

Registration No. 333-

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20549

FORM S-8

REGISTRATION STATEMENT
UNDER
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

GLOBAL PAYMENTS INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Georgia

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or
organization)

58-2567903

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

**10 Glenlake Parkway, North Tower
Atlanta, Georgia 30328-3473**

(Address, including Zip Code, of Principal Executive Offices)

Global Payments Inc. 2011 Incentive Plan

(Full title of the plan)

**Suelyn P. Tornay
Executive Vice President and General Counsel
Global Payments Inc.
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(Name, address and telephone number 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, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer

Smaller reporting company

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Title of securities to be registered	Amount to be registered	Proposed maximum offering price per share	Proposed maximum aggregate offering price	Amount of registration fee
Common Stock, no par value ("Common Stock")	7,000,000	\$40.36	\$282,520,000	\$32,800.57

- (1) Amount to be registered consists of 7,000,000 shares of Common Stock that may be issued under the Global Payments Inc. 2011 Incentive Plan (the "Plan"). This registration statement also covers additional shares that may become issuable in accordance with the adjustment and anti-dilution provisions of the Plan.
- (2) Estimated pursuant to Rule 457(h) and 457(c) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), solely for the purpose of computing the registration fee, based on the average of the high and low prices of the Common Stock reported on the New York Stock Exchange on September 22, 2011.

PART I
INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE SECTION 10(a) PROSPECTUS

(a) The documents constituting Part I of this registration statement on Form S-8 (this "Registration Statement") will be delivered to participants in the Plan as specified by Rule 428(b)(1) under the Securities Act. These documents and the documents incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement pursuant to Item 3 of Part II of this form, taken together, constitute a prospectus that meets the requirements of Section 10(a) of the Securities Act.

(b) Upon written or oral request, Global Payments Inc. (the "Company") will provide, without charge, the documents incorporated by reference in Item 3 of Part II of this Registration Statement. The documents are incorporated by reference in the Section 10(a) prospectus. The Company will also provide, without charge, upon written or oral request, other documents required to be delivered to employees pursuant to Rule 428(b). Requests for the above mentioned information should be directed to Suellyn P. Tornay at the address and telephone on the cover of this Registration Statement.

PART II
INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT

Item 3. Incorporation of Documents by Reference.

The following documents, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") by the Company are incorporated herein by reference:

- (a) The Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended May 31, 2011;
- (b) All other reports filed by the Company pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act") since May 31, 2011; and
- (c) The description of the Company's common stock, no par value, as contained in the Company's amended Registration Statement on Form 10 filed with the SEC on December 28, 2000 and any amendments or reports filed for the purpose of updating such description.

All reports and other documents subsequently filed by the Company pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 and 15(d) of the Exchange Act, prior to the filing of a post-effective amendment which indicates that all securities offered have been sold or which deregisters all securities that remain unsold, shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement and to be a part hereof from the date of filing of such documents.

Any statement contained in a document 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 incorporated or 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 superseded, to constitute a part of this Registration Statement.

Item 4. Description of Securities.

Not applicable.

Item 5. Interests of Named Experts and Counsel.

Not applicable.

Item 6. Indemnification of Directors and Officers.

The Company's Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation (the "Articles of Incorporation") eliminate the personal liability of its directors to the Company or its shareholders for monetary damages for any action taken, or any failure to take any action, as a director to the extent permitted under the Georgia Business Corporation Code (the "Georgia Code"). The Company's directors remain liable for (i) any appropriation, in violation of the director's duties, of any business opportunity, (ii) acts or omissions that involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law, (iii) unlawful corporate distributions as set forth in Section 14-2-832 of the Georgia Code, and (iv) any transactions from which the director derived an improper personal benefit. If the Georgia Code is amended to authorize corporate action further eliminating or limiting the personal liability of directors, the liability of the Company's directors shall be eliminated or limited to the fullest extent permitted by the Georgia Code, as amended, without further corporate action.

The Company's Fourth Amended and Restated By-laws (the "By-laws") require it to indemnify any director or officer 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 (including any action or suit by or in the right of the Company) because the person is or was a director or officer of the Company against liability incurred in such proceeding. The Company is not, however, required to indemnify officers and directors for liability incurred in a proceeding in which the director or officer is adjudged liable to the Company or is subjected to injunctive relief in its favor for (i) any appropriation, in violation of the director's or officer's duties, of any business opportunity of the Company, (ii) any acts or omissions which involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law, (iii) any types of liability with respect to distributions as set forth in Section 14-2-832 of the Georgia Code, or (iv) any transaction from which such officer or director received an improper personal benefit. In addition, the Company's By-laws provide that it (i) must advance funds to pay or reimburse the reasonable expenses incurred by a director or officer who is a party to a proceeding because that person is a director or officer if other conditions are satisfied, and (ii) may indemnify and advance expenses to any employee or agent who is not a director or officer to the same extent and subject to the same condition that the Company could, without shareholder approval under the Georgia Code, indemnify and advance expenses to a director.

Item 7. Exemption from Registration Claimed.

Not applicable.

Item 8. Exhibits.

See the Exhibit Index, which is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9. Undertakings.

- (a) The Company 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 the 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 the registration statement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any increase or decrease in volume of securities offered (if the total dollar value of securities offered would not exceed that which was registered) and any deviation from the low or high end of the estimated maximum offering range may be reflected in the form of prospectus filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume and price represent no more than 20 percent change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the "Calculation of Registration Fee" table in the effective registration statement; and

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

Provided, however, that paragraphs (a)(1)(i) and (a)(1)(ii) of this section do not apply if the registration statement is on Form S-8, and 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 Company pursuant to section 13 or section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 that are incorporated by reference in the registration statement.

(2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, 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 Company hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each filing of the Company's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) that is incorporated by reference in the 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.

(c) Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933 may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the Company pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the Company has been advised that in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the Company of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the Company 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 Company 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 Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

(Signatures on following page)

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SIGNATURES

The Registrant. Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the Company 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 Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the city of Atlanta, state of Georgia, on this 27 day of September, 2011.

GLOBAL PAYMENTS INC.

By: /s/ Paul R. Garcia
Paul R. Garcia
Chairman of the Board of Directors and Chief Executive Officer

POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW BY ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENT, that each person whose signature appears below constitutes and appoints Paul R. Garcia and Suellyn P. Tornay, and each or any one of them, as true and lawful attorneys-in-fact and agents, with full power of substitution, for him and in his name, place and stead, in any and all capacities, to sign any amendments (including post-effective amendments) to this Registration Statement and to file the same, with all exhibits thereto and other documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorney-in-fact, or their substitute or substitutes, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue thereof.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this registration statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated:

<u>/s/ Paul R. Garcia</u> Paul R. Garcia	Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer)	September 27, 2011
<u>/s/ David E. Mangum</u> David E. Mangum	Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer)	September 27, 2011
<u>/s/ Daniel C. O'Keefe</u> Daniel C. O'Keefe	Senior Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer (Principal Accounting Officer)	September 27, 2011
<u>/s/ William I. Jacobs</u> William I. Jacobs	Lead Director	September 27, 2011
<u>/s/ Edwin H. Burba, Jr.</u> Edwin H. Burba, Jr.	Director	September 27, 2011

<u>/s/ Alex W. (Pete) Hart</u> Alex W. (Pete) Hart	Director	September 27, 2011
<u>Raymond L. Killian</u>	Director	September ____, 2011
<u>/s/ Ruth Ann Marshall</u> Ruth Ann Marshall	Director	September 27, 2011
<u>/s/ Alan M. Silberstein</u> Alan M. Silberstein	Director	September 27, 2011
<u>/s/ Michael W. Trapp</u> Michael W. Trapp	Director	September 27, 2011
<u>/s/ Gerald J. Wilkins</u> Gerald J. Wilkins	Director	September 27, 2011

**EXHIBIT INDEX
TO
REGISTRATION STATEMENT ON FORM S-8**

<u>Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
4.1	Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation of Global Payments Inc., filed as Exhibit 3.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K dated January 31, 2001, File No. 001-16111, and incorporated herein by reference.
4.2	Fourth Amended and Restated By-laws of Global Payments Inc., filed as Exhibit 3.1 to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q dated August 31, 2003, File No. 001-16111, and incorporated herein by reference.
4.3	Form of certificate representing Global Payments Inc. common stock as amended, filed as Exhibit 4.4 to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form 10 dated December 28, 2000, File No. 001-16111, and incorporated herein by reference.
5.1	Opinion of Alston & Bird LLP (1)
23.1	Consent of Alston & Bird LLP (included in Exhibit 5.1)
23.2	Consent of Deloitte & Touche LLP (1)
24.1	Power of Attorney (included on signature page of this registration statement)
99.1	Global Payments Inc. 2011 Incentive Plan, filed as Appendix A to the Registrant's Definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A filed on August 18, 2011, File No. 001-16111, and incorporated herein by reference.

(1) Filed herewith.

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September 27, 2011

Global Payments Inc.
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Re: Registration Statement on Form S-8 --
Global Payments Inc. 2011 Incentive Plan

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have acted as counsel for Global Payments Inc., a Georgia corporation (the "Company"), in connection with the above-referenced Registration Statement on Form S-8 (the "Registration Statement") to be filed on the date hereof by the Company with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") to register under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), 7,000,000 shares of the Company's common stock, no par value (the "Shares"), which may be issued pursuant to the Global Payments Inc. 2011 Incentive Plan (the "Plan"). We are furnishing this opinion letter pursuant to Item 8 of Form S-8 and Item 601(b)(5) of the Commission's Regulation S-K.

In connection with our opinion below, we have examined the Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation of the Company, the Fourth Amended and Restated By-laws of the Company, records of proceedings of the Board of Directors of the Company, or committees thereof, deemed by us to be relevant to this opinion letter, the Plan and the Registration Statement. We also have made such further legal and factual examinations and investigations as we deemed necessary for purposes of expressing the opinion set forth herein. In our examination, we have assumed the genuineness of all signatures, the legal capacity of all natural persons, the authenticity of all documents submitted to us as original documents and the conformity to original documents of all documents submitted to us as certified, conformed, facsimile, electronic or photostatic copies.

As to certain factual matters relevant to this opinion letter, we have relied conclusively upon originals or copies, certified or otherwise identified to our satisfaction, of such other records, agreements, documents and instruments, including certificates or comparable documents of officers of the Company and of public officials, as we have deemed appropriate as a basis for the opinion hereinafter set forth. Except to the extent expressly set forth herein, we have made no independent investigations with regard to

matters of fact, and, accordingly, we do not express any opinion as to matters that might have been disclosed by independent verification.

Our opinion set forth below is limited to the laws of the State of Georgia that, in our professional judgment, are normally applicable to transactions of the type contemplated by the Plan, and we do not express any opinion herein concerning any other laws.

This opinion letter is provided for use solely in connection with the transactions contemplated by the Registration Statement and may not be used, circulated, quoted or otherwise relied upon for any other purpose without our express written consent. The only opinion rendered by us consists of those matters set forth in the sixth paragraph hereof, and no opinion may be implied or inferred beyond the opinion expressly stated. Our opinion expressed herein is as of the date hereof, and we undertake no obligation to advise you of any changes in applicable law or any other matters that may come to our attention after the date hereof that may affect our opinion expressed herein.

Based on the foregoing, it is our opinion that the Shares are duly authorized for issuance, and, when issued by the Company in accordance with the terms of the Plan, will be validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable.

We consent to the filing of this opinion letter as an exhibit to the Registration Statement and to the use of our name wherever appearing in the Registration Statement. In giving such consent, we do not thereby admit that we are within the category of persons whose consent is required under Section 7 of the Securities Act or the rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder.

Sincerely,

ALSTON & BIRD LLP

By: /s/ Laura G. Thatcher
Laura G. Thatcher, Partner

Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

We consent to the incorporation by reference in this Registration Statement on Form S-8 of our reports dated July 25, 2011, relating to the financial statements and financial statement schedule of Global Payments Inc. and subsidiaries (the "Company") (which report expresses an unqualified opinion and includes an explanatory paragraph relating to the adoption of new accounting provisions regarding noncontrolling interests), and the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting, appearing in the Annual Report on Form 10-K of the Company for the year ended May 31, 2011.

/s/ Deloitte & Touche LLP

Atlanta, Georgia
September 27, 2011