

Mastercard Inc  
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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): February 1,  
2018

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Mastercard Incorporated  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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Delaware	001-32877	13-4172551
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)

2000 Purchase Street	10577
Purchase, New York	(Zip Code)
(Address of principal executive offices)	
(914) 249-2000	
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)	

NOT APPLICABLE

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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- 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))

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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 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On February 1, 2018, Mastercard Incorporated (“Mastercard”) issued an earnings release announcing financial results for its fourth quarter 2017 and full year 2017.

A copy of the earnings release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1. All information in the press release is furnished but not filed.

### Non-GAAP Financial Information

In the attached press release, Mastercard discloses as non-GAAP financial measures adjusted operating expenses, adjusted operating margin, adjusted effective income tax rate, adjusted net income and adjusted diluted earnings per share (as well as related applicable growth rates versus the comparable period in the prior year). These non-GAAP financial measures exclude the impact of the following special items ("special items").

• In the fourth quarter of 2017, Mastercard recorded additional tax expense due to the passage of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act.

• In the fourth quarter of 2017, Mastercard recorded a pre-tax charge in general and administrative expenses related to the deconsolidation of its Venezuelan subsidiaries.

• In the first quarter of 2017, Mastercard recorded a provision for litigation related to a litigation settlement with Canadian merchants.

• In the fourth and second quarter of 2016, Mastercard recorded provisions for litigation settlements related to separate litigations with merchants in the U.K.

Mastercard excluded these special items because its management monitors significant changes in tax law, litigation judgments and settlements related to interchange and regulation, and significant one-time items separately from ongoing operations and evaluates ongoing performance without these amounts. Mastercard's management believes that the non-GAAP financial measures presented facilitate an understanding of Mastercard's operating performance and meaningful comparison of its results between periods.

In the attached earnings release, management also presents growth rates on a currency-neutral basis, which is a non-GAAP financial measure. Currency-neutral growth rates are calculated by remeasuring the prior period's results using the current period's exchange rates for both the translational and transactional impacts on operating results. The impact of foreign currency translation represents the effect of translating operating results where the functional currency is different than our U.S. dollar reporting currency. The impact of the transactional foreign currency represents the effect of converting revenue and expenses occurring in a currency other than the functional currency. Mastercard's management believes the presentation of certain currency-neutral growth rates provides relevant information.

Mastercard's management uses non-GAAP financial measures to, among other things, evaluate its ongoing operations in relation to historical results, for internal planning and forecasting purposes and in the calculation of performance-based compensation. The attached press release includes reconciliations of the requisite non-GAAP financial measures to the most directly comparable GAAP financial measures. The presentation of non-GAAP financial measures should not be considered in isolation or as a substitute for Mastercard's related financial results prepared in accordance with GAAP.

## Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit Number Exhibit Description

99.1      Earnings Release issued by Mastercard Incorporated, dated February 1, 2018

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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.

MASTERCARD  
INCORPORATED

Date: February 1, 2018 By: /s/ Janet McGinness  
Janet McGinness  
Corporate Secretary