

EQUUS TOTAL RETURN, INC.  
Form 8-K  
March 25, 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): March 24, 2009

## Equus Total Return, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

0-19509  
(Commission File Number)

76-0345915  
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

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

(Address of principal executive offices, zip code)

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**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 March 24, 2009, Equus Total Return, Inc. (the Fund ) issued a press release announcing the suspension of its managed distribution policy and payment of quarterly distributions for an indefinite period. 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 March 24, 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 25, 2009

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

Vice President and Chief Financial Officer