cadence Design Systems, Inc. on July 26, 2021. |
| <u>99.02</u> | CFO Commentary on Results of Quarter Ended July 3, 2021. |
| 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

Dated: July 26, 2021 Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer