

# WESTERN DIGITAL CORP

## FORM S-8

(Securities Registration: Employee Benefit Plan)

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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
Washington, D.C. 20549

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**FORM S-8**  
**REGISTRATION STATEMENT**  
*UNDER*  
*THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933*

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**WESTERN DIGITAL CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**Delaware**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction of  
Incorporation or Organization)

**33-0956711**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**5601 Great Oaks Parkway**  
**San Jose, California 95119**  
(Address, including Zip Code, of Principal Executive Offices)

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**Western Digital Corporation 2017 Performance Incentive Plan**  
(Formerly, Western Digital Corporation Amended and Restated 2004 Performance Incentive Plan)  
(Full title of the Plan)

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**Michael C. Ray**  
**Executive Vice President, Chief Legal Officer and Secretary**  
**Western Digital Corporation**  
**5601 Great Oaks Parkway**  
**San Jose, California 95119**  
**(408) 717-6000**  
(Name, Address and Telephone Number, Including Area Code, of Agent for Service)

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, a smaller reporting company or an emerging growth company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer," "smaller reporting company," and "emerging growth company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Accelerated filer	<input type="checkbox"/>
Non-accelerated filer	<input type="checkbox"/> (Do not check if a smaller reporting company)	Smaller reporting company	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Emerging growth company	<input type="checkbox"/>

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 7(a)(2)(B) of the Securities Act.



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**CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE**

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<b>Title of Securities To Be Registered</b>	<b>Amount To Be Registered</b>	<b>Proposed Maximum Offering Price Per Share</b>	<b>Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price</b>	<b>Amount Of Registration Fee</b>
Common Stock, \$0.01 par value per share	14,000,000 (1)	\$87.355 (2)	\$1,222,970,000 (2)	\$152,260 (2)

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- (1) This Registration Statement covers, in addition to the number of shares of Western Digital Corporation, a Delaware corporation (the “Company” or the “Registrant”), common stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the “Common Stock”), stated above, options and other rights to purchase or acquire the shares of Common Stock covered by this Registration Statement and, pursuant to Rule 416 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “Securities Act”), an additional indeterminate number of shares, options and rights that may be offered or issued pursuant to the Western Digital Corporation 2017 Performance Incentive Plan (formerly, the Western Digital Corporation Amended and Restated 2004 Performance Incentive Plan) (the “Plan”) as a result of one or more adjustments under the Plan to prevent dilution resulting from one or more stock splits, stock dividends or similar transactions.
- (2) Pursuant to Securities Act Rule 457(h), the maximum offering price, per share and in the aggregate, and the registration fee were calculated based upon the average of the high and low prices of the Common Stock on November 6, 2017, as quoted on the NASDAQ Global Select Market.

The Exhibit Index for this Registration Statement is at page 9.

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

On November 2, 2017, the Company's stockholders approved an amendment and restatement of the Plan that, among other things, renamed the Plan as the "2017 Performance Incentive Plan" and increased by 14,000,000 the number of shares of Common Stock available for issuance under the Plan (the "New Shares"). The purpose of this Registration Statement is to register the New Shares under the Plan.

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**PART I**

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE  
SECTION 10(a) PROSPECTUS

The information required by Part I of Form S-8 is omitted from this Registration Statement in accordance with Rule 428 under the Securities Act and the instructions to Form S-8. The documents containing such information are not being filed with the Commission either as part of this Registration Statement or as prospectuses or prospectus supplements pursuant to Rule 424. These documents and the documents incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement pursuant to Item 3 of Part II hereof, taken together, constitute a prospectus that meets the requirements of Section 10(a) of the Securities Act. The document(s) containing the information specified in Part I of Form S-8 will be sent or given to participants as specified by Rule 428(b)(1) under the Securities Act.

## PART II

### INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT

#### **Item 3. Incorporation of Certain Documents by Reference**

The following documents of the Company filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “Commission”) are incorporated herein by reference:

- (a) The Company’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for its fiscal year ended June 30, 2017, filed with the Commission on August 29, 2017 (Commission File No. 001-08703);
- (b) The Company’s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for its fiscal quarter ended September 29, 2017, filed with the Commission on November 7, 2017 (Commission File No. 001-08703);
- (c) The description of the Company’s Common Stock contained in its Registration Statement on Form 8-A filed with the Commission on May 31, 2012 (Commission File No. 001-08703), and any other amendment or report filed for the purpose of updating such description; and
- (d) The Company’s Registration Statements on Form S-8 relating to the Plan, filed with the Commission on November 5, 2015 (Commission File No. 333-207842), November 29, 2012 (Commission File No. 333-185194), November 16, 2009 (Commission File No. 333-163133), November 18, 2005 (Commission File No. 333-129813) and February 2, 2005 (Commission File No. 333-122475).

All documents subsequently filed by the Company pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 and 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”), prior to the filing of a post-effective amendment which indicates that all securities offered hereby have been sold or which deregisters all securities then remaining unsold, shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference into this Registration Statement and to be a part hereof from the date of filing of such documents; provided, however, that documents or information deemed to have been furnished and not filed in accordance with Commission rules shall not be deemed incorporated by reference into this Registration Statement. Any statement contained herein or in a document, all or a portion of which is incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference herein, shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes of this Registration Statement to the extent that a statement contained herein or in any other subsequently filed document which also is or is deemed to be incorporated by reference herein modifies or supersedes such statement. Any such statement so modified or superseded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or amended, to constitute a part of this Registration Statement.

#### **Item 4. Description of Securities**

Not applicable.

#### **Item 5. Interests of Named Experts and Counsel**

The validity of the issuance of Common Stock registered hereby is passed on for the Company by Michael C. Ray. Mr. Ray is the Executive Vice President, Chief Legal Officer and Secretary of the Company and is compensated by the Company as an employee. As of the date hereof, Mr. Ray owns 9,301 shares of Common Stock, 40,087 restricted stock units that are payable in an equivalent number of shares of Common Stock, 84,359 performance stock units (at the target level of performance, or, if applicable, as credited) that are payable in an equivalent number of shares of Common Stock, and Company stock options to acquire up to an additional 123,386 shares of Common Stock.

#### **Item 6. Indemnification of Directors and Officers**

The Company is a Delaware corporation. Section 145(a) of the Delaware General Corporation Law (the “DGCL”) provides that a Delaware corporation may indemnify any person who was or is a party or is

threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative (other than an action by or in the right of the corporation) by reason of the fact that the person is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, against expenses (including attorneys' fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by the person in connection with such action, suit or proceeding if the person acted in good faith and in a manner the person reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe the person's conduct was unlawful. The termination of any action, suit or proceeding by judgment, order, settlement, conviction, or upon a plea of nolo contendere or its equivalent, shall not, of itself, create a presumption that the person did not act in good faith and in a manner which the person reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had reasonable cause to believe that the person's conduct was unlawful.

Section 145(b) of the DGCL provides that a Delaware corporation may indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action or suit by or in the right of the corporation to procure a judgment in its favor by reason of the fact that the person acted in any of the capacities set forth above, against expenses (including attorneys' fees) actually and reasonably incurred by the person in connection with the defense or settlement of such action or suit if the person acted under similar standards to those set forth above, except that no indemnification may be made in respect to any claim, issue or matter as to which such person shall have been adjudged to be liable to the corporation unless and only to the extent that the court in which such action or suit was brought shall determine that despite the adjudication of liability, in view of all the circumstances of the case, such person is fairly and reasonably entitled to be indemnified for such expenses which the court shall deem proper.

Section 145 of the DGCL further provides, among other things, that to the extent a present or former director or officer of the corporation has been successful in the defense of any action, suit or proceeding referred to in subsection (a) and (b) of Section 145 or in the defense of any claim, issue or matter therein, such person shall be indemnified against expenses (including attorneys' fees) actually and reasonably incurred by him or her in connection therewith; that indemnification provided for by Section 145 shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which the indemnified party may be entitled, and that the corporation may purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of a director or officer of the corporation against any liability asserted against such officer or director and incurred by him or her in any such capacity or arising out of his or her status as such, whether or not the corporation would have the power to indemnify him or her against such liabilities under Section 145.

As permitted by Section 102(b)(7) of the DGCL, the Company's certificate of incorporation provides that a director shall not be liable to the Company or its stockholders for monetary damages for breach of fiduciary duty as a director. However, such provision does not eliminate or limit the liability of a director for acts or omissions not in good faith or for breaching his or her duty of loyalty, engaging in intentional misconduct or knowingly violating the law, paying a dividend or approving a stock repurchase which was illegal, or obtaining an improper personal benefit. A provision of this type has no effect on the availability of equitable remedies, such as injunction or rescission, for breach of fiduciary duty.

The Company's bylaws require that directors and officers be indemnified to the maximum extent permitted by Delaware law. In addition to the indemnification provisions in the Company's bylaws, the Company has entered into indemnity agreements with each director and executive officer of the Company. These indemnity agreements require that the Company indemnify each director and executive officer to the fullest extent permitted by the DGCL.

The indemnity agreements also require the Company to make prompt payment of expenses incurred by the director or executive officer in connection with any proceeding upon the request of the director or executive officer in advance of indemnification to the extent permitted by law.

The Company has a policy of directors' liability insurance which insures the directors and officers against the cost of defense, settlement or payment of a judgment under certain circumstances stated in the policy.

The above discussion of the DGCL and of the Company's certificate of incorporation, bylaws, and indemnification agreements is not intended to be exhaustive and is qualified in its entirety by such statute, certificate of incorporation, bylaws and indemnification agreements.

**Item 7. Exemption from Registration Claimed**

Not applicable.

**Item 8. Exhibits**

See the attached Exhibit Index at page 9, which is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9. Undertakings**

(a) The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes:

(1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this Registration Statement:

(i) To include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act;

(ii) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of this Registration Statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in this Registration Statement;

(iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in this Registration Statement or any material change to such information in this Registration Statement;

*provided, however*, that paragraphs (a)(1)(i) and (a)(1)(ii) do not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in reports filed with or furnished to the Commission by the Registrant pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act that are incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement.

(2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial *bona fide* offering thereof.

(3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.

(b) The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each filing of the Registrant's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act) that is incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial *bona fide* offering thereof.

(h) Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the Registrant pursuant to the provisions described in Item 6 above, or otherwise, the Registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the Registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the Registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the

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Registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

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**EXHIBIT INDEX**

<u>Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Description of Exhibit</u>
4	<a href="#"><u>Western Digital Corporation 2017 Performance Incentive Plan. (Filed as Exhibit 10.1 to the Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Commission on November 3, 2017 (Commission File No. 001-08703) and incorporated herein by this reference.)</u></a>
5	<a href="#"><u>Opinion of Counsel (opinion re legality).</u></a>
23.1	<a href="#"><u>Consent of KPMG LLP (consent of independent registered public accounting firm).</u></a>
23.2	<a href="#"><u>Consent of Counsel (included in Exhibit 5).</u></a>
24	<a href="#"><u>Power of Attorney (included in this Registration Statement under “Signatures”).</u></a>

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act, the Registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this Form S-8 Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of San Jose, State of California, on November 7, 2017.

WESTERN DIGITAL CORPORATION

By: /s/ Michael C. Ray  
Michael C. Ray  
Executive Vice President, Chief Legal Officer and  
Secretary

## POWER OF ATTORNEY

Each person whose signature appears below constitutes and appoints Stephen D. Milligan and Michael C. Ray, and each of them, acting individually and without the other, as his or her true and lawful attorneys-in-fact and agents, with full power of substitution and resubstitution, for him or her and in his or her name, place, and stead, in any and all capacities, to sign any and all amendments (including post-effective amendments, exhibits thereto and other documents in connection therewith) to this Registration Statement, and to file the same, with all exhibits thereto, and other documents in connection therewith, with the Commission, granting unto said attorneys-in-fact and agents, and each of them, full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary to be done in and about the premises, as fully to all intents and purposes as he or she might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorneys-in-fact and agents, or either of them individually, or their or his or her substitute or substitutes, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act, this Registration Statement has been signed below by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

<u>Signature</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>
<u>/s/ Stephen D. Milligan</u> Stephen D. Milligan	Chief Executive Officer and Director (Principal Executive Officer)	November 7, 2017
<u>/s/ Mark P. Long</u> Mark P. Long	President WD Capital, Chief Strategy Officer and Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer and Principal Accounting Officer)	November 7, 2017
<u>/s/ Matthew E. Massengill</u> Matthew E. Massengill	Chairman of the Board	November 7, 2017
<u>/s/ Martin I. Cole</u> Martin I. Cole	Director	November 7, 2017
<u>/s/ Kathleen A. Cote</u> Kathleen A. Cote	Director	November 7, 2017
<u>/s/ Henry T. DeNero</u> Henry T. DeNero	Director	November 7, 2017
<u>/s/ Michael D. Lambert</u> Michael D. Lambert	Director	November 7, 2017
<u>/s/ Len J. Lauer</u> Len J. Lauer	Director	November 7, 2017
<u>/s/ Paula A. Price</u> Paula A. Price	Director	November 7, 2017

[Company Letterhead]

November 7, 2017

Western Digital Corporation  
5601 Great Oaks Parkway  
San Jose, California 95119

Re: ***Registration of Securities of Western Digital Corporation***

Ladies and Gentlemen:

In connection with the registration of up to 14,000,000 shares of Common Stock of Western Digital Corporation, a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), par value \$0.01 per share (the "Shares"), under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, pursuant to a Registration Statement on Form S-8 (the "Registration Statement"), filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on or about the date hereof, such Shares to be issued or delivered pursuant to the Western Digital Corporation 2017 Performance Incentive Plan (the "Plan"), you have requested my opinion set forth below.

In my capacity as counsel, I have examined originals or copies of those corporate and other records of the Company I considered appropriate.

On the basis of such examination and my consideration of those questions of law I considered relevant, and subject to the limitations and qualifications in this opinion, I am of the opinion that the Shares have been duly authorized by all necessary corporate action on the part of the Company and, when issued in accordance with such authorization, the provisions of the Plan and relevant agreements duly authorized by and in accordance with the terms of the Plan, and upon payment for and delivery of the Shares as contemplated in accordance with the Plan, and either (a) the countersigning of the certificate or certificates representing the Shares by a duly authorized signatory of the registrar for the Company's Common Stock, or (b) the book-entry of the Shares by the transfer agent for the Company's Common Stock in the name of The Depository Trust Company or its nominee, the Shares will be validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable.

I consent to your filing this opinion as an exhibit to the Registration Statement.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Michael C. Ray

Michael C. Ray  
Executive Vice President, Chief Legal Officer and Secretary

**CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**

The Board of Directors  
Western Digital Corporation:

We consent to the incorporation by reference in the Registration Statement on Form S-8 of Western Digital Corporation and subsidiaries of our reports dated August 28, 2017, with respect to the consolidated balance sheets of Western Digital Corporation and subsidiaries as of June 30, 2017 and July 1, 2016, and the related consolidated statements of operations, comprehensive income, shareholders' equity, and cash flows, for each of the years in the three-year period ended June 30, 2017, the related financial statement schedule, and the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting as of June 30, 2017, which reports appear in the June 30, 2017 Annual Report on Form 10-K of Western Digital Corporation and subsidiaries.

/s/ KPMG LLP  
November 7, 2017  
Irvine, California