

STIFEL FINANCIAL CORP
Form 8-K
January 23, 2012

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): January 18, 2012

STIFEL FINANCIAL CORP.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State of incorporation)

001-09305
(Commission File Number)

43-1273600
(IRS Employer

One Financial Plaza

Identification No.)

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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):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On January 18, 2012, Stifel Financial Corp. (the Company) entered into an Underwriting Agreement with Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated, Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC and UBS Securities LLC, as representatives of the several underwriters named in Schedule A thereto (the Underwriters), providing for, among other things, the sale by the Company and the purchase by the Underwriters, acting severally and not jointly, of \$175,000,000 aggregate principal amount of the Company's 6.70% Senior Notes due 2022 (the Notes).

The Notes were registered for offer and sold pursuant to an effective Registration Statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-178969) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on January 11, 2012 (the Registration Statement).

The Notes were issued pursuant to a supplemental indenture, dated as of January 23, 2012 (the Supplemental Indenture), to the indenture, dated as of January 23, 2012 (together with the Supplemental Indenture, the Indenture) between the Company and U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee (the Trustee).

The Notes bear interest at the rate of 6.70% per annum. Interest on the Notes is payable quarterly in arrears on January 15, April 15, July 15 and October 15, commencing on April 15, 2012. The Notes will mature on January 15, 2022.

The Company may, at its option, at any time and from time to time, on or after January 15, 2015, redeem the Notes in whole or in part on not less than 30 nor more than 60 days prior notice mailed to the holders of the Notes. The Notes will be redeemable at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the Notes to be redeemed plus accrued and unpaid interest to the date of redemption.

The Indenture contains customary event of default provisions.

The public offering price of the Notes was 100.0% of the principal amount. The Company received net proceeds (before expenses) of approximately \$169,750,000 million and will use such proceeds for general corporate purposes.

The foregoing description of the Underwriting Agreement, the Indenture and the Notes does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the Indenture and the form of Note, copies of which are attached to this Current Report on Form 8-K as

Exhibits 1.1, 4.1, and 4.2, respectively, and are incorporated herein by reference and into the Registration Statement.

Item 2.03. Creation of a Direct Financial Obligation or an Obligation under an Off-Balance Sheet Arrangement of a Registrant.

The information regarding the Notes and the Indenture set forth in Item 1.01 is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 8.01 Other Events.

On January 23, 2012, the Company announced that it had closed the public offering of the Notes. A copy of the press release is filed as Exhibit 99.1 hereto and is incorporated herein by reference.

The Company is filing this Current Report on Form 8-K to add exhibits to the Registration Statement.

In connection with the offer and sale of the Notes pursuant to the Registration Statement, the Company is filing a legal opinion as Exhibit 5.1 to this current report on Form 8-K, which is incorporated by reference into the Registration Statement.

Cautionary Statement Concerning Forward-Looking Statements

This Current Report on Form 8-K and the press release incorporated hereto by reference contain certain forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, that are based upon the Company's current expectations and projections about future events. The Company intends for these forward-looking statements to be covered by the safe harbor provisions for forward-looking statements contained in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, and the Company is including this statement for purposes of these safe harbor provisions. The forward-looking statements are subject to risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed in or implied by the statements. In addition, the Company's past results of operations do not necessarily indicate the Company's future results. Factors that may cause actual results to differ materially from those contemplated by such forward-looking statements include: a material adverse change in the Company's 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 Company's operations, pricing and services. 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 Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

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| 1.1 | Underwriting Agreement dated as of January 18, 2012. |
| 4.1 | Indenture dated January 23, 2012, between Stifel Financial Corp. and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee. |
| 4.2 | Supplemental Indenture dated January 23, 2012, between Stifel Financial Corp. and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee (including a form of Note). |
| 5.1 | Opinion of Bryan Cave LLP. |
| 23.1 | Consent of Bryan Cave LLP (included in Exhibit 5.1). |
| 99.1 | Press Release, dated January 23, 2012. |

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 23, 2012

By: /s/ Ronald J. Kruszewski
Ronald J. Kruszewski
President and Chief Executive Officer

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