

STIFEL FINANCIAL CORP
Form 8-K
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UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 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): **December 28, 2009**

STIFEL FINANCIAL CORP.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State of incorporation)

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1-9305

(Commission File Number)

43-1273600

(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

One Financial Plaza

501 North Broadway

St. Louis, Missouri 63102-2102

(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(314) 342-2000**

N/A

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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):

- o Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 8.01 Other Events.

On December 28, 2009, Stifel Financial Corp. (the "Company") (NYSE: SF) announced that its principal operating subsidiary, Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated, will complete its repurchase of auction rate securities ("ARS") no later than December 2011, six months earlier than previously planned. The accelerated repurchase plan is part of an agreement the Company reached with state regulators in Missouri, Indiana, Colorado and other members of the North American Securities Administrators Association ("NASAA") Task Force regarding ARS.

A copy of the press release is filed as exhibit 99.1 hereto and is incorporated herein by reference.

The information in Item 8.01 of this Report, including the information contained in Exhibit 99.1, shall be deemed "furnished" and shall not be deemed "filed" for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

Cautionary Statement Concerning Forward-Looking Statements

This Current Report on Form 8-K contains certain statements that may be deemed to be "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. All statements in this report not dealing with historical results are forward-looking and are based on various assumptions. The forward-looking statements in this report are subject to risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed in or implied by the statements. Factors that may cause actual results to differ materially from those contemplated by such forward-looking statements include, among other things, the following possibilities: the ability to successfully integrate the acquired companies or the branch offices and financial advisors as part of the our transaction with UBS; a material adverse change in the financial condition; the risk of borrower, depositor and other customer attrition; a change in general business and economic conditions; changes in the interest rate environment, deposit flows, loan demand, real estate values, and competition; changes in accounting principles, policies or guidelines; changes in legislation and regulation; other economic, competitive, governmental, regulatory, geopolitical, and technological factors affecting the companies' operations, pricing, and services; and other risk factors referred to from time to time in filings made by the Company with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Forward-looking statements speak only as to the date they are made. The Company does not undertake to update forward-looking statements to reflect circumstances or events that occur after the date the forward-looking statements are made. The Company disclaims any intent or obligation to update these forward-looking statements.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d)

Exhibits.

Exhibit Number

Description of Exhibit

99.1

Press release dated December 28, 2009.

SIGNATURE

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.

STIFEL FINANCIAL CORP.

Date: January 4, 2010

By:

/s/ Ronald J. Kruszewski

Ronald J. Kruszewski

President and Chief Executive Officer

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