

**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): November 16, 2021

THE ODP CORPORATION

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Delaware
(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)

1-10948
(Commission File
Number)

85-1457062
(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 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.

As disclosed in The ODP Corporation's (the "Company") press release attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K, on November 15, 2021, the Company announced that its Board of Directors approved an increase to the aggregate amount of common stock the Company may repurchase under the Company's current share repurchase program to \$450.0 million, an increase of \$150.0 million. The stock repurchase program expires on June 30, 2022.

The information furnished pursuant to Item 7.01 in this Current Report on Form 8-K, including Exhibit 99.1, shall not be deemed to be "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, and shall not be deemed incorporated by reference into any filing made by the Company under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in any such filing.

Item 8.01. Other Events.

The Company also disclosed that it has entered into accelerated share repurchase plan agreements ("ASR Agreements") with each of Goldman Sachs & Co. LLC and JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association (the "Dealers"). Under the ASR Agreements, the Company will make an initial payment of \$150.0 million in cash and will receive an initial aggregate delivery of approximately 2.8 million shares of the Company's Common Stock ("Common Stock") by November 18, 2021. The total number of shares of Common Stock to ultimately be purchased by the Company under the ASR Agreements will generally be based on the average of the daily volume-weighted average prices of the Common Stock during the term of the ASR Agreements. Upon final settlement of each ASR Agreement, the Company may be entitled to receive additional shares of Common Stock from the relevant Dealer or, under certain circumstances specified in such ASR Agreement, the Company may be required to deliver shares of Common Stock or make a cash payment, at its option, to the relevant Dealer. The ASR Agreements contain provisions customary for agreements of this type, including provisions for adjustments to the transaction terms, the circumstances generally under which the ASR Agreements may be accelerated, extended or terminated early by the applicable Dealer and various acknowledgments, representations and warranties made by the parties to one another. Each ASR Agreement is scheduled to expire in the first or second quarter 2022, but may conclude earlier at the option of the applicable Dealer.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**(d) Exhibits:**

Exhibit 99.1 [Press release of The ODP Corporation, dated November 16, 2021.](#)

Exhibit 104 Cover Page Interactive Data File – the cover page XBRL tags are embedded within the Inline XBRL document.

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.

Date: November 16, 2021

THE ODP CORPORATION

/s/ N. DAVID BLEISCH

Name: N. David Bleisch

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

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The ODP Corporation Announces \$150 Million Accelerated Share Repurchase and \$150 Million Increase in its Existing Stock Repurchase Plan

Boca Raton, Fla., November 16, 2021 – The ODP Corporation (NASDAQ: ODP), a leading provider of business services, products and digital workplace technology solutions through an integrated B2B distribution platform with an online presence and approximately 1,100 stores (“ODP” or the “Company”), announced today that it has entered into accelerated share repurchase plan (“ASR”) agreements with Goldman Sachs & Co. LLC and JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association to repurchase an aggregate of \$150 million of the Company’s stock. ODP will execute the ASRs under its existing stock repurchase program. When combined with the Company’s previously completed share repurchases, ODP will have committed to return more than \$300 million of capital to shareholders in 2021.

Under the ASR agreements, the Company will make an initial payment of \$150 million to the counterparties and will receive an initial delivery of approximately 2.8 million shares of the Company’s common stock by November 18, 2021. The total number of shares ultimately repurchased under the ASR agreements will generally be based on the average of the daily volume-weighted average share prices of the Company’s common stock during the calculation period of the accelerated share repurchase program, less a discount, and subject to adjustments pursuant to the terms of the ASRs. The final settlement of the ASRs is expected to be completed in the first or second quarter of 2022.

“Today’s announcement reflects the confidence the Board of Directors has in our business solutions provider and platform transformation strategy and our capability to deliver shareholder value through disciplined capital allocation,” said Gerry Smith, chief executive officer of The ODP Corporation.

Additionally, as part of its ongoing commitment to drive shareholder value in support of its strategic initiatives, the Company announced today that its Board of Directors authorized a \$150 million increase in the existing \$300 million stock repurchase program to \$450 million. Accordingly, the Company will have approximately \$142 million available for additional share repurchases through June 30, 2022 following entering into the \$150 million ASR. The authorization permits the Company to repurchase common stock from time-to-time through a combination of open market repurchases, privately negotiated transactions, 10b5-1 trading plans, accelerated stock repurchase transactions and/or other derivative transactions. The stock repurchase program may be modified, extended, suspended or discontinued at any time. The exact number and timing of share repurchases will depend on market conditions and other factors, and will be funded through available cash balances.

“The ODP Corporation’s free cash flow generation and strong balance sheet provide us with the flexibility to invest in key strategic initiatives as well as return capital to shareholders,” said Anthony Scaglione, chief financial officer of The ODP Corporation. “Our Board of Directors will continue to evaluate our capital allocation plans in order to maximize long-term value for shareholders.”

