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**Shareholders Sue Hewlett-Packard**

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A shareholder lawsuit was filed against [Hewlett-Packard](https://www.wsj.com/market-data/quotes/hwp) Co. , alleging the company and certain officers and directors omitted "material information" in proxy materials for the planned acquisition of [Compaq Computer](https://www.wsj.com/market-data/quotes/cpq) Corp.

**Plaintiff law firm Weiss & Yourman said the class-action lawsuit, filed on Jan. 28 in U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California, alleges the defendants violated their fiduciary duties.**

Officials at Hewlett-Packard, Palo Alto, Calif., weren't immediately available for comment Sunday.

The plaintiff law firm said the complaint seeks to block the merger from closing, and also aims to prevent a shareholder vote on the deal as well as the solicitation of votes, "until a corrective proxy statement has been issued" and until the defendants re-evaluate "Compaq's worth as a merger/acquisition candidate."

Board member Walter Hewlett, the son of an H-P co-founder, is trying to stop the $21.9 billion deal. The transaction needs to be approved by shareholders at a March 19 meeting.