UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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

RALPH LAUREN

CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

13-2622036 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

650 Madison Avenue New York, New York 10022 (Address, including zip code, of principal executive offices)

> **Ralph Lauren Corporation** 2019 Long-Term Stock Incentive Plan (Full title of the plan)

Avery S. Fischer, Esq. **Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary Ralph Lauren Corporation** 650 Madison Avenue New York, New York 10022 212-318-7000

(Name, address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of agent for service)

Copies to: Raphael M. Russo, Esq. Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP 1285 Avenue of the Americas New York, New York 10019-6064 212-373-3000

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.

Large Accelerated Filer ⊠

Accelerated Filer \Box

Non-accelerated filer \Box

Smaller reporting company
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 7(a)(2)(B) of the Securities Act.

<u>.</u>	CALCULATION OF	REGISTRATION FEE		
Title of Securities to be Registered	Amount to be Registered(1)	Proposed Maximum Offering Price Per Share(2)(3)	Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price(3)	Amount of Registration Fee
Class A Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	1,200,000	\$105.39	\$126,468,000	\$15,327.92

 1,200,000 shares of Class A Common Stock under the Ralph Lauren Corporation 2019 Long-Term Stock Incentive Plan are being registered in this Registration Statement, plus, in accordance with Rule 416 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, such additional shares of Class A Common Stock as may be issuable pursuant to adjustments for dividends, splits, combinations or other changes or recapitalizations or similar transactions.

The Proposed Maximum Offering Price Per Share was determined by averaging the high and low prices of the Class A Common Stock as reported by the New York Stock Exchange on July 31, (2)2019

(3) Estimated solely for the purpose of computing the registration fee in accordance with Rules 457(c) and 457(h) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

Registration No. 333-

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Ralph Lauren Corporation (the "Company") is filing this registration statement in accordance with the requirements of Form S-8 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act), to register an aggregate of 1,200,000 shares of its Class A Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the "Common Stock") issuable pursuant to the 2019 Long-Term Stock Incentive Plan (the "Plan").

PART I

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE SECTION 10(a) PROSPECTUS

Item 1. Plan Information.

The documents containing the information specified in this Part I of Form S-8 will be sent or given to participants in the Plan as specified by Rule 428(b)(1) of the Securities Act. Such documents are not being filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") but constitute, along with the documents incorporated by reference into this Registration Statement, a prospectus that meets the requirements of Section 10(a) of the Securities Act.

Item 2. Company Information and Employee Plan Annual Information.

The Company will furnish without charge to each person to whom the prospectus is delivered, upon the written or oral request of such person, a copy of any and all of the documents incorporated by reference in Item 3 of Part II of this Registration Statement, other than exhibits to such documents (unless such exhibits are specifically incorporated by reference to the information that is incorporated) and any other documents required to be delivered pursuant to Rule 428. Those documents are incorporated by reference in the Section 10(a) prospectus. Requests should be directed to Ralph Lauren Corporation, 650 Madison Avenue, New York, NY, 10022 Attention: Office of the General Counsel, Telephone number 212-318-7000.

PART II

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT

Item 3. Incorporation of Documents by Reference.

The following documents filed by the Company with the Commission are incorporated herein by reference:

- 1. The Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended March 30, 2019 (filed May 16, 2019).
- 2. The Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended June 29, 2019 (filed August 1, 2019).
- 3. The Company's Current Report on Form 8-K (filed July 19, 2019).
- 4. The description of the Company's Class A Common Stock contained in the Company's Registration Statement on Form 8-A (filed June 5, 1997).

In addition, all reports and documents filed by the Company pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), subsequent to the date hereof and 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 herein and made a part hereof from the date of the filing of such documents.

Item 4. Description of Securities.

Not applicable.

Item 5. Interests of Named Experts and Counsel.

Not applicable.

Item 6. Indemnification of Directors and Officers.

Section 145 ("Section 145") of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware (the "DGCL") permits a Delaware corporation to 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 such 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 such person in connection with such action, suit, or proceeding if such person acted in good faith and in a manner such 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 such person's conduct was unlawful.

In the case of an action by or in the right of the corporation, Section 145 permits the corporation to 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 such 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) actually and reasonably incurred by such person in connection with the defense or settlement of such action or suit if he acted in good faith and in a manner such person reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation unless and only to the extent that the Court of Chancery or the court in which such action or suit was brought shall determine upon application that, despite the adjudication of liability but in view of all the circumstances of the case, such person is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnity for such expenses which the Court of Chancery or such other court shall determine proper.

To the extent that a present or former director or officer of a corporation has been successful on the merits or otherwise in defense of any action, suit, or proceeding referred to in the preceding two paragraphs, or in defense of any claim, issue or matter in any such action, suit or proceeding, Section 145

requires that such person be indemnified against expenses (including attorneys' fees) actually and reasonably incurred by such person in connection therewith.

Section 145 provides that expenses (including attorneys' fees) incurred by an officer or director in defending any civil, criminal, administrative, or investigative action, suit, or proceeding may be paid by the corporation in advance of the final disposition of such action, suit, or proceeding upon receipt of an undertaking by or on behalf of such director or officer to repay such amount if it shall ultimately be determined that such person is not entitled to be indemnified by the corporation as authorized in Section 145.

Article Six of the Company's Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation eliminates the personal liability of the directors of the Company to the Company or its stockholders for monetary damages for breach of fiduciary duty as directors, with certain exceptions. Article Seven of the Company's Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation and Article Eight of the Company's Fourth Amended and Restated By-Laws require indemnification of directors and officers of the Company, and for advancement of litigation expenses to the fullest extent permitted by Section 145.

The Company has entered into indemnification agreements with non-employee directors of the Company indemnifying them against liability they may incur in their capacities as such and providing for advancement of defense expenses (including legal fees). The indemnification agreements do not provide indemnification to the extent that the indemnitee has actually received indemnification payments pursuant to the Company's Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation, its directors' and officers' liability insurance, or otherwise. Additionally, the indemnification agreements do not provide indemnification against claims (i) based upon or attributable to the indemnitee gaining in fact any personal profit or advantage to which he or she is not entitled; (ii) for the return by the indemnitee of any remuneration paid to him or her without the previous approval of the stockholders of the Company which is illegal; (iii) for an accounting of profits in fact made from the purchase or sale by the indemnitee of securities of the Company within the meaning of Section 16 of the Exchange Act or similar provisions of any state law; (iv) for any liability resulting from the indemnitee's knowingly fraudulent, dishonest or willful misconduct; or (v) for any amount, the payment of which is not permitted by applicable law.

Determinations as to whether an indemnitee is entitled to be paid under the indemnification agreements may be made by (i) a majority vote of a quorum of disinterested directors; (ii) independent legal counsel, if such a quorum of disinterested directors is not obtainable or if the quorum of disinterested directors so directs; (iii) a majority of the shares present and voting, so long as a quorum is present; or (iv) a final adjudication of a court of competent jurisdiction. In the event that the Company undergoes a "Change of Control" (as defined in the indemnification agreements), the indemnitee may provide that all such determinations shall be made by special independent counsel selected by the indemnitee and approved by the Company, which approval may not be unreasonably withheld. In certain circumstances, an indemnitee may require the Company to establish a trust fund to assure that funds will be available to pay any amounts which may be due such indemnitee under an indemnification agreement.

In addition, pursuant to his employment agreement, the Company has agreed to indemnify Mr. Ralph Lauren, the Company's Executive Chairman and Chief Creative Officer, against damages and expenses (including legal fees) incurred in his capacity as an officer or director of the Company and its affiliates (including any predecessor entities), and has agreed to maintain customary directors' and officers' liability insurance for Mr. Lauren's benefit. The Company also has entered into an employment agreement with Patrice Louvet, the Company's President and Chief Executive Officer, pursuant to which the Company has agreed to provide customary indemnification in connection with his service to the Company as a director, officer, employee or agent of the Company.

The preceding discussion of the Company's Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation and the Company's Fourth Amended and Restated By-Laws, each previously filed with the Commission, and Section 145 of the DGCL is not intended to be exhaustive and is qualified by the Company's Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation, the Company's Fourth Amended and Restated Bylaws and Section 145 of the DGCL.

Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act may be permitted to directors, officers or persons controlling the Company under the foregoing provisions, we have been informed that in the opinion of the Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is therefore unenforceable.

Reference is made to Item 9 of this Form S-8 for our undertakings with respect to indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act.

We maintain directors' and officers' liability insurance for the benefit of our directors and certain of our officers.

Item 7. Exemption from Registration Claimed.

Not applicable.

Item 8. Exhibits.

- 4.1 <u>Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Company (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Company's Registration</u> <u>Statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-24733)).</u>
- 4.2 Fourth Amended and Restated By-laws of the Company (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.3 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended July 1, 2017 (filed August 10, 2017)).
- 5.1 Opinion of Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP.*
- 10.1 Ralph Lauren Corporation 2019 Long-Term Stock Incentive Plan (incorporated herein by reference to Appendix C to the Company's Definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A (filed June 21, 2019)).
- 23.1 Consent of Ernst & Young LLP.*
- 23.2 Consent of Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP (included in Exhibit 5.1 to this Registration Statement).*
- 24.1 <u>Power of Attorney (included on signature pages)*</u>
- * Filed herewith

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 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 the 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% change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the "Calculation of Registration Fee" table in the effective registration statement;

(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) above 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 Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act that are incorporated by reference in the 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 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 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.

(c) 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 Registrant's Certificate of Incorporation or by-laws, by contract, 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.

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 New York, State of New York, on August 1, 2019.

RALPH LAUREN CORPORATION

By: /s/ Jane Hamilton Nielsen

Name: Jane Hamilton Nielsen Title: Chief Operating Officer and Chief Financial Officer

POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS, that each individual whose signature appears below hereby constitutes and appoints each of Avery S. Fischer and Jane Hamilton Nielsen, acting singly, his or her true and lawful agent, proxy and attorney-in-fact, 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 (i) act on, sign and file with the Securities and Exchange Commission any and all amendments (including post-effective amendments) to this registration statement together with all schedules and exhibits thereto and any subsequent registration statement filed pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, together with all schedules and exhibits thereto, (ii) act on, sign and file such certificates, instruments, agreements and other documents as may be necessary or appropriate in connection therewith, (iii) act on and file any supplement to any prospectus included in this registration statement or any such amendment or any subsequent registration statement filed pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and (iv) take any and all actions which may be necessary or appropriate in connection therewith, granting unto such agents, proxies and attorneys-in-fact, and each of them, full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing necessary or appropriate to be done, as fully for all intents and purposes as he or she might or could do in person, hereby approving, ratifying and confirming all that such agents, proxies and attorneys-in-fact or any of their 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 and Power of Attorney have been signed by the following persons in the capacities indicated as of August 1, 2019.

Signature	Title		
/s/ Ralph Lauren	Executive Chairman, Chief Creative Officer, and Director		
Ralph Lauren	_		
/s/ Patrice Louvet	President, Chief Executive Officer, and Director		
Patrice Louvet	(Principal Executive Officer)		
/s/ Jane Hamilton Nielsen	Chief Operating Officer and Chief Financial Officer		
Jane Hamilton Nielsen	(Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)		
/s/ David Lauren	Vice Chairman, Chief Innovation Officer, Strategic		
David Lauren	Advisor to the CEO, and Director		
/s/ Angela Ahrendts	Director		
Angela Ahrendts	—		
/s/ John R. Alchin	Director		
John R. Alchin	_		
/s/ Arnold H. Aronson	Director		
Arnold H. Aronson			
/s/ Frank A. Bennack, Jr.	Director		
Frank A. Bennack, Jr.	_		
/s/ Dr. Joyce F. Brown	Director		
Dr. Joyce F. Brown			
/s/ Joel L. Fleishman	Director		
Joel L. Fleishman			
/s/ Michael A. George	Director		
Michael A. George			
/s/ Hubert Joly	Director		
Hubert Joly			
/s/ Linda Findley Kozlowski	Director		
Linda Findley Kozlowski			
/s/ Judith A. McHale	Director		
Judith A. McHale			
/s/ Robert C. Wright	Director		
Robert C. Wright			

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August 1, 2019

Ralph Lauren Corporation 650 Madison Avenue New York, New York 10022

Ladies and Gentlemen:

In connection with the Registration Statement on Form S-8 (the "Registration Statement") of Ralph Lauren Corporation, a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Act"), and the rules and regulations thereunder (the "Rules"), you have asked us to furnish our opinion as to the legality of the securities being registered under the Registration Statement. The Registration Statement relates to the registration under the Act of 1,200,000 shares of the Company's Class A common stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the "Shares"), to be issued pursuant to the Ralph Lauren Corporation 2019 Long-Term Stock Incentive Plan (the "Plan").

In connection with the furnishing of this opinion, we have examined originals, or copies certified or otherwise identified to our satisfaction, of the following documents (collectively, the "Documents"):

- 1. the Registration Statement; and
- 2. the Plan.

In addition, we have examined (i) such corporate records of the Company that we have considered appropriate, including a copy of the certificate of incorporation, as amended and restated, and the by-laws, as amended and restated, of the Company, certified by the Company as in effect on the date of this letter, and copies of resolutions of the board of directors of the Company relating to the issuance of the Shares, certified by the Company, and (ii) such other certificates, agreements and documents that we deemed relevant and necessary as a basis for the opinion expressed below. We have also relied upon certificates of public officials and the officers of the Company.

In our examination of the documents referred to above, we have assumed, without independent investigation, the genuineness of all signatures, the legal capacity of all individuals who have executed any of the documents reviewed by us, the authenticity of all documents submitted to us as originals, the conformity to the originals of all documents submitted to us as certified, photostatic, reproduced or conformed copies of valid existing agreements or other documents, the authenticity of all such agreements and documents and that the statements regarding matters of fact in the certificates, records, agreements, instruments and documents that we have examined are accurate and complete.

Based upon the above, and subject to the assumptions, exceptions and qualifications stated herein, we are of the opinion that the Shares have been duly

authorized by all necessary corporate action on the part of the Company and, when issued, delivered and paid for in accordance with the Plan, the Shares will be validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable.

The opinion expressed above is limited to the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware. Our opinion is rendered only with respect to the laws, and the rules, regulations and orders under those laws, that are currently in effect.

We hereby consent to the use of this opinion as an exhibit to the Registration Statement. In giving this consent, we do not thereby admit that we come within the category of persons whose consent is required by the Act or the Rules.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP

PAUL, WEISS, RIFKIND, WHARTON & GARRISON LLP

Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

We consent to the incorporation by reference in the Registration Statement (Form S-8) pertaining to the 2019 Long-Term Stock Incentive Plan of Ralph Lauren Corporation of our reports dated May 16, 2019, with respect to the consolidated financial statements of Ralph Lauren Corporation and the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting of Ralph Lauren Corporation included in its Annual Report (Form 10-K) for the year ended March 30, 2019, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

/s/ Ernst & Young LLP

New York, NY August 1, 2019