CHARMING SHOPPES INC
Form 8-K
January 20, 2009

UNITED STATES
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) January 15, 2009

CHARMING SHOPPES, INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

PENNSYLVANIA	000-07258	23-1721355
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)

450 WINKS LANE, BENSALEM, PA 19020
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(215) 245-9100
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

NOT APPLICABLE
(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:

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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.

On January 15, 2009 we issued a press release announcing further actions taken in support of our restructuring plan, providing a sales update for our November and December holiday period, and announcing the renewal of our Master Trust's $105.0 million credit receivables conduit facility. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Report on Form 8-K.

The press release contains certain forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 concerning our operations, performance, and financial condition, and our plans relating to cost reductions, store closings, and merchandise strategy. Such forward-looking statements are subject to various risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those indicated. Such risks and uncertainties may include, but are not limited to: the failure to find a suitable permanent replacement for our former Chief Executive Officer within a reasonable time period; the failure to consummate our identified strategic solution for our non-core assets; the failure to effectively implement our planned consolidation, cost and capital budget reduction plans, and store closing plans; the failure to implement our business plan for increased profitability and growth in our retail stores and direct-to-consumer segments; the failure to effectively implement our plans for a new organizational structure and enhancements in our merchandise and marketing; the failure to effectively implement our plans for the transformation of our brands to a vertical specialty store mode; the failure to achieve increased profitability through the adoption by our brands of a vertical specialty store model; the failure to achieve improvement in our competitive position; the failure to continue receiving financing at an affordable cost through the availability of our credit card securitization facilities and through the availability of credit we receive from our suppliers and their agents; the failure to maintain efficient and uninterrupted order-taking and fulfillment in our direct-to-consumer business; changes in or miscalculation of fashion trends; extreme or unseasonable weather conditions; economic downturns; escalation of energy costs; a weakness in overall consumer demand; the failure to find suitable store locations; increases in wage rates; the ability to hire and train associates; trade and security restrictions and political or financial instability in countries where goods are manufactured; the interruption of merchandise flow from our centralized distribution facilities; competitive pressures; and the adverse effects of natural disasters, war, acts of terrorism or threats of either, or other armed conflict, on the United States and international economies. These, and other risks and uncertainties, are detailed in our filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended February 2, 2008, our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, and our other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. We assume no duty to update or revise our forward-looking statements even if experience or future changes make it clear that any projected results expressed or implied therein will not be realized.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	Press release dated January 15, 2009.

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SIGNATURES

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.

CHARMING SHOPPES, INC.
(Registrant)

Date: January 19, 2009

/S/ ERIC M. SPECTER
Eric M. Specter
Executive Vice President
Chief Financial Officer

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