

EQUUS TOTAL RETURN, INC.  
Form 8-K  
March 03, 2009

**U.S. 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): February 27, 2009

Equus Total Return, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

**0-19509      76-0345915**

(Commission File Number)      (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

2727 Allen Parkway, 13<sup>th</sup> Floor, Houston, Texas 77019

(Address of principal executive offices, zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(713) 529-0900**

N/A

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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Pre-commencement communication pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 8.01. Other Events.

On February 27, 2009, Equus Total Return, Inc. (the "Fund") issued a press release announcing the declaration of a first quarter dividend for 2009 and setting the record and payment date for such dividend. The text of the press release is included as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

99.1 Press Release, dated February 27, 2009.

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.

EQUUS TOTAL RETURN, INC.

Dated: March 3, 2009

By: /s/ L'Sheryl D. Hudson  
L'Sheryl D. Hudson

Vice President and Chief Financial Officer