

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13G  
(RULE 13d-102)

INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN STATEMENTS FILED PURSUANT TO  
RULES 13d-1(b) (c), AND (d) AND AMENDMENTS THERETO FILED  
PURSUANT TO RULE 13d-2(b)  
(AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_)1

Novatel Wireless, Inc.

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(Name of issuer)

Common Stock, par value \$0.001

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(Title of class of securities)

66987M109

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(CUSIP number)

12/31/2000

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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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(1)The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required on 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 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).

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON  
I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON (ENTITIES ONLY)  
  
Advent International Corporation  
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2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP\* (a)   
(b)   
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3 SEC USE ONLY  
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4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION  
  
Delaware  
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NUMBER OF SHARES 5 SOLE VOTING POWER  
3,821,106  
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BENEFICIALLY 6 SHARED VOTING POWER  
0  
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OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH 7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER  
3,821,106  
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8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER  
0  
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9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON  
3,821,106  
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10 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES  
[ ]  
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11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)  
7.0%  
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12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON\*  
CO, IA  
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SEE INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE FILLING OUT!

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

Advent International Limited Partnership

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

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3 SEC USE ONLY

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4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

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NUMBER OF SHARES	5	SOLE VOTING POWER
		3,541,206
BENEFICIALLY	6	SHARED VOTING POWER
		0
OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	7	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
		3,541,206
	8	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
		0

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9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

3,541,206

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

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

6.5%

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12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON\*

PN

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE FILLING OUT!

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON  
 I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON (ENTITIES ONLY)  
  
 Digital Media & Communications Limited Partnership

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

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3 SEC USE ONLY

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4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION  
  
 Delaware

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NUMBER OF SHARES	5	SOLE VOTING POWER
		2,046,456
BENEFICIALLY	6	SHARED VOTING POWER
		0
OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	7	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
		2,046,456
	8	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
		0

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9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON  
  
 2,046,456

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10 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES  
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11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)  
  
 3.8%

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12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON\*  
  
 PN

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON  
I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON (ENTITIES ONLY)  
Golden Gate Development and Investment Limited Partnership

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

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3 SEC USE ONLY

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4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION  
Delaware

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NUMBER OF SHARES	5	SOLE VOTING POWER
		851,493
BENEFICIALLY	6	SHARED VOTING POWER
		0
OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	7	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
		851,493
	8	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
		0

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9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON  
851,493

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

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11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)  
1.6%

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12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON\*  
PN

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

Advent Israel Limited Partnership

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

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3 SEC USE ONLY

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4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

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NUMBER OF SHARES	5	SOLE VOTING POWER
		584,217
BENEFICIALLY	6	SHARED VOTING POWER
		0
OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	7	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
		584,217
	8	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
		0

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9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

584,217

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

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

1.1%

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12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON\*

PN

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

Advent Israel (Bermuda) Limited Partnership

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

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3 SEC USE ONLY

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4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Bermuda

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NUMBER OF SHARES	5	SOLE VOTING POWER
		59,040
BENEFICIALLY	6	SHARED VOTING POWER
		0
OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	7	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
		59,040
	8	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
		0

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9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

59,040

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

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

0.1%

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12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON\*

PN

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

Advent Partners Limited Partnership

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

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3 SEC USE ONLY

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4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

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NUMBER OF SHARES	5	SOLE VOTING POWER
		279,900
BENEFICIALLY	6	SHARED VOTING POWER
		0
OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	7	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
		279,900
	8	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
		0

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9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

279,900

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

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

0.5%

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12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON\*

PN

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## Item 1.

(a) (b) This statement on Schedule 13G relates to the Reporting Persons' (as defined in Item 2 below) beneficial ownership interest in Novatel Wireless, Inc. a Delaware corporation (the "Corporation"). The address of the principal executive office of the Corporation is 9360 Towne Centre Dr., Suite 110, San Diego, CA 92121

## Item 2.

(a) (b) (c) This statement is being filed by the following entities:

- (1) Advent International Corporation, a Delaware corporation;
- (2) Advent International Limited Partnership, a Delaware limited partnership;
- (3) Advent Partners Limited Partnership, a Delaware limited partnership;
- (4) Digital Media & Communications Limited Partnership, a Delaware limited partnership;
- (5) Golden Gate Development and Investment Limited Partnership, a Delaware limited partnership;
- (6) Advent Israel Limited Partnership, a Delaware limited partnership;
- (7) Advent Israel (Bermuda) Limited Partnership, a Bermuda limited partnership;

The entities listed in subparagraph (1) through (7) above are herein collectively referred to as the "Reporting Persons" and individually as a "Reporting Person." The principal business address of all of the Reporting Persons is c/o Advent International Corporation, 75 State Street, Boston, MA 02109.

(d) (e) This statement relates to the Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share, (the "Common Stock") of the Corporation named in Item 1 of this statement. The CUSIP number associated with such Common Stock is 66987M109.

Item 3. Filing pursuant to Rule 13d-1(b), or 13d-2(b) or (c).

This statement is not being filed pursuant to Rule 13d-1(b), or 13d-2(b) or (c). This statement is being filed pursuant to rule 13d-1(c).

Item 4. Ownership.

(a) (b) The following table sets forth the aggregate number and percentage (based upon the number of shares of Common Stock outstanding as of 12/31/00 of the Common Stock beneficially owned by each Reporting Person named in Item 2 of this statement. The aggregate number and percentage of the Common Stock beneficially owned by each Reporting Person is calculated in accordance with Rule 13d-3(d)(1).

Reporting Person	Number of Shares			Percentage of Shares Outstanding
	Common	Under Warrants	Total	
Digital Media & Communications Limited Partnership (1)	1,761,063	285,393	2,046,456	3.8%
Golden Gate Development & Investment Fund Limited Partnership (1)	732,771	118,722	851,493	1.6%
Advent Israel Limited Partnership (1)	502,743	81,474	584,217	1.1%
Advent Israel (Bermuda) Limited Partnership (1)	59,040	0	59,040	0.1%
Advent International Limited Partnership (1)	3,055,617	485,589	3,541,206	6.5%
Advent Partners Limited Partnership (2)	240,867	39,033	279,000	0.5%
Advent International Corporation (1)(2)	3,296,484	524,622	3,821,106	7.0%
Total Group	3,296,484	524,622	3,821,106	7.0%

(1) Advent International Corporation ("AIC") is the General Partner of Advent International Limited Partnership ("AILP") which in turn is the General Partner of the indicated Reporting Persons. As such, AIC has the sole power to vote and dispose of the securities owned by the indicated Reporting Persons. The beneficial ownership of AIC and AILP derive from such power.

(2) AIC is the General Partner of Advent Partners Limited Partnership ("APLP"). As such, AIC has the power to vote and dispose of the securities of APLP. The beneficial ownership of AIC derives from such power.

(c) Each of the Reporting Persons listed in the table set forth above has sole voting and dispositive power over the Common Stock beneficially owned by it as indicated above.

Item 5. Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class.

If this statement is being filed to report the fact that as of the date hereof the Reporting Persons have ceased to be the beneficial owners of more than five percent of the class of securities, check the following [ ].

Item 6. Ownership of More than Five Percent 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.

The information for this item is contained on the individual cover pages to this filing, and is incorporated herein by reference.

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.

February 14, 2001

Digital Media & Communication Limited Partnership  
Golden Gate Development & Investment Limited Partnership  
Advent Israel Limited Partnership  
Advent Israel (Bermuda) Limited Partnership  
By: Advent International Limited Partnership,  
General Partner  
By: Advent International Corporation,  
General Partner  
By: Janet L. Hennessy, Vice President\*

Advent International Limited Partnership  
Advent Partners Limited Partnership  
By: Advent International Corporation,  
General Partner  
By: Janet L. Hennessy, Vice President\*

ADVENT INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION  
By: Janet L. Hennessy, Vice President\*

\*For all of the above:

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Janet L. Hennessy, Vice President