

**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 10, 2020

OFFICE DEPOT, INC.
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Delaware
(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)

1-10948
(Commission File Number)

59-2663954
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

6600 North Military Trail, Boca Raton, FL
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

33496
(Zip Code)

(561) 438-4800
(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

Former Name or Former Address, If Changed Since Last Report: N/A

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, par value \$0.01 per share	ODP	The NASDAQ Stock Market (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.

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

Effective January 10, 2020, Office Depot, Inc. (the “Company”) appointed Gerry P. Smith, the Company’s Chief Executive Officer, as the Company’s principal financial officer to serve until such time as the Company identifies and appoints a permanent chief financial officer. As previously announced, effective January 10, 2020, Joseph T. Lower, the Company’s former Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, left the Company.

Biographical and other information about Mr. Smith required by Item 5.02(c) of Form 8-K is included in the Company’s definitive proxy statement on [Schedule 14A](#) filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission on March 20, 2019.

No new compensatory arrangements have been entered into with Mr. Smith in connection with his service as the Company’s principal financial officer.

SIGNATURE

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.

OFFICE DEPOT, INC.

Date: January 10, 2020

/s/ N. David Bleisch

Name: N. David Bleisch

Title: EVP, Chief Legal & Administrative Officer and
Corporate Secretary