About The ODP Corporation

The ODP Corporation (NASDAQ:ODP) is a leading provider of business services and supplies, products and digital workplace technology solutions to small, medium and enterprise businesses, through an integrated business-to-business (B2B) distribution platform, which includes world-class supply chain and distribution operations, dedicated sales professionals and technicians, online presence, and approximately 1,100 stores. Through its banner brands Office Depot®, OfficeMax®, CompuCom® and Grand&Toy®, as well as others, the company offers its customers the tools and resources they need to focus on their passion of starting, growing and running their business. For more information, visit news.theodpcorp.com and investor.theodpcorp.com.

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This communication may contain forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These statements or disclosures may discuss goals, intentions and expectations as to future trends, plans, events, results of operations, cash flow or financial condition, the potential impacts on our business due to the unknown severity and duration of the COVID-19 pandemic, or state other information relating to, among other things, the Company, based on current beliefs and assumptions made by, and information currently available to, management. Forward-looking statements generally will be accompanied by words such as “anticipate,” “believe,” “plan,” “could,” “estimate,” “expect,” “forecast,” “guidance,” “outlook,” “intend,” “may,” “possible,” “potential,” “predict,” “project,” “propose” or other similar words, phrases or expressions, or other variations of such words. These forward-looking statements are subject to various risks and uncertainties, many of which are outside of the Company’s control. There can be no assurances that the Company will realize these expectations or that these beliefs will prove correct, and therefore investors and stakeholders should not place undue reliance on such statements.

Factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those in the forward-looking statements include, among other things, highly competitive office products market and failure to differentiate the Company from other office supply resellers or respond to decline in general office supplies sales or to shifting consumer demands; competitive pressures on the Company’s sales and pricing; the adverse effects of an unsolicited tender offer on our business, operating results or financial condition; the risk that the Company is unable to transform the business into a service-driven, B2B platform that such a strategy will not result in the benefits anticipated; the risk that the Company will not be able to achieve its strategic plans, including the proposed separation of its consumer business and the planned sale of CompuCom, and the high costs in connection with these transactions may not be recouped if these transactions are not consummated; the risk that the Company may not be able to realize the anticipated benefits of acquisitions due to unforeseen liabilities, future capital expenditures, expenses, indebtedness and the unanticipated loss of key customers or the inability to achieve expected revenues, synergies, cost savings or financial performance; the risk that the Company is unable to successfully maintain a relevant omni-channel experience for its customers; the risk that the Company is unable to execute the Maximize B2B Restructuring Plan successfully or that such plan will not result in the benefits anticipated; failure to effectively manage the Company’s real estate portfolio; loss of business with government entities, purchasing consortiums, and sole- or limited- source distribution arrangements; failure to attract and retain qualified personnel, including employees in stores, service centers, distribution centers, field and corporate offices and executive management, and the inability to keep supply of skills and resources in balance with customer demand; failure to execute effective advertising efforts and maintain the Company’s reputation and brand at a high level;

disruptions in computer systems, including delivery of technology services; breach of information technology systems affecting reputation, business partner and customer relationships and operations and resulting in high costs and lost revenue; unanticipated downturns in business relationships with customers or terms with the suppliers, third-party vendors and business partners; disruption of global sourcing activities, evolving foreign trade policy (including tariffs imposed on certain foreign made goods); exclusive Office Depot branded products are subject to additional product, supply chain and legal risks; product safety and quality concerns of manufacturers' branded products and services and Office Depot private branded products; covenants in the credit facility; general disruption in the credit markets; incurrence of significant impairment charges; retained responsibility for liabilities of acquired companies; fluctuation in quarterly operating results due to seasonality of the Company's business; changes in tax laws in jurisdictions where the Company operates; increases in wage and benefit costs and changes in labor regulations; changes in the regulatory environment, legal compliance risks and violations of the U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act and other worldwide anti-bribery laws; volatility in the Company's common stock price; changes in or the elimination of the payment of cash dividends on Company common stock; macroeconomic conditions such as future declines in business or consumer spending; increases in fuel and other commodity prices and the cost of material, energy and other production costs, or unexpected costs that cannot be recouped in product pricing; unexpected claims, charges, litigation, dispute resolutions or settlement expenses; catastrophic events, including the impact of weather events on the Company's business; the discouragement of lawsuits by shareholders against the Company and its directors and officers as a result of the exclusive forum selection of the Court of Chancery, the federal district court for the District of Delaware or other Delaware state courts by the Company as the sole and exclusive forum for such lawsuits; and the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the Company's business, including on the demand for its and our customers' products and services, on trade and transport restrictions and generally on our ability to effectively manage the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on our business operations. The foregoing list of factors is not exhaustive. Investors and shareholders should carefully consider the foregoing factors and the other risks and uncertainties described in the Company's Annual Reports on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, and Current Reports on Form 8-K filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. The Company does not assume any obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements.