

VISA INC.
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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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

VISA INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware
(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation or Organization)

26-0267673
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

P.O. Box 8999

San Francisco, California 94128-8999

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

Visa Inc. Employee Stock Purchase Plan

(Full Title of the Plan)

Charles W. Scharf

Chief Executive Officer

Visa Inc.

P.O. Box 8999

San Francisco, California 94128-8999

(Name and Address of Agent For Service)

(415) 432-3200

(Telephone Number, including area code, of agent for service)

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Title of Each Class of Securities To Be Registered	Amount To Be Registered (1)	Proposed Maximum Offering Price Per Unit (2)	Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price	Amount of Registration Fee
Class A Common Stock, \$0.0001 par value per share	5,000,000	\$217.21	\$1,086,066,250	\$126,200.90

(1) Pursuant to Rule 416(b) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act), this Registration Statement shall also cover any additional shares which become issuable under the above-referenced incentive plan by reason of any stock dividend, stock split, recapitalization or other similar transaction effected

without the Registrant's receipt of consideration which results in an increase in the number of the outstanding shares of the Registrant's common stock.

(2) Calculated solely for the purpose of determining the registration fee pursuant to Rule 457(c) and (h) of the Securities Act on the basis of the average of the high and low prices of the Registrant's class A common stock as quoted on the New York Stock Exchange on January 26, 2015, multiplied by 85%, which is the percentage of the trading purchase price applicable to purchasers under the above-referenced incentive plan.

PART I

Information Required in the Section 10(a) Prospectus

The document or documents containing the information specified in Part I of Form S-8 will be sent or given to participating employees as specified by Rule 428(b)(1) of the Securities Act. These document(s) and the documents incorporated by reference herein 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.

PART II

Information Required in the Registration Statement

Item 3. Incorporation of Documents by Reference.

Visa Inc. (the Registrant) hereby incorporates by reference into this Registration Statement the following:

- (a) The Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2014, filed on November 21, 2014;
- (b) All other reports filed pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the Exchange Act) since the end of the fiscal year covered by the Registrant's Annual Report referred to in (a) above; and
- (c) The description of the Registrant's shares of class A common stock contained in Item 1 of the Registration Statement on Form 8-A (No. 001-33977) filed with the Commission on February 25, 2008, including any subsequently filed amendments or reports filed for the purpose of updating such description.

All documents subsequently filed by the Registrant pursuant to Section 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 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 de-registers 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 such documents, except as to specific sections of such statements as set forth therein.

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 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.

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Item 6. Indemnification of Directors and Officers.

Section 145 of the Delaware General Corporation Law (DGCL) authorizes and empowers a Delaware corporation to indemnify its directors, officers, employees and agents against liabilities incurred in connection with, and related expenses resulting from, any claim, action or suit brought against any such person as a result of his or her relationship with the corporation, provided that such persons acted in good faith and in a manner such person reasonably believed to be in, and not opposed to, the best interests of the corporation in connection with the acts or events on which such claim, action or suit is based. The finding of either civil or criminal liability on the part of such person in connection with such acts or events is not necessarily determinative of the question of whether such person has met the required standard of conduct and is, accordingly, entitled to be indemnified.

The Registrant s amended and restated certificate of incorporation provides for indemnification of its directors and officers to the fullest extent permitted under Delaware law. In addition, the Registrant has entered into separate indemnification agreements with each of its executive officers and directors, which require it, among other things, to indemnify them against certain liabilities that may arise by reason of their status or service (other than liabilities arising from acts or omissions not in good faith or from willful misconduct). These indemnification provisions and the indemnification agreements between the Registrant and its executive officers and directors may be sufficiently broad to permit indemnification of executive officers and directors for liabilities, including reimbursement of expenses incurred, arising under the Securities Act.

Section 102(b)(7) of the DGCL permits a corporation to provide in its certificate of incorporation that a director of the corporation shall not be personally liable to the corporation or its stockholder for monetary damages for breach of fiduciary duty as a director, except for liability: (1) for any breach of the director s duty of loyalty to the corporation or its stockholders; (2) for acts or omissions not in good faith or which include intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law; (3) under Section 174 of the DGCL (certain unlawful payments of dividend or unlawful stock purchases or redemptions); or (4) for any transaction from which the director derived an improper personal benefit. The Registrant s amended and restated certificate of incorporation includes such a provision.

Section 145(g) of the DGCL provides that a corporation shall have the power to purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any person who 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 any liability asserted against the person in any such capacity, or arising out of the person s status as such, whether or not the corporation would have the power to indemnify such person against such liability under the provisions of the law. The Registrant maintains standard policies of insurance under which coverage is provided, subject to the terms and conditions of such policies: (1) to its directors and officers against loss arising from claims made by reason of breach of duty or other wrongful act; and (2) to the Registrant with respect to payments that may be made by the registrant to such officers and directors pursuant to the above indemnification provisions or otherwise as a matter of law.

Item 7. Exemption from Registration Claimed.

Not applicable.

Item 8. Exhibits.

The exhibits listed on the exhibit index at the end of this Registration Statement are included in this Registration Statement.

Item 9. Undertakings.

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:

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- (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 this 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 a 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 clauses (1)(i) and (1)(ii) do not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those clauses is contained in reports filed with or furnished to the Commission by the Registrant pursuant to Section 13 or Section 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;
- (4) 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 Section 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 into 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; and
- (5) 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 indemnification provisions summarized in Item 6, 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 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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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, 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 Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of San Francisco, State of California, on 30th day of January, 2015.

VISA INC.

By: /s/ Charles W. Scharf

Name: Charles W. Scharf

Title: Chief Executive Officer

POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS, that each person whose signature appears below hereby constitutes and appoints Charles W. Scharf, Byron H. Pollitt and Kelly Mahon Tullier, each of them acting individually, his or her true and lawful attorney-in-fact and agent, with full power of substitution and revocation, in his or her name and on his or her behalf, to sign any or all amendments to this report, and to file the same, with all exhibits thereto, and other documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, granting unto said attorneys-in-fact and agents 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 for 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 their substitutes, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, this Registration Statement has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the Registrant in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

<u>Signature</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>
/s/ Charles W. Scharf Charles W. Scharf	Chief Executive Officer and Director (principal executive officer)	January 30, 2015
/s/ Byron H. Pollitt Byron H. Pollitt	Chief Financial Officer (principal financial officer and principal accounting officer)	January 30, 2015
/s/ Robert W. Matschullat Robert W. Matschullat	Independent Chair	January 30, 2015
/s/ Mary B. Cranston Mary B. Cranston	Director	January 30, 2015

/s/ Francisco Javier
Fernández-Carbajal
Francisco Javier Fernández-Carbajal

Director

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/s/ Alfred F. Kelly, Jr
Alfred F. Kelly, Jr.

Director

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/s/ Cathy E. Minehan Cathy E. Minehan	Director	January 30, 2015
/s/ Suzanne Nora Johnson Suzanne Nora Johnson	Director	January 30, 2015
/s/ David J. Pang David J. Pang	Director	January 30, 2015
/s/ William S. Shanahan William S. Shanahan	Director	January 30, 2015
/s/ John A. C. Swainson John A. C. Swainson	Director	January 30, 2015
/s/ Maynard G. Webb, Jr. Maynard G. Webb, Jr.	Director	January 30, 2015

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit		Incorporated by Reference				Filed
Number	Exhibit Description	Form	File No.	Exhibit	Filing Date	Herewith
4.1	Sixth Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of Visa Inc.	8-K	001-33977	3.1	January 29, 2015	
4.2	Amended and Restated Bylaws of Visa Inc.	8-K	001-33977	3.1	January 29, 2015	
5.1	Opinion of Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP.					X
23.1	Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm.					X
23.2	Consent of Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP (included in Exhibit 5.1).					X
24	Power of Attorney (included in signature page).					X
99.1	Visa Inc. 2015 Employee Stock Purchase Plan.	DEF 14A	001-33977	B	December 12, 2014	