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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**

**Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): November 30, 2020**

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

- (d) On November 30, 2020, the Board of Directors (the “Board”) of Cadence Design Systems, Inc. (“Cadence”) elected Julia Liuson as a director of Cadence, and appointed Ms. Liuson to the Strategy Committee of the Board, in each case effective January 4, 2021.

The compensation of Ms. Liuson will be consistent with Cadence’s compensation of its other non-employee directors in effect from time to time and as described in Cadence’s definitive proxy statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 20, 2020. Ms. Liuson will be granted an incentive stock award with a grant date fair value of \$21,284.15 under Cadence’s 1995 Directors Stock Incentive Plan, which will fully vest on February 14, 2021. Ms. Liuson will receive such grant in connection with her initial election to the Board and for her service on the Board for a portion of 2021. Ms. Liuson has also entered into Cadence’s standard indemnification agreement.

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

- (d) Exhibits.

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.01	<a href="#">Cadence Design Systems, Inc. Press Release dated December 1, 2020.</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.

Dated: December 1, 2020

CADENCE DESIGN SYSTEMS, INC.

By: /s/ Alinka Flaminia

Alinka Flaminia

Senior Vice President, Chief Legal Officer & Corporate  
Secretary