

STIFEL FINANCIAL CORP
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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): July 25, 2011

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
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**

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 (*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 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 8.01 Other Events.

On July 25, 2011, Stifel Financial Corp. (the "Company") (NYSE: SF) announced that it has entered into a definitive agreement to acquire Stone & Youngberg LLC ("Stone & Youngberg"), a leading financial services firm specializing in municipal finance and fixed income securities. The transaction is targeted to close on October 1, 2011, subject to customary regulatory approvals.

A copy of the press release is attached 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.

The information contained in this Current Report on Form 8-K as Exhibit 99.1 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. The material factors and assumptions that could cause actual results to differ materially from current expectations include, without limitation, the following: the inability to complete the transaction due to the failure to obtain requisite approvals of the transaction, including required regulatory approvals; the failure of the transaction to close for any other reason, or to close in a timely manner; the effect of the announcement of the strategic acquisition on the Company's or Stone & Youngberg's respective business relationships and business generally; or the possibility that the anticipated benefits of the strategic acquisition will not be realized, or will not be realized within the expected time period. 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.

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Exhibits.

Exhibit Number

Description of Exhibit

99.1

Press release dated July 25, 2011.

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: July 25, 2011

By:

/s/ Ronald J. Kruszewski

Ronald J. Kruszewski

President and Chief Executive Officer

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