

**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 31, 2020

**NetApp, Inc.**

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation)

**0-27130**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**77-0307520**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**1395 Crossman Avenue**  
**Sunnyvale, CA 94089**  
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

**(408) 822-6000**  
(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):

- 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, \$0.001 Par Value	NTAP	The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC

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.**

(d)

*Appointment of New Director*

On January 31, 2020, NetApp, Inc.'s board of directors (the "Board") approved an increase in the number of authorized directors on the Board from seven (7) to eight (8) and appointed Deepak Ahuja as a member of the Board to fill the vacancy created thereby.

There are no arrangements or understandings between Mr. Ahuja, on the one hand, and NetApp, Inc. ("the Company") or any other persons, on the other hand, pursuant to which Mr. Ahuja was selected as a director. There are no related party transactions between the Company and Mr. Ahuja (or any immediate family member thereof) requiring disclosure under Item 404(a) of Regulation S-K. Mr. Ahuja does not have any family relationships with any of the Company's directors or executive officers.

Mr. Ahuja will serve as a member of the Audit Committee.

As a non-employee director, Mr. Ahuja will participate in the non-employee director compensation arrangements described in the Company's definitive proxy statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") on August 2, 2019. In addition, it is expected that he will enter into the Company's standard form of director indemnification agreement previously approved by the Board. The form of indemnification agreement was filed as Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ending on July 25, 2014, as filed with the SEC on August 28, 2014.

A copy of the Company's press release announcing the appointment of Mr. Ahuja to the Board is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and the information set forth therein is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

**(d) Exhibits.**

<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
99.1	<a href="#">Press release, dated February 4, 2020, announcing appointment of Deepak Ahuja to the Board of Directors.</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, as amended, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

**NETAPP, INC.**  
**(Registrant)**

February 4, 2020

By: /s/ Matthew K. Fawcett  
Matthew K. Fawcett  
Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary

## NetApp Appoints Deepak Ahuja to Board of Directors

**Sunnyvale, Calif. – February 4, 2020** – NetApp, Inc. (NASDAQ: NTAP) today announced that Deepak Ahuja, CFO of Verily, has joined its Board of Directors. Mr. Ahuja’s appointment brings the number of directors on the NetApp board to eight, seven of whom are independent.

“I am pleased to welcome Deepak to our Board,” said George Kurian, chief executive officer. “His extensive strategic and operational expertise will provide valuable perspectives as we continue to execute our strategy, drive profitability and enhance value for all NetApp’s shareholders. I look forward to benefiting from his experience.”

“As a seasoned CFO, Deepak’s knowledge of complex financial matters at high growth companies will be an excellent resource for our management team,” said NetApp’s Chairman Mike Nevens. “His experience complements the board’s capabilities and we are excited to welcome him on to our board.”

“I am honored to join the board of a leader of data services for hybrid multicloud,” said Deepak Ahuja. “I look forward to working alongside my fellow Board members and company management to advance NetApp’s compelling vision.”

### **About Deepak Ahuja**

Deepak Ahuja joined Verily in 2020 as Chief Financial Officer (CFO). Previously, he served as CFO of Tesla from 2008 to 2015 and from 2017 to 2019. One of Tesla’s longest-serving executives, Deepak played a role in the company’s rise from startup to a large cap energy company. Deepak was Tesla’s first finance chief and helped guide it through its IPO in addition to raising several billion dollars of capital to fuel its growth. Prior to Tesla, he was at Ford Motor Company for 15 years, which provided him experiences in manufacturing, marketing & sales, product development, treasury, and acquisitions/divestitures. Deepak was named CFO of the year in 2010 for small public companies by Silicon Valley Business Journal. In 2014, he was named Bay Area CFO of the year for large public companies by San Francisco Business Times. Deepak holds an M.S. in industrial administration from Carnegie Mellon University, an M.S. in materials engineering from Northwestern University and a B. Tech in ceramic engineering from Banaras Hindu University in India.

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**About NetApp**

NetApp is the leader in cloud data services, empowering global organizations to change their world with data. Together with our partners, we are the only ones who can help you build your unique data fabric. Simplify hybrid multicloud and securely deliver the right data, services and applications to the right people at the right time. Learn more at [www.netapp.com](http://www.netapp.com).

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