

CADENCE DESIGN SYSTEMS INC

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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549  
SCHEDULE 14A  
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**CADENCE DESIGN SYSTEMS, INC.**

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**CADENCE DESIGN SYSTEMS, INC.**  
**2655 SEELY AVENUE, SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA 95134**  
**Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the**  
**Stockholder Meeting to Be Held on Wednesday, May 7, 2008**  
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*You can view the Annual Report and Proxy  
Statement of Cadence Design Systems, Inc. at:  
<http://bnymellon.mobular.net/bnymellon/cdns>*

*This communication presents only an overview of the more complete proxy materials that are available to you on the Internet. We encourage you to access and review all of the important information contained in the proxy materials before voting.*

Dear Stockholder:

The 2008 Annual Meeting of Stockholders of Cadence Design Systems, Inc. (the Company) will be held at Cadence Design Systems, Inc., 2655 Seely Avenue, Building 5, San Jose, California 95134, on Wednesday, May 7, 2008, at 1:00 p.m. Pacific time.

Proposals to be considered at the Annual Meeting:

- (1) to elect 8 Directors to serve until the 2009 Annual Meeting of Stockholders of the Company;
- (2) to approve an amendment to the Cadence Design Systems, Inc. Amended and Restated Employee Stock Purchase Plan;
- (3) to ratify the selection of KPMG LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm; and
- (4) to consider and act upon any other business that may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment(s) thereof.

The Board of Directors recommends a vote FOR Items 1, 2 and 3.

The Board of Directors has fixed the close of business on March 14, 2008 as the record date (the Record Date) for the determination of stockholders entitled to receive notice of and to vote at the Annual Meeting or any adjournment(s) thereof.

**You may vote your proxy electronically or by telephone  
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**Stockholders of record as of the Record Date are encouraged and cordially invited to attend the Annual Meeting. To receive directions to the Annual Meeting, please visit our corporate website at [http://www.cadence.com/company/cadence\\_worldwide/offices.aspx?region=1](http://www.cadence.com/company/cadence_worldwide/offices.aspx?region=1)**

**If you would like to receive a paper or e-mail copy of these documents, you must request them. Such documents will be mailed to you at no charge. Please make sure you request a copy as instructed below on or before April 23, 2008 to facilitate a timely delivery.**

The following Proxy Materials are available for you to review online at: <http://bnymellon.mobular.net/bnymellon/cdns> the Company's 2008 Proxy Statement (including all attachments thereto);

the Proxy Card;

the Company Annual Report for the fiscal year ended December 29, 2007 (which is not deemed to be part of the official proxy soliciting materials); and

any amendments to the foregoing materials that are required to be furnished to stockholders.

**To request a paper copy of the Proxy Materials, please call 1-888-313-0164, or you may request a paper copy by email at [shrrelations@bnymellon.com](mailto:shrrelations@bnymellon.com), or by logging onto <http://bnymellon.mobular.net/bnymellon/cdns>.**

**ACCESSING YOUR PROXY MATERIALS ONLINE**

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**OR WHEN YOU WANT TO VOTE YOUR PROXY ELECTRONICALLY OR BY TELEPHONE.  
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