

Plotkin Ben A
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Plotkin Ben A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
STIFEL FINANCIAL CORP [SF]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
168 WESTERN DRIVE

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
06/22/2007

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
Vice Chairman

SHORT HILLS, NJ 07078

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| Common Stock | 01/11/2008 | | M | 2,753 | A \$ 0 | 54,410 | D |
| Common Stock | 01/11/2008 | | F | 689 | D \$ 42.35 | 53,721 | D |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|-----------------|---|----------------------------|
| | | | | | | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Phantom Stock Units | \$ 0 | 06/22/2007 | | A | 11,542 | (1) | (2) | Common Stock | 11,542 |
| Phantom Stock Units | \$ 0 | 01/11/2008 | | M | 2,753 | (3) | (2) | Common Stock | 2,753 |
| Warrants | \$ 36 | | | | | (3) | 06/22/2012 | Common Stock | 10,460 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Plotkin Ben A 168 WESTERN DRIVE SHORT HILLS, NJ 07078 | X | | Vice Chairman | |

Signatures

Ben A. Plotkin 01/15/2008
 **Signature of Date
 Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Units vest in 33 1/3% increments over a three year period.
- (2) No expiration date for these Units.
- (3) Currently exercisable.

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