

STIFEL FINANCIAL CORP
Form 8-K
August 11, 2011

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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): August 10, 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)
- o Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- 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 8.01 Other Events.

Stifel Financial Corp. Issues Response to the SEC Lawsuit

On August 10, 2011, Stifel Financial Corp. (the "Company") (NYSE: SF) issued a press release in response to the charges filed against Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated by the Securities and Exchange Commission. A copy of the press release, the Company's amended cross claim against Royal Bank of Canada and related materials are available at the Company's website at www.stifel.com.

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.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d)

Exhibits.

Exhibit Number

Description of Exhibit

99.1

Press release dated August 10, 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: August 11, 2011

By:

/s/ Ronald J. Kruszewski

Ronald J. Kruszewski

Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer

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