

CADENCE DESIGN SYSTEMS INC
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**UNITED STATES
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

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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 13, 2009

The Proxy Statement, Annual Report and other proxy materials are available at:
<http://bnymellon.mobular.net/bnymellon/cdns>

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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.

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Dear Stockholder:

The 2009 Annual Meeting of Stockholders of Cadence Design Systems, Inc. will be held at the offices of Cadence Design Systems, Inc. (the Company) located at 2655 Seely Avenue, Building 10, San Jose, California 95134, on Wednesday, May 13, 2009, at 1:00 p.m. Pacific time.

Proposals to be considered at the Annual Meeting:

- (1) To elect directors to serve until the 2010 Annual Meeting of Stockholders of the Company;
- (2) To approve an amendment to the Company's Amended and Restated Employee Stock Purchase Plan;
- (3) To ratify the selection of KPMG LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending January 2, 2010; and
- (4) To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof.

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

The Board of Directors of the Company has fixed the close of business on March 17, 2009 as the record date (the Record Date) for the determination of stockholders entitled to notice of and to vote at the 2009 Annual Meeting of Stockholders and at any adjournment or postponement thereof.

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Stockholders of record as of the Record Date are cordially invited and encouraged to attend the 2009 Annual Meeting of Stockholders of Cadence Design Systems, Inc.

To receive directions to this Annual Meeting, please visit our corporate website at <http://www.cadence.com>.

Meeting Location:

Cadence Design Systems, Inc.
2655 Seely Avenue, Building 10
San Jose, California 95134

The following materials are available for you to review online:

the Company's 2009 Proxy Statement (including all attachments thereto);

the Proxy Card;

the Company's Annual Report for the fiscal year ended January 3, 2009 (which is not incorporated into the 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: (you must reference your 11-digit control number)

Telephone: **1-888-313-0164** (outside of the U.S. and Canada call 1-201-680-6688)

Email: shrrelations@bnymellon.com

Internet: <http://bnymellon.mobular.net/bnymellon/cdns>

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