

ABB LTD  
Form 6-K  
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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**Form 6-K**

**REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16  
UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

**For the month of October 2012**

**Commission File Number 001-16429**

**ABB Ltd**

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

**P.O. Box 1831, Affolternstrasse 44, CH-8050, Zurich, Switzerland**

(Address of principal executive office)

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Yes

No

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This Form 6-K consists of the following:

1. Press release issued by ABB Ltd dated October 18, 2012.

Press Release

## **Michel Demaré to step down as CFO of ABB to concentrate on his board mandates**

**Successor CFO to be announced in due course to ensure smooth transition**

Zurich, Switzerland, Oct. 18, 2012 ABB, the leading power and automation technology group, has announced that Michel Demaré will step down as ABB's Chief Financial Officer and member of the Executive Committee. He has been appointed as the new Chairman of the Board of Syngenta beginning in April 2013 and will in the future focus on his various Board roles.

Demaré, 56, joined ABB in 2005 as Chief Financial Officer and acted as interim CEO for part of 2008. In addition, he was head of ABB's Global Markets organization for several years. He will leave ABB at a date still to be determined.

Michel Demaré has had outstanding track records during his time with ABB. The company's strong financial position today is testimony to his achievements, said Joe Hogan, ABB's Chief Executive Officer. We congratulate him on his appointment as Chairman of Syngenta and thank him for the energy and professionalism that he has brought to his roles at ABB.

A successor to Demaré will be announced in due course.

ABB ([www.abb.com](http://www.abb.com)) is a leader in power and automation technologies that enable utility and industry customers to improve performance while lowering environmental impact. The ABB Group of companies operates in around 100 countries and employs about 145,000 people.

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**SIGNATURES**

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, thereunto duly authorized.

**ABB LTD**

Date: October 18, 2012

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