

WADDELL & REED FINANCIAL INC

Form 8-K

October 09, 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):

**October 9, 2008 (October 6, 2008)**

## WADDELL & REED FINANCIAL, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or Other  
Jurisdiction of  
Incorporation)

**001-13913**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**51-0261715**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**6300 Lamar Avenue**

**Overland Park, Kansas 66202**

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

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(913) 236-2000

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

(Registrant's Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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  - o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.**

On October 6, 2008, Waddell & Reed Financial, Inc. (the Company) entered into a credit agreement with the lenders party thereto, Bank of America, N.A., as Administrative Agent for the lenders and Bank of America Securities LLC, as Syndication Agent for the lenders (the Credit Agreement). The information regarding the Credit Agreement provided in Item 2.03 below is incorporated herein by reference.

The description of the borrowings described in this report does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Credit Agreement filed as Exhibit 10.1 to this report and incorporated herein by reference. The Credit Agreement has been included to provide investors and security holders with information regarding its terms. It is not intended to provide any other factual information about the Company. The Credit Agreement contains representations and warranties of the Company made to and solely for the benefit of the lenders. The statements embodied in the representations and warranties of the Company are qualified by information in confidential disclosure schedules that the Company provided in connection with signing the Credit Agreement. While the Company does not believe that the disclosure schedules contain information that the securities laws require to be publicly disclosed, the disclosure schedules do contain information that modifies, qualifies, and creates exceptions to the representations and warranties set forth in the Credit Agreement. Accordingly, investors and security holders should not rely on the representations and warranties as characterizations of the actual state of facts, since they were only made as of the date of the Credit Agreement and are modified in important part by the underlying disclosure schedules. Moreover, information concerning the subject matter of the representations and warranties may change after the date of the Credit Agreement, which subsequent information may or may not be fully reflected in the Company's public disclosures.

**Item 1.02 Termination of a Material Definitive Agreement.**

Immediately prior to the Company entering into the \$175 million credit agreement referenced in Item 2.03 below, the Company terminated its existing \$200 million credit facility on October 6, 2008. The lending commitments under the prior credit facility were evidenced by a prior credit agreement, and were scheduled to expire on October 6, 2008.

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

*General*

The Credit Agreement provides for an unsecured \$175 million revolving credit facility, which the lenders may, upon the Company's request, expand up to \$200 million. The lending commitments under the Credit Agreement are scheduled to terminate on October 5, 2009. Upon the credit facility's termination, the Company must repay all outstanding loans under the credit facility.

The credit facility is available for general corporate purposes, including repurchases of the Company's Class A common stock and consummating permitted acquisitions. As of the date of this report, there were no loans outstanding under the credit facility.

*Interest and Fees*

At the Company's election, loans under the credit facility will bear interest at one of the following options: (1) (a) the alternative base rate, which is the greater of (i) the effective prime rate announced by Bank of America, or (ii) the effective federal funds rate, plus 0.5%, (b) plus a margin of 0.10% to 1.35% (depending upon the Company's debt rating), or (2) an adjusted LIBO rate, plus a margin of 1.10% to 2.35% (depending upon the Company's debt rating). The Company is required to pay accrued interest at established intervals, which is based upon the Company's elected interest period.

The Company pays, on a quarterly basis, a per annum facility fee of 0.15% to 0.40% (depending upon the Company's debt rating) on the aggregate commitment of the credit facility, whether used or unused.

*Covenants and Events of Acceleration*

The Credit Agreement contains customary covenants, including but not limited to, restrictions on the Company's ability, and in certain instances its subsidiaries' ability, to incur liens; make acquisitions, investments and capital expenditures; pay dividends; sell or transfer assets and stock; and enter into hedging agreements. The Credit Agreement also limits the Company's subsidiaries' ability to incur additional indebtedness. Additionally, the Company may not permit its consolidated leverage ratio to equal or exceed 3.0 to 1.0 or its consolidated interest coverage ratio to equal or be less than 4.0 to 1.0 during specified periods.

Upon the occurrence of certain events of default, the Company's obligations under the credit facility may be accelerated and the lending commitments under the credit facility terminated. Such events of default include payment defaults to the lenders, material inaccuracies of representations and warranties, covenant defaults, material payment defaults (other than under the credit facility), voluntary and involuntary bankruptcy proceedings, material money judgments, material ERISA events, change of control of the Company and other customary defaults.

*Existing Relationships with Lenders*

The Company has ongoing relationships with a majority of the lenders that are parties to the Credit Agreement for which they have received customary fees and expenses. Certain of the lenders provide commercial banking services, including custody and cash management services. Affiliates of certain of the lenders have also acted as underwriters for issuances of our senior notes and equity securities, and also provide various services to our affiliated mutual funds.

The description set forth in this Item 2.03 is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the Credit Agreement filed as Exhibit 10.1 to this report. See also Item 1.01, which describes information set forth on disclosure schedules, which are omitted from this filing.

**Item**            **Financial Statements and Exhibits.**  
**9.01**

(d) Exhibits.

10.1

Credit Agreement, dated October 6, 2008, by and among Waddell & Reed Financial, Inc., the Lenders, Bank of America, N.A. and Bank of America Securities LLC.

**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: October 9, 2008

By:

/s/ Daniel P. Connealy  
Daniel P. Connealy  
Senior Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
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