

INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS MACHINES CORP  
Form 8-K  
October 17, 2017

**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: **October 17, 2017**

(Date of earliest event reported)

**INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS MACHINES**  
**CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**New York**  
(State of Incorporation)

**1-2360**  
(Commission File Number)

**13-0871985**  
(IRS employer Identification No.)

**ARMONK, NEW YORK**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**10504**  
(Zip Code)

**914-499-1900**  
(Registrant's telephone number)

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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))

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.**

The registrant's press release dated October 17, 2017, regarding its financial results for the periods ended September 30, 2017, including consolidated financial statements for the periods ended September 30, 2017, is Exhibit 99.1 of this Form 8-K.

In an effort to provide investors with additional information regarding the company's results as determined by generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), the company has disclosed in the attached press release certain non-GAAP information which management believes provides useful information to investors. Reconciliations of these non-GAAP financial measures to the most directly comparable financial measures calculated and presented in accordance with GAAP are included in the press release, which is Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K. The rationale for management's use of non-GAAP measures is included in Exhibit 99.2 to this Form 8-K.

The information in this Item 2.02, including the corresponding Exhibits 99.1 and 99.2, is hereby filed.

**Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.**

The slides for IBM's Chief Financial Officer Martin Schroeter's third-quarter 2017 earnings presentation on October 17, 2017 are Exhibit 99.3 to this Form 8-K.

The information in this Item 7.01, including the corresponding Exhibit 99.3, is being furnished with the Commission and shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits

The following exhibits are being filed as part of this report:

| <b>Exhibit No.</b> | <b>Description of Exhibit</b>                                     |
|--------------------|---|
| 99.1               | <u>Earnings Release of the Registrant, dated October 17, 2017</u> |
| 99.2               | <u>Non-GAAP Financial Information</u>                             |

The following exhibit is being furnished as part of this report:

| Exhibit No. | Description of Exhibit   |
|-------------|--|
| 99.3        | <u>Earnings Presentation of the Registrant, dated October 17, 2017</u> |

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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: October 17, 2017

By: /s/ Robert F. Del Bene  
Robert F. Del Bene  
Vice President and Controller