

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report: January 2, 2025

INDEPENDENT BANK CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Michigan
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

0-7818
(Commission File Number)

38-2032782
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

4200 East Beltline
Grand Rapids, Michigan
(Address of principal executive office)

49525
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number,
including area code:
(616) 527-5820

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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- 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:

Title of each class	Trading symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common stock, no par value	IBCP	NASDAQ Global Select Market

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.

Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On December 17, 2024, the Board of Directors of Independent Bank Corporation (the “Company”) elected Christopher Michaels, age 58, as the Company’s Chief Operating Officer, effective as of January 2, 2025. Mr. Michaels will also serve as an Executive Vice President of the Company. Since January 2020, Mr. Michaels has served as the Chief Information Officer and Senior Vice President of the Company. This is a newly appointed role within the organization.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

Exhibits.

[99.1](#) Press release dated January 2, 2025, announcing the appointment of Christopher Michaels.

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 thereunto duly authorized.

INDEPENDENT BANK CORPORATION
(Registrant)

Date

January 2, 2025

By s/Gavin A. Mohr

Gavin A. Mohr, Principal Financial Officer



NEWS RELEASE

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**INDEPENDENT BANK CORPORATION
ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENT OF NEW CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER**

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., January 2, 2025 - Independent Bank Corporation (NASDAQ: IBCP), the holding company of Independent Bank, a Michigan-based community bank, announced that Christopher Michaels has been appointed as the organization's new Chief Operating Officer, effective January 2, 2025.

William B. (Brad) Kessel, the President and Chief Executive Officer of Independent Bank Corporation, commented: "Chris is a proven leader with a deep understanding of our business with a successful track record for driving transformation within our organization which makes him uniquely suited for this role. I am confident that this appointment will position us to better serve our customers and achieve our long-term growth goals."

Since January 2020, Mr. Michaels has served as the Chief Information Officer and Senior Vice President of Independent Bank. Mr. Michaels has been with the organization for twelve years.

About Independent Bank Corporation

Independent Bank Corporation (NASDAQ: IBCP) is a Michigan-based bank holding company with total assets of approximately \$5.3 billion. Founded as First National Bank of Ionia in 1864, Independent Bank Corporation operates a branch network across Michigan's Lower Peninsula through one state-chartered bank subsidiary. This subsidiary (Independent Bank) provides a full range of financial services, including commercial banking, mortgage lending, investments and insurance. Independent Bank Corporation is committed to providing exceptional personal service and value to its customers, stockholders and the communities it serves.

For more information, please visit our Web site at: IndependentBank.com.