

**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 (Date of earliest event reported): December 21, 2021

ASPEN TECHNOLOGY, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

001-34630
(Commission
File Number)

04-2739697
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

20 Crosby Drive,
(Address of principal executive offices)

Bedford, MA

01730
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(781) 221-6400**

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:

<u>Title of Each Class</u>	<u>Trading Symbol</u>	<u>Name of Each Exchange on Which Registered</u>
Common stock, \$0.10 par value per share	AZPN	The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC

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.

ther Events.

On December 21, 2021, we issued a press release announcing the appointment of Karen Golz to the position of chair of the audit committee. Ms. Golz replaces Gary E. Haroian, who retired from the Board of Directors after serving as a Board member and chair of the audit committee since 2003. The full text of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Description

[Press release issued by Aspen Technology, Inc. on December 21, 2021](#)

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.

ASPEN TECHNOLOGY, INC.

Date: December 22, 2021

By: /s/ Frederic G. Hammond
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Aspen Technology Announces Karen Golz as Newly Appointed Audit Committee Chair

BEDFORD, Mass. – December 21, 2021 – Aspen Technology, Inc. (NASDAQ: AZPN), a global leader in asset optimization software, today announced that Karen Golz has been appointed chair of its audit committee. She joined the AspenTech Board of Directors in March 2021.

Ms. Golz is a retired partner of Ernst & Young (EY) where she held various senior leadership positions during her 40-year tenure at the firm, including Global Vice Chair, Japan. In addition to accounting, financial reporting and audit expertise, Golz brings considerable experience in international and regulatory matters. Ms. Golz replaces Gary Haroian who retired from the Board of Directors after serving as a Board member and chair of the audit committee since 2003.

“We are pleased that Karen is assuming this important role on the audit committee,” said Antonio Pietri, president and CEO of AspenTech. “Her leadership in this area will serve the company well as we enter an exciting new phase of the company’s growth and development. We are grateful to Gary Haroian for his years serving as Board member and chair of the audit committee. His leadership and guidance have been instrumental in AspenTech’s success.”

“It is a privilege to be appointed chair of the audit committee, especially at this time when AspenTech is poised to contribute increasing value to customers in the areas of operational efficiencies and sustainability,” said Golz. “Taking on this leadership role as AspenTech continues its growth and development is an honor.”

About Aspen Technology

Aspen Technology (AspenTech) is a global leader in asset optimization software. Its solutions address complex, industrial environments where it is critical to optimize the asset design, operation, and maintenance lifecycle. AspenTech uniquely combines decades of process modelling expertise with artificial intelligence. Its purpose-built software platform automates knowledge work and builds sustainable competitive advantage by delivering high returns over the entire asset lifecycle. As a result, companies in capital-intensive industries can maximize uptime and push the limits of performance, running their assets safer, greener, longer and faster. Visit [AspenTech.com](https://www.aspentech.com) to find out more.

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