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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) May 23, 2022

**Vertex Pharmaceuticals Incorporated**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Massachusetts**

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

**000-19319**

(Commission File Number)

**04-3039129**

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

**50 Northern Avenue**

**Boston, Massachusetts 02210**

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

**(617) 341-6100**

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common Stock, \$0.01 Par Value Per Share	VRTX	The 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.

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**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

On May 19, 2022, Vertex Pharmaceuticals Incorporated (“Vertex”) and Catalyst Biosciences, Inc. (“Seller”) entered into and consummated an Asset Purchase Agreement, pursuant to which Vertex acquired Catalyst’s complement portfolio and related intellectual property, including CB 2782-PEG (the “Transferred Assets”).

In consideration for the purchase of the Transferred Assets, Vertex will pay to Seller a total of \$60 million in cash. Vertex expects to record the \$60 million purchase price in GAAP and non-GAAP operating expenses in the second quarter of 2022.

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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 hereunto duly authorized.

### VERTEX PHARMACEUTICALS INCORPORATED

(Registrant)

Date: May 23, 2022

/s/ Joy Liu

Joy Liu

Senior Vice President, General Counsel