

Accenture plc  
Form 8-K  
March 23, 2017

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 20549

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Form 8-K  
CURRENT REPORT  
Pursuant to Section 13 OR 15(d) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

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Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): March 23, 2017  
Accenture plc  
(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Ireland                                      001-34448      98-0627530  
(State or other jurisdiction   (Commission (I.R.S. Employer  
of incorporation)                      File Number) Identification No.)

1 Grand Canal Square  
Grand Canal Harbour  
Dublin 2, Ireland

(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (353) (1) 646-2000

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))

Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On March 23, 2017, Accenture plc (“Accenture”) issued a news release announcing financial results for its second quarter of fiscal year 2017, which fiscal quarter ended on February 28, 2017.

A copy of the news release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99. All information in the news release is furnished but not filed.

Non-GAAP Financial Information

In the attached news release Accenture discloses the following non-GAAP financial measures:

Free cash flow (defined as operating cash flow net of property and equipment additions). Accenture’s management believes that this information provides meaningful additional information regarding the company’s liquidity.

Percentage changes in revenues before reimbursements (“net revenues”) on a local currency basis. Financial results in local currency are calculated by restating current period activity into U.S. dollars using the comparable prior year period’s foreign currency exchange rates. This approach is used for all results where the functional currency is not the U.S. dollar. Accenture’s management believes that information regarding changes in its net revenues that excludes the effect of fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates facilitates meaningful comparison of its net revenues before reimbursements.

Diluted earnings per share, effective tax rate, net income and operating margin excluding the gain on the sale of the company’s Navitaire business and the related income taxes and the principally non-cash charge related to the settlement of certain U.S. pension obligations. Accenture’s management believes that information regarding the effect of the Navitaire divestiture and the settlement charge facilitates an understanding as to the impact of these items and the company’s operating performance.

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 news release. While Accenture’s management believes that this non-GAAP financial information is useful in evaluating Accenture’s operations, this information should be considered as supplemental in nature and not as a substitute for the related financial information prepared in accordance with GAAP.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

99 News Release of Accenture, dated March 23, 2017

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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.

Date: March 23, 2017    ACCENTURE PLC

By:            /s/ Joel  
                  Unruch  
Name:        Joel Unruch  
Title:        Corporate  
                  Secretary

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EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No. Description

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