

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: September 18, 2019**  
(Date of earliest event reported)



**KIMBERLY-CLARK CORPORATION**  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

**1-225**  
(Commission file number)  
P.O. Box 619100  
Dallas, TX  
75261-9100  
(Address of principal executive offices)  
(Zip code)

**39-0394230**  
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (972) 281-1200**

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))

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

| Title of each class   | Trading Symbol(s) | Name of each exchange on which registered |
|-----------------------|-------------------|---|
| Common Stock          | KMB               | New York Stock Exchange                   |
| 0.625% Notes due 2024 | KMB24             | New York Stock Exchange                   |

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. ☐

Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers;  
Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers

- (a) On September 18, 2019, the Board of Directors (the “Board”) of Kimberly-Clark Corporation (the “Corporation”) elected Mark T. Smucker, 49, as an independent member of the Board, and also appointed him to the Board’s Audit Committee, effective immediately. In connection with the appointment of Mr. Smucker, the size of the Board will be increased from fourteen to fifteen members. Mr. Smucker is the Chief Executive Officer and Director of The J.M. Smucker Company, a food, beverage and pet food products company. Mr. Smucker will participate in the outside director compensation programs described under “Director Compensation” in the Corporation’s proxy statement filed with the SEC on March 8, 2019.

A copy of the news release announcing the election of Mr. Smucker to the Board is attached as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

- (d) Exhibits.

99.1 [News release issued by Kimberly-Clark Corporation on September 18, 2019.](#)

101 Cover Page Interactive Data File - the cover page XBRL tags are embedded within the Inline XBRL document.

104 The cover page from this Current Report on Form 8-K, formatted as Inline XBRL.

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.

KIMBERLY-CLARK CORPORATION

Date: September 18, 2019

By: /s/ Grant B. McGee

Grant B. McGee

Vice President and Secretary

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## **Kimberly-Clark Names Mark Smucker to Board of Directors**

**DALLAS, September 18, 2019** - Kimberly-Clark Corporation (NYSE: KMB) today announced that Mark T. Smucker was elected to its board of directors, effective immediately.

"Mark will be a great addition to our board," said Thomas J. Falk, Executive Chairman of Kimberly-Clark. "His marketing and innovation experiences leading the J.M. Smucker Company's portfolio of brands will be valuable in our board discussions."

Mr. Smucker serves as President and CEO of The J.M. Smucker Company (Smucker), and is the fifth generation of the Smucker family to lead the iconic 122-year old company. The Smucker portfolio is comprised of America's best-known food brands, and its products can be found in 90% of U.S. households. Under his leadership, the company continues to capitalize on its deep understanding of consumer preferences to stay at the forefront of the dynamic packaged foods landscape, particularly in the categories of coffee, pet food and snacks.

In addition to the Smucker board, Mr. Smucker serves as a director of the Grocery Manufacturers Association and Greater Cleveland Partnership, an advisor on the LeBron James Family Foundation and Thunderbird Strategic Advisory Council, and a member of the Fortune CEO Initiative.

**About Kimberly-Clark**

Kimberly-Clark and its trusted brands are an indispensable part of life for people in more than 175 countries. Fueled by ingenuity, creativity, and an understanding of people's most essential needs, we create products that help individuals experience more of what's important to them. Our portfolio of brands, including Huggies, Kleenex, Scott, Kotex, Cottonelle, Poise, Depend, Andrex, Pull-Ups, GoodNites, Intimus, Neve, Plenitud, Viva and WypAll, hold the No. 1 or No. 2 share position in 80 countries. We use sustainable practices that support a healthy planet, build stronger communities, and ensure our business thrives for decades to come. To keep up with the latest news and to learn more about the company's 147-year history of innovation, visit [kimberly-clark.com](http://kimberly-clark.com) or follow us on [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#).

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