

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13G

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934\*

Office Depot, Inc.

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(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share

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(Title of Class of Securities)

67622-010-6

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(CUSIP Number)

December 1, 2000

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(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this  
Schedule is filed:

Rule 13d-1(b)  
 Rule 13d-1(c)  
 Rule 13d-1(d)

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initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and  
for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the  
disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed  
to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of  
1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act  
but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the  
Notes).

Person Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications:

Janice V. Sharry, Esq.  
Haynes and Boone, LLP  
901 Main Street, Suite 3100  
Dallas, Texas 75202  
(214) 651-5562

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON  
I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON (ENTITIES ONLY)

ESL Partners, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership  
22-2875193

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a)   
(b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OR ORGANIZATION

Delaware

5 SOLE VOTING POWER

14,306,021

NUMBER OF  
SHARES  
BENEFICIALLY  
OWNED BY  
EACH  
REPORTING  
PERSON  
WITH

6 SHARED VOTING POWER

0

7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

14,306,021

8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

0

9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

22,397,300

10 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

7.52%

12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

PN

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON  
I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON (ENTITIES ONLY)

ESL Limited, a Bermuda corporation

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a) [X]  
(b) [ ]

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OR ORGANIZATION

Bermuda

5 SOLE VOTING POWER

3,327,843

NUMBER OF  
SHARES  
BENEFICIALLY  
OWNED BY  
EACH  
REPORTING  
PERSON  
WITH

6 SHARED VOTING POWER

0

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3,327,843

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12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON  
I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON (ENTITIES ONLY)

ESL Institutional Partners, L.P., a Delaware limited  
partnership  
06-1456821

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a)   
(b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OR ORGANIZATION

Delaware

5 SOLE VOTING POWER

391,588

NUMBER OF  
SHARES  
BENEFICIALLY  
OWNED BY  
EACH  
REPORTING  
PERSON  
WITH

6 SHARED VOTING POWER

0

7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

391,588

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I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON (ENTITIES ONLY)

ESL Investors, L.L.C.  
13-4095958

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a) [X]  
(b) [ ]

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OR ORGANIZATION

Delaware

5 SOLE VOTING POWER

4,371,848

NUMBER OF  
SHARES  
BENEFICIALLY  
OWNED BY  
EACH  
REPORTING  
PERSON  
WITH

6 SHARED VOTING POWER

0

7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

4,371,848

8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

0

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22,397,300

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7.52%

12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

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- Item 1(a) Name of Issuer:  
Office Depot, Inc.
- Item 1(b) Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices:  
2200 Old Germantown Road  
Delray Beach, Florida 33445
- Item 2(a) Names of Persons Filing:  
ESL Partners, L.P.  
ESL Limited  
ESL Institutional Partners, L.P.  
ESL Investors, L.L.C.
- Item 2(b) Addresses of Principal Business Offices:  
ESL Partners, L.P., ESL Institutional Partners, L.P.,  
and ESL Investors, L.L.C.:  
One Lafayette Place  
Greenwich, CT 06830  
  
ESL Limited  
Hemisphere House  
9 Church Street  
Hamilton, Bermuda
- Item 2(c) Citizenship:  
ESL Partners, L.P. -- Delaware  
ESL Limited -- Bermuda  
ESL Institutional Partners, L.P. -- Delaware  
ESL Investors, L.L.C. -- Delaware
- Item 2(d) Title of Class of Securities:  
Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share
- Item 2(e) CUSIP Number:  
67622-010-6

## Item 3 Status of Persons Filing:

- (a)  Broker or dealer registered under section 15 of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78o);
- (b)  Bank as defined in section 3(a)(6) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c);
- (c)  Insurance company as defined in section 3(a)(19) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c);
- (d)  Investment company registered under section 8 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-8);
- (e)  An investment adviser in accordance with Section 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(E);
- (f)  An employee benefit plan or endowment fund in accordance with Section 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(F);
- (g)  A parent holding company or control person in accordance with Section 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(G);
- (h)  A savings association as defined in Section 3(b) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1813);
- (i)  A church plan that is excluded from the definition of an investment company under section 3(c)(14) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-3);
- (j)  Group, in accordance with Section 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J).

## Item 4 Ownership:

- (a) Amount Beneficially Owned: 22,397,300 shares of Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share.

This statement is filed on behalf of a group consisting of ESL Partners, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership ("ESL"), ESL Limited, a Bermuda corporation ("Limited"), ESL Institutional Partners, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership ("Institutional"), and ESL Investors, L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company ("Investors") sometimes referred to collectively as the "ESL Reporting Group." The general partner of ESL is RBS Partners, L.P. (the "General Partner"). The general partner of the General Partner of ESL is ESL Investments, Inc., a Delaware corporation. ESL Investment Management, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("ESLIM"), is the investment manager of Limited. RBS Investment Management, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("RBSIM") is the general partner of Institutional. RBS Partners, L.P. is the manager of Investors. In the aforementioned capacities, ESL, Limited, Institutional, and Investors each may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of the shares of Office Depot, Inc. common stock beneficially owned by the other members of the group.

As of December 11, 2000: (i) ESL was the record owner of 14,306,021 shares of common stock of Office Depot, Inc.; (ii) Limited was the record owner of 3,327,843 shares of common stock of Office Depot, Inc.; (iii) Institutional was the record owner of 391,588 shares of common stock of Office Depot, Inc.; and (iv) Investors was the record owner of 4,371,848 shares of common stock of Office Depot, Inc.

- (b) Percent of Class: 7.52%.

- (c) Number of shares as to which each person has:
- (i) sole power to vote or to direct the vote:  
See Item 5 of each cover page.
  - (ii) shared power to vote or to direct the vote: 0.
  - (iii) sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of:  
See Item 7 of each cover page.
  - (iv) shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: 0.

Item 5 Ownership of 5% or Less of a Class:

Not applicable.

Item 6 Ownership of More than 5% on Behalf of Another Person:

Not applicable.

Item 7 Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary which Acquired the Security Being Reported on By the Parent Holding Company:

Not applicable

Item 8 Identification and Classification of Members of the Group:

See Item 4(a).

Item 9 Notice of Dissolution of Group:

Not applicable

Item 10 Certification:

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect.



SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Date: December 11, 2000

ESL PARTNERS, L.P.

By: RBS Partners, L.P., its general partner  
By: ESL Investments, Inc., its general partner

By: /s/ EDWARD S. LAMPERT

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Edward S. Lampert  
Chairman

ESL LIMITED

By: ESL Investment Management, LLC,  
its investment manager

By: /s/ EDWARD S. LAMPERT

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Edward S. Lampert  
Managing Member

ESL INSTITUTIONAL PARTNERS, L.P.

By: RBS Investment Management, LLC,  
its general partner

By: /s/ EDWARD S. LAMPERT

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Edward S. Lampert  
Managing Member

ESL INVESTORS, L.L.C.

By: RBS Partners, L.P., its manager  
By: ESL Investments, Inc., its general partner

By: /s/ EDWARD S. LAMPERT

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Edward S. Lampert  
Chairman

## INDEX TO EXHIBITS

EXHIBIT NUMBER -----	DESCRIPTION -----
1	Joint Filing Agreement, dated as of December 11, 2000, entered into by and among ESL Partners, L.P., ESL Limited, ESL Institutional Partners, L.P., and ESL Investors, L.L.C.

## JOINT FILING AGREEMENT

In accordance with Rule 13d-1(k) promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the persons named below agree to the joint filing on behalf of each of them a Statement on Schedule 13G (including amendments thereto) with regard to the common stock of Office Depot, Inc., and further agree that this Joint Filing Agreement be included as an Exhibit to such joint filings. In evidence thereof, the undersigned, being duly authorized, hereby execute this Agreement as of December 11, 2000.

ESL PARTNERS, L.P.

By: RBS Partners, L.P., its general partner  
By: ESL Investments, Inc., its general partner

By: /s/ EDWARD S. LAMPERT

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Edward S. Lampert  
Chairman

ESL LIMITED

By: ESL Investment Management, LLC, its  
investment manager

By: /s/ EDWARD S. LAMPERT

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Edward S. Lampert  
Managing Member

ESL INSTITUTIONAL PARTNERS, L.P.

By: RBS Investment Management, LLC, its  
general partner

By: /s/ EDWARD S. LAMPERT

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Edward S. Lampert  
Managing Member

ESL INVESTORS, L.L.C.

By: RBS Partners, L.P., its manager  
By: ESL Investments, Inc., its general partner

By: /s/ EDWARD S. LAMPERT

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Edward S. Lampert  
Chairman