WADDELL & REED FINANCIAL INC Form 8-K April 11, 2008

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 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):

April 11, 2008 (April 9, 2008)

WADDELL & REED FINANCIAL, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware001-1391351-0261715(State or Other(Commission(IRS Employer

Jurisdiction of File Number) Identification No.)

Incorporation)

6300 Lamar Avenue

Overland Park, Kansas 66202

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

(913) 236-2000

(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

(Registrant s 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):

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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

ITEM 5.02: DEPARTURE OF DIRECTORS OR CERTAIN OFFICERS; ELECTION OF

DIRECTORS; APPOINTMENT OF CERTAIN OFFICERS; COMPENSATORY

ARRANGEMENTS OF CERTAIN OFFICERS.

At the April 9, 2008 Waddell & Reed Financial, Inc. (the Company) Annual Stockholders Meeting, the Company s stockholders approved an amendment and restatement of the Company s 2003 Executive Incentive Plan, as amended and restated (the Plan) to (i) extend the term of the Plan to December 31, 2013, (ii) increase the maximum amount of compensation that may be paid to an individual under the Plan in any fiscal year to \$7,500,000, and (iii) resubmit for stockholder approval the eligible employees and business criteria under the Plan for purposes of complying with the requirements of Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code.

ITEM 9.01: FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

- (d) Exhibits.
- 10.1 Waddell & Reed Financial, Inc. 2003 Executive Incentive Plan, as Amended and Restated.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

WADDELL & REED FINANCIAL, INC.

Date: April 11, 2008 By: /s/ Daniel P. Connealy

Daniel P. Connealy Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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EXHIBIT INDEX

